



June 12, 2026

Dear Members of Bethel,

We are thankful for the many ways the Lord has continued to sustain and bless Bethel through the years. As we seek to faithfully steward the facilities God has entrusted to us, the Property Team has proposed several needed repairs and improvements to the sanctuary which have received unanimous approval from the Council, subject to funding. The proposed projects include:

- Complete recarpeting of the sanctuary. The current carpet is original to the construction of the building, and several areas now need to be replaced. In order to complete this work, the pews will need to be temporarily removed and reinstalled after the new carpet is laid.
- Repair of drywall and repainting of the sanctuary. There are several areas in need of repair, and this is the most practical and cost-effective time to complete those improvements while the sanctuary is already being prepared for recarpeting.
- Relocation of the sanctuary camera to behind the sound booth to improve the quality and presentation of our livestream ministry.

The approved estimates for these combined projects total approximately \$150,000.

In addition, the Council has unanimously approved the removal of several pews from the back of the sanctuary. With our current attendance patterns, this adjustment will create a seating capacity that more accurately reflects the size of our congregation while also enhancing the warmth and engagement of our worship environment. A sanctuary that is appropriately arranged for the congregation gathered helps foster stronger congregational participation, fellowship, and singing, while also presenting a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere to the many families and visitors the Lord continues to bring to Bethel. This change is not intended to diminish our vision for future growth, but rather to steward our worship space wisely and thoughtfully for the present season of ministry God has given us.

At this time, the Building Fund does not contain sufficient funds to complete these projects in addition to the normal maintenance responsibilities associated with a building and property of Bethel's age. Therefore, the Council has authorized a special request for donations to help fund these improvements.

A small team has already approached several members of the congregation and has been deeply encouraged by the strong financial support that has been pledged thus far. We are grateful for that generosity and now ask each member to prayerfully consider whether they are willing and able to participate as well. We kindly ask that any gifts toward this project not replace or reduce regular giving to Bethel's operating budget.

A special offering for the Sanctuary Updates will be taken on June 21, 2026. Participation in any amount is sincerely appreciated, as the support of the entire congregation is important and meaningful. Please designate "Sanctuary Updates" on any checks or offering envelopes. If you give online, please check the "Sanctuary Updates" box. If you would prefer to give at another time or have any questions regarding the project, please contact Property Team members Warren DeJong or Arie VanEk.

Thank you for your faithful support of Bethel Church and for prayerfully considering this request.

Sincerely,

The Property Team of Bethel