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Trinity Lutheran College will move into downtown Everett

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Trinity Lutheran College will move from its campus in Issaquah to a building in downtown Everett that was formerly home to the Bon Marche. Trinity plans to begin remodeling it in phases starting in a few months.

The lease and purchase agreements cover the five-story Port Gardner Building at 2802 Wetmore Ave. and a 374-stall garage across the street that is connected by a skybridge.

Trinity President Dr. John Stamm said the private Lutheran college could start offering classes there in the fall of 2008.



Photo courtesy of Trinity Lutheran College

Much of the 66,000-square-foot building will be redesigned or remodeled. Initial plans call for creating a temporary chapel in the basement, a commons area on street level and classrooms. Space that once housed a theater will be turned into a chapel in a second phase of renovation.

Student housing will also be needed and Stamm said the school is looking at options. Current enrollment is about 125 but school officials want to grow to accommodate more than 200 students.

Trinity had been negotiating to buy two other parcels in downtown Everett and had also looked at property in Lynnwood. Stamm said he likes The Port Gardner Building because it is close to the performing arts center, the Everett Family YMCA, public transit and retail.

The school began looking for a new site after selling its Issaquah campus to the City Church of Kirkland in 2004. That deal allows Trinity to stay on the 40-acre campus through July of 2009. Stamm said the timing of the move will be determined after agreements for the Everett property are final.

The school has worked with MetPartners, a Seattle real estate advisory firm, Integrus Architecture, [Kirtley-Cole](#) construction company, and ClearPath, a Seattle organizational development and planning company.

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