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**Castle Building & Remodeling****The making of the Metcalfe Castle**

According to Josh Metcalfe, his wife Emily says if he sees a “for sale” sign on anything, he gets ideas. “I start imagining what could be,” he said. “I think it’s just my natural tendency.”

The Metcalfe family was living on Hague Avenue near Lexington Parkway in St. Paul when the 100-year-old former duplex at 1559 Summit Ave., with its half-acre lot, went on the market. The Metcalfes went beyond imagining. They bought it in January 2017.

Emily and Josh have a growing family—four children ages 14 to 3. “We needed a little more yard space,” explained Metcalfe. “Especially for our son who is becoming a lot more interested in sports.”

handful of design options. “I liked getting all of the details right in the design phase, everything laid out in all of the documents that you can see ahead of time,” Metcalfe said. “One of the things that I liked about Castle—and they promote it on their website—is how diligent they are on the front end.”

That’s the Castle guarantee – Upfront Pricing, Completion Date, and Lifetime Warranty. The company’s philosophy is to do things right the first time. If there’s any problem with the workmanship, it will be fixed.

In the end, the Castle crew, led by Travis Hansen, production manager, and John



Castle Building & Remodeling designer Ashley Hansen is surrounded by the spacious kitchen that she conceived for the Metcalfes’ residence at 1559 Summit Ave.

Before moving into the house in November 2017, the place needed some remodeling. “There were still remnants of its prior life as a duplex,” Josh Metcalfe said. The couple wanted the house to be a modern, functional and spacious single-family home.

The Metcalfes didn’t have to look long or far for help. They had spotted the purple awning on the Castle Building & Remodeling showroom at Jefferson and Snelling avenues, one of four Twin Cities neighborhood satellites of the company’s Minneapolis headquarters.

“It was good to have somebody with a local presence,” Metcalfe said. “We had actually interacted with Castle several years ago. We had a house in Falcon Heights and we were thinking about a kitchen project.”

After getting bids from Castle and a few other contractors, the Metcalfes ultimately decided against doing that kitchen remodel, but they were impressed with how Castle compared to other contractors and the level and variety of services Castle offers.

With that experience, the Metcalfes confidently chose Castle for their 1559 Summit Ave. project. They worked with interior designer and remodeling design pro Ashley Hansen. “Our first meeting was at their home on Hague,” Hansen said. “Josh and Emily gave us a complete tour of that house to get a sense of the family’s likes and needs.”

Hansen and the Metcalfes then toured the Summit Avenue house. “They had a vision for 1559 Summit,” Hansen said. “I took that vision and did my best to make it a reality. They also had a Pinterest page; that was very helpful.”

Hansen and her team used a computer-aided design system to devise a

Schirber, carpenter, worked on the lion’s share of the renovation, including a complete kitchen remodel, four bathroom remodels, a laundry room, and a few exterior projects. Metcalfe is completing some jobs himself, like painting the trim.

“There are decisions I’ve made that I might have done differently,” said Metcalfe, chuckling. “We’d taken a lot of the trim work out. I should have spent more time working on repairing and painting the trim while it was off the wall before putting it back. It’s not totally done yet.”

The family is now thinking about more projects: the basement, the yard, a carriage house, alley access and new windows. All in due time.

In the meantime, 1559 Summit Ave. will be featured in the Castle Home Tour: the Educational Remodeling Tour, from noon to 5 p.m. on September 29-30. The tour of 19 homes is a chance learn about everyday remodeling projects. The goal is to help homeowners make good remodeling decisions that are also good investments.

The Castle Building & Remodeling website at [www.castlebri.com](http://www.castlebri.com) is another great resource. The site includes details about the Castle design and construction process, the company guarantee, and the skilled Castle staff. Go online to check out the Portfolio section to learn about several of their projects, and view videos posted in the Education Center.

Then, start imagining.

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**H6: 1559 Summit Avenue**

Designer: Ashley Hansen | Project Type: Whole-House | Home Style: Tudor |  
Project Style: Transitional | Project Duration: 21 Weeks

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