



Vision for Christ

CELEBRATE TODAY, PLAN FOR TOMORROW
A Campaign for Bethel Lutheran Ministries

FAQ



Why is another campaign necessary?

By raising more than \$4 million, the response to our first campaign exceeded our expectations. Our building committee did an excellent job coming in under budget with the completion of the new church. That success placed us in position to prudently manage the budget for three years. However, the debt remaining from the construction of the new facility is about \$4.5 million. Meeting our monthly principal and interest obligations will strain our budget, so we must reduce this debt to avoid an impact on programs at Bethel. Also, since the first campaign, we have received new families into our membership who didn't have the opportunity to participate in the first campaign.

How will a successful campaign benefit our ministries?

Thanks to the commitment of our members and the support of the church, Bethel Lutheran Ministries offers many ministries and programs to support the spiritual needs of our congregation. The list includes bible studies, worship, music, a preschool through eighth grade Christian School, Sunday School, small groups, youth group and a food bank. A successful campaign will allow these valuable programs to continue and grow.

Who do we expect will support the campaign?

Leadership will appeal to all members of Bethel Lutheran Ministries, asking each to prayerfully consider a gift or pledge to the campaign. We'll also reach out to all non-church school families for consideration. Thanks to the success of our last campaign we replaced the school roof, and enhanced the safety of students and staff with the inclusion of a "safe room" for weather emergencies. By adding new facilities we now host school programs in the sanctuary and parish hall.

When will you ask me for my support?

In November, each registered family (church and school) will receive a gift request letter. Campaign volunteers will arrange visits with some members to accept their commitment; others will receive an invitation to attend a social event and asked to complete their commitment card at that gathering. We hope to complete the campaign's active appeal phase by the end of December.

How is my gift request determined?

Prior financial support, the amount given to the first campaign and amounts indicated during the planning study are all reviewed. Please understand the request is **not an expectation**, but an invitation to consider a stretch, sacrificial donation to help Bethel reach its campaign goal.



WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER MAKING A COMMITMENT?

In 2014, our church community made the faith-based decision to move forward with the construction of our new church to create our combined campus with Bethel Lutheran School. The move has led to 175 new members joining our congregation, small groups having more space to meet regularly and approximately 125 members participating in weekly bible studies. Our school currently educates 352 students from 262 families. All these ministries support our mission, "to **make** and **mature** disciples of Christ to **minister**."



Your commitment to this campaign will set our church on a solid foundation both spiritually and financially for future generations.