

**Q: How much are we expected to give?**

**A:** Individuals and families determine the amount that is given to *Forward in Faith and Service*.

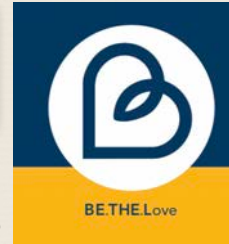
Pastor Jon B. Olson, our stewardship partner, will help us reflect on the importance of being a good steward and will guide us as we make our decisions. The *Forward in Faith and Service* program will give us the opportunity to be informed, inspired, involved, and invited so that responsible, God-pleasing decisions can be made. Together, we can achieve our campaign goal. Your generous response will lead to great benefits for Bethel Lutheran as we significantly reduce our debt and set aside funds for outreach.

**Q: Can people give appreciated stock or other property?**

**A:** Yes. For the proper procedure, talk to a stock broker or financial advisor. This is also a good time to consider other ways to give from accumulated assets as well as regular income. For example, you might transfer all or part of a paid-up life insurance policy, contribute from an IRA, gift agricultural commodities, or cash in a government bond that has reached maturity. All gifts are tax deductible, in accord with IRS regulations.



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MARCH 19th**



**Q: When will we be invited to make our commitments?**

**A:** Commitments to *Forward in Faith and Service* will be made on Commitment Wednesday, April 26, during the 6:45 worship and on Sunday, April 30, during our 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Some will choose to make a one-time gift, while for most of us, commitments to *Forward in Faith and Service* are for three years. You may designate a percentage of your commitment to the Mortgage/Debt Relief. You may designate a percentage of your commitment to Outreach. If no percentage is designated, 90% of your commitment will go towards Debt Reduction and making our monthly mortgage payments. 10% will go to Outreach.

**Q: How will the program be conducted?**

**A:** Information to help everyone determine their gifts will be provided in many ways. There will be Bible readings, inspirational talks from members, prayer, stewardship sermons, and other opportunities to learn about ways to give. Young and old will be encouraged to participate.

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## **FORWARD IN FAITH AND SERVICE**

### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**



**Q: What is the purpose of the *Forward in Faith and Service* Capital Campaign?**

**A:** Since 1890, Bethel Lutheran has been faithfully *inviting all, building up, and sending out*. While our facility and faces have changed during this time, one thing remains the same...our commitment to bear witness to the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Desiring to enhance our mission and ministry, Bethel is entering into this critical capital campaign program. *Forward in Faith and Service* will provide us with the resources to substantially lower our debt from the improvements made to our building in 2019/2020, in addition to funding some important outreach initiatives in our community. This capital campaign will allow us to move into a bright and promising future so that we can continue to do God's work locally and globally.



# FORWARD IN FAITH AND SERVICE

**Q: What is the goal of *Forward in Faith and Service*?**

**A:** Our primary goal is to receive gifts and commitments to *Forward in Faith and Service* of \$650,000 over a three-year giving period.



**Gifts to *Forward in Faith and Service* will be used in the following ways:**



**Commitment Wednesday - April 26th - 6:45 PM**

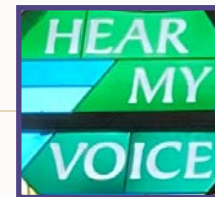
**Commitment Sunday - April 30th - 9 AM & 11 AM**

**★ IMPROVEMENTS** Currently, Bethel carries debt of approximately \$870,000. This debt comes from the much-needed improvements that were made to our church home in 2019/20. At that time, we purchased a state-of-the-art digital organ, upgraded our A/C system, replaced/added windows, updated lighting fixtures, replaced broken tile floors, enhanced our worship space, installed new flooring in the sanctuary, removed asbestos, remodeled the offices, upgraded the sound and video capabilities, remodeled the youth room and purchased chairs to replace the sanctuary pews. As stewards of Bethel (In Hebrew, Beth el = God's House), we invested time and money to upgrade our church home so that it would be accessible, inviting, warm, and welcoming to all.

\$550,000 of this campaign will be used to significantly reduce the length of our loan and make our monthly payments. This plan to pay down our debt will also make a positive impression on the candidates we interview to be our senior pastor, and it will allow us to focus our energy on more important mission and ministries in the future.



**★ OUTREACH** has always been a priority for our congregation. As a result, up to \$100,000 from this campaign will be used for outreach outside our doors. God has blessed us. In the same way, we seek to be a blessing....to the community, region, and world. The Outreach funds will make a real impact to some new or existing mission. It's exciting to think of the possibilities!



**Q: Will we be encouraged to make a commitment? A:** Yes, *everyone* will be asked to make a commitment to the three-year giving phase of the program. **Keep in mind, commitments to *Forward in Faith and Service* are 'above and beyond' our giving to the General Fund.** Planned giving has proven to be an excellent discipline for individuals and congregations. Planned giving helps individuals live up to their best intentions and congregations can plan their life and mission realistically and responsibly. Making a commitment like this will be new to some of you. We encourage you to give it a try.

