

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Campaign Celebration Sunday

9:00am April 26, 2026

Bethany Retreat

**MAY 1-3 AT RAINBOW TRAIL
LUTHERAN CAMP**

**Pack your bags for a weekend
of faith, fun, and community!**

All ages are invited.

WHY:

Experience the best parts of camp. Grow in faith, build relationships, and enjoy fun activities for all ages.

WHERE:

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

Escape to a beautiful mountain retreat near Hillside, CO.

WHO:

Everyone is invited.

Kids, youth, adults, and older adults—
all ages are welcome!

COST: Accessible to everyone

If money is tight for you, pay the minimum amount. If able, you're encouraged to give a little extra to help someone else attend.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Nate Crary

Special speaker and musician **Nate Crary** will lead us in worship throughout the weekend and share insight into our retreat theme of identity, belonging, and purpose.



All are welcome. Come be part of the weekend.

Scan here for lodging and registration info →



+ We Prepare Our Hearts +

Gathering Music

Building Our Future

Lynne Pickett

We're building a future, we're making a plan. We're bringing more children to God's loving hands. It takes commitment, money too, and it takes time and all of you, to build the future and make our dream come true.

We're building a future where children can grow in love for our Father so they'll always know when temptation comes their way and tries to lead them all astray, God will be with them and He'll love them anyway. For the families who are torn, for the children yet unborn, for the people who still haven't found a home, we're building our future. We're making a plan. We're bringing more people to God's loving hands. It takes commitment, money too, and it takes time and all of you, to build the future and make our dream come true. We have a vision and a plan. We're Bethany and we will stand together when we put our future in God's hands.

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Gary Sandberg



To fill out your digital connection card, go to www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect.

Gathering Song

Gather Us In

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You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Greeting

Pastor Gary Sandberg

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Campaign Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

As a congregation united in faith, guide us through this campaign, inspiring us to share our gifts of generosity. You bless us with these gifts, a church community, and a wondrous ministry. With a firm foundation in place, guide us to wield these tools to build Bethany's future as we reflect your image of bountiful love, kindness, and strength. Amen.

Campaign Moment

Children's Message

Deacon Debra Alba

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Harper Jean Corbett - Born: August 22, 2025

Parents: Lindsey and Austin Corbett

We gather at these living waters. Throughout history, God's saving action toward God's people has taken place through water. Let us pray:

Most Holy God, you created the seas, rivers, and lakes; you saved Noah and his family from the floods; you led the Israelites through the Red Sea and quenched their thirst with water flowing from a rock. Through the waters of the Jordan River, you proclaimed Jesus your own beloved son and so through these waters of baptism, you proclaim that we, too, are your own beloved children, now and forever. Amen.

Parents, do you wish Harper to be baptized into the promises of God? **R: I do.**

We make promises and assume responsibilities at baptism. God promises us unconditional love and life forever, and we know that our journey of faith encompasses certain promises so that our lives reflect this love.

Parents, do you promise to: Live with your child among God's faithful people, bring your child to the Lord's table, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place the holy scriptures in their hands to nurture their faith and prayer life, so that they will know and trust God?

R: I do.

Parents, sponsors, people of God, do you promise to support and pray for Harper's new life in Christ?

R: We do.

Baptism: Harper Jean, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer: Sustain Harper with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing: Harper Jean, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us welcome out new sibling in Christ!

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, child of God's kingdom on earth and in heaven.

+ We Encounter God's Word +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw

¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. ¹⁴ If the work that

someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. ¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 6:46-49

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you? ⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. ⁴⁸ That one is like a man building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it quickly collapsed, and great was the ruin of that house."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Gary Sandberg

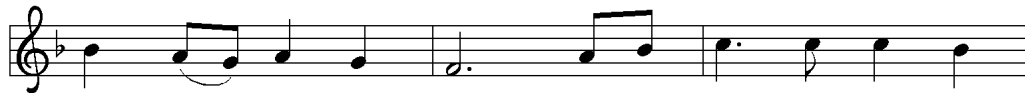
Sermon Notes



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 end to fear and dan - ger: All are wel - come,
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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A Statement of Our Faith (Apostles' Creed)

Deacon Debra Alba

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

We Share God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a blessing of peace with others around you. After sharing the Peace, please be seated.

+ We Worship God with Our Offerings +

CAMPAIGN MOMENT

Offering

Pastor Gary Sandberg

You can give in the following ways; Thank you for your gifts!

- On our **website**, find the GIVE button in the header or under the Get Involved tab at **Bethany-Denver.org**
- Through **BethanyConnect (Subsplash)** - Use your phone's camera to scan this **QR Code**
- **Mail** in your check to the office (4500 E. Hampden Ave. Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113)
- Sunday mornings, drop your offering in the silver plate as they are passed in the service.
- Unlock your phone, hold near **NFC card** (on pew back), and wait for the notification to appear



Offering Music

House of the Lord

Jonathan Smith & Phil Wickham

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

We worship the God who was, we worship the God who is, we worship the God who evermore will be.

He opened the prison doors, he parted the raging sea, my God, he holds the victory.

There's joy in the house of the Lord, there's joy in the house of the Lord today;

And we won't be quiet, we shout out your praise!

There's joy in the house of the Lord, our God is surely in this place;

And we won't be quiet, we shout out your praise!

We sing to the God who heals, we sing to the God who saves, we sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause he hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave, my God's still rolling stones away.

We were the beggars, now we're royalty. We were the prisoners, now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace, let the house of the Lord sing praise.

+ The Community Meal +

Invitation to the Communion Table

Pastor Nate Preisinger

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessing of the Bread and Wine

The Lord's Prayer *(Ecumenical translation)*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Instruction

Receive communion by dipping the bread into the wine. Pre-packaged communion sets are alcohol free; gluten-free options are available. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chest to receive a blessing.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

Let Everything That Hath Breath

Jeffrery L. Ames

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Sing unto the Lord a new song. Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

Declare his glory among the nations. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

Magnify the Lord with me and exalt his name together.

Hallelujah, bless his name for he's worthy to be praised.

Clap your hands, all ye people, shout with a voice of triumph!

For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised.

Praise him with the timbrel, praise him with the dance.

Stand up on your feet and just lift up holy hands.

Sing "Hallelujah," praise his holy name. For the Lord is worthy to be praised!

Let's praise the Lord. You oughta, you oughta praise him!

Table Blessing

Campaign Moment

- Pick up your packet (available approx. 20 minutes after service concludes)
- Bring your commitment card next Sunday - to church or to the retreat!
- Now: come and celebrate!

+ God Sends Us To Serve +

Benediction

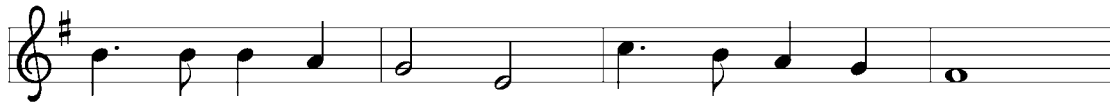
Pastor Gary Sandberg

Song of Sending

On Our Way Rejoicing

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You are invited to face the cross as it recedes to the center.



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Dismissal

Pastor Gary Sandberg

As we go forth into the week ahead we remember our calling as the people of Bethany.
Together we will:

**Worship and encounter a God who loves us;
Embrace healthy dialogue that promotes unity over division;
Respond to the needs of the world through generosity and action.**

With this as our mission, go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness

Robert A. Hobby

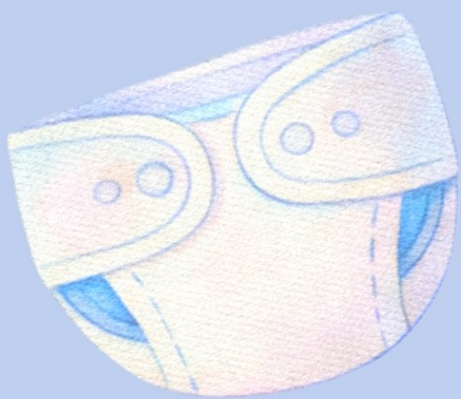
Things to Know about - Worship

- ◆ **Welcome to Bethany!** If you have questions or would like to consider making Bethany your church home, visit our website, Bethany-Denver.org, or stop by the Newcomer Nook after worship. The pastoral team, consisting of Pastor Gary Sandberg (he/him), Pastor Nate Preisinger (he/him), Deacon Debra Alba (she/her) and Director of Pastoral Care Janet Mortinsen (she/her), is available to speak with you.
- ◆ Bethany Lutheran Church values people of diverse race, sexual identity, ethnicity, and political affiliation. **All are welcome at Bethany Lutheran Church** and this community is enriched because you are here. We are together for good!
- ◆ **Sunday Worship services:** 8:30am Traditional - worship follows traditional Lutheran liturgy. 10:00am Casual Blended- a flow of worship that includes the elements of Lutheran worship with music that spans multiple genres and brings some creative ways to engage the theme of the day. Worship leaders are generally dressed more casually.
- ◆ **Participating in Worship:** There will be times during worship when you are invited to stand, but if it is more comfortable or more meaningful for you to remain seated, please feel free to do so.
- ◆ **Communion Statement:** Everyone gathered for worship is invited to take part in Communion. Jesus did not place any barriers around who received communion and neither does Bethany.
- ◆ **Safety:** Bethany Lutheran Church is committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. If at any time you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or have concerns, please speak with one of our staff or designated leaders. We are here to listen and to support you.
- ◆ **Hearing Assistance Device:** Please see the Sound Tech in the A/V booth at the rear of the Sanctuary if you need a hearing assistance device.
- ◆ **Worship Servants:** Thank you to all the A/V team, Ushers, Communion Servers, Altar Guild, Musicians, Embrace Volunteers and Sacristans for your work to greet people and make worship happen. We always welcome Worship Servants - go to www.signupschedule.com/Bethany to sign up!
- ◆ You are welcome to bring beverages into the Sanctuary but please use a covered container. And enjoy your food outside the Sanctuary (although we understand small children may need snacks!).
- ◆ **Children at Bethany:** Children and youth are a blessing from God and we love having children in the Sanctuary! Additionally, we offer several options for children and families to feel comfortable in a variety of spaces on Sunday mornings:
 - ⇒ **Fidget Station:** We know that all of God's children (young and old) are wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of God. And, at Bethany, ALL are welcome to worship.
 - ⇒ Available outside the Sanctuary's north doors is a Fidget Station. Children and adults are invited to use these fidgets and art supplies to aid in your spiritual growth and presence in worship. Please return items to the station when you are finished.
 - ⇒ **Busy Bags:** Near the Sanctuary doors you will find premade bags perfect for littles. Grab one on the way in and return it on the way out.
 - ⇒ **Nursery:** For directions to our *friendly staffed Nursery*, please speak with an Usher. Today elementary students are also invited to spend time in the Nursery.

Today's flowers were provided by Kendra & Mike Barcus in memory of Delores (Dee) Barcus.

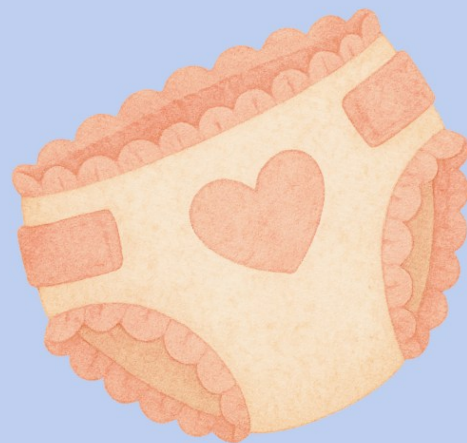
Things to Know about - News & Events

- ◆ **All-ages Bethany Retreat:** Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, **May 1-3**. Everyone is invited! Pack your bags for a weekend of faith, fun, and community! We'll explore our faith formation theme of identity, belonging, and purpose through worship, Bible study, large group games, special music, and camp-style activities for every age. It's a chance to experience all the best parts of camp with your Bethany church family. We don't want cost to keep anyone away: if money is tight, simply pay the minimum. If you're able, you're invited to give a little extra. Register by **Tuesday, Apr 28** at Bethany News on the website.
- ◆ **Bethany Concert: Friday, May 1** at 7:00pm. A special evening of music! Organist Rick Seaton, with guest artist Laura Tribby, soprano. Enjoy a selection of favorite postludes from throughout the church year and more. This is a **FREE** concert—invite your friends and come experience a beautiful evening of music, sure to include some delightful and entertaining moments.
- ◆ **Lutheran Family Services Legacy and Light Gala:** Illuminating the Future, **Friday, May 1**, 5:30pm-8:30pm, at the History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver. Single Ticket \$175 by Apr 17. Tickets: <https://bolder.bid/app/public/bidapp/lfsrmgala>
- ◆ **Outreach:** Save the date! A Volunteer Food Packing Event, with Feed My Starving Children will be held on Saturday, **May 2** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden. Ages 4-100 are welcome to help! A sign-up link will soon be available. Please contact Bethany member, Nick Wellen at n.wellen@mac.com or coloradofeedinggodskids@gmail.com for more details.
- ◆ **Bethany Information Sessions:** New Members will be received on **Sunday, May 3** at both worship services and a tour of the Bethany campus will be offered at 11:20am.
- ◆ **Summer Launch Cookout!: Wednesday, May 6**, 5:30pm-7:00pm. Come for good food, bounce houses, games, and a celebration of all the people who served in Faith Formation ministry during the past program year. Plus, learn about all the great programming coming up this summer at Bethany!
- ◆ **Bethany Spring Outdoor Adventure: Saturday, May 9, 10:00am**, Highline Canal Bike Ride or Walk, and Picnic. Join in at Church in the East parking lot. The Highline Canal can be accessed in less than one mile from Church. We'll return 11:30am-12:00pm for a picnic lunch. Join in for all or just the picnic lunch, fellowship and games. Register for the event by Friday, May 8 at <https://tinyurl.com/BLChike>.
- ◆ **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Work Weekend:** Bethany's annual work weekend is **May 29-31**. Spend a beautiful weekend in the mountains preparing the camp for the summer season. This is a great weekend for families since many projects such as landscaping and painting are kid friendly. Lodging and delicious food provided. Bring sleeping gear for cabins and be ready to have lots of fun! Register on the Bethany Connect app or Bethany News on the website. Please contact Susan Pfabe-Wiggans at susanpw4@gmail.com for more information.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver/Holy Hammers Volunteers Needed: Saturday, May 30, 8:50am-4:30pm**, Griffith Station Homes, 8407 W 52nd Ave, Arvada, **Saturday, Jun 20, 7:50 am – 3:30 pm** | Griffith Station Homes, New Construction Site | 8407 W 52nd Ave, Arvada. Register to volunteer at <https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>. Contact Kevin Dempsey for questions at kmdmpsy@aol.com.
- ◆ **Day Camp registration: June 22-26.** Children (Pre School through 5th grade) and Helpers (6th grade - adult) are invited to join in the fun! Cost is \$90 for Pre School age children and \$120 for elementary children. Register at the ad for the event on Bethany News on our website.



DIAPER DRIVE

Please bring diapers on May 3 and 10 for our annual Diaper Drive! We are collecting for Inner City Health and Metro Caring. Drop off your diapers at the altar in the Sanctuary - all sizes are welcome!





Day Camp at Bethany!

Registration is now OPEN!

Children (Pre School - 5th grade) & Helpers (6th grade - adult)
are invited to join in the fun!

DATES: June 22-26th

TIME: 9:00am-2:30 pm (Pre School until 12:00pm)

COST: \$90 for Pre School & \$120 for Elementary

Registration fee includes a camp t-shirt.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Debra at
debra@bethany-denver.org

Reserve your spots now!





A BOLD ASK – THE UNITED IN FAITH CAMPAIGN - A GOAL OF \$7 MILLION

We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to participate in **United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future**. Through this campaign, we seek to secure a total of **\$7 million** in gifts and pledges. These funds will allow Bethany to care for its campus faithfully, strengthen ministry, and equip our congregation to serve with clarity and purpose for generations to come.

WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL

Reaching this goal will take shared generosity across the congregation. The following chart shows how gifts of many sizes, offered over time, make this vision possible together.

Value of Gifts Over Time

Amount Per Week	Amount Per Month	Amount Per Year	3 Year Amount
\$3,205.13	\$13,888.89	\$166,666.67	\$500,000.00
\$1,923.08	\$8,333.33	\$100,000.00	\$300,000.00
\$961.54	\$4,166.67	\$50,000.00	\$150,000.00
\$641.03	\$2,777.78	\$33,333.33	\$100,000.00
\$480.77	\$2,083.33	\$25,000.00	\$75,000.00
\$320.51	\$1,388.89	\$16,666.67	\$50,000.00
\$224.36	\$972.22	\$11,666.67	\$35,000.00
\$160.26	\$694.44	\$8,333.33	\$25,000.00
\$96.15	\$416.67	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$57.69	\$250.00	\$3,000.00	\$9,000.00
\$38.46	\$166.67	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$23.08	\$100.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00
\$11.54	\$50.00	\$600.00	\$1,800.00
\$7.02	\$30.42	\$365.00	\$1,095.00
\$3.85	\$16.67	\$200.00	\$600.00

Gifts Needed

Number of Gifts	Value of Gift	Section Total	Running Total
1	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
1	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$1,750,000
1	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,250,000
2	\$300,000	\$600,000	\$2,850,000
2	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$3,150,000
4	\$100,000	\$400,000	\$3,550,000
6	\$75,000	\$450,000	\$4,000,000
14	\$50,000	\$700,000	\$4,700,000
22	\$25,000	\$550,000	\$5,250,000
32	\$15,000	\$480,000	\$5,730,000
52	\$9,000	\$468,000	\$6,198,000
56	\$6,000	\$336,000	\$6,534,000
74	\$3,600	\$266,400	\$6,800,400
85	\$1,800	\$153,000	\$6,953,400
35	\$1,095	\$38,325	\$6,991,725
14	\$600	\$8,400	\$7,000,125

Contributions to the **United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future** Campaign may be committed in the form of a one-year gift or a three-year pledge gift.

Signed pledge statements, which indicate the amount people are intending to give over a three-year payment period, must be in hand so that construction financing can be arranged, and construction can begin. Payments toward commitments may be made weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually, as is convenient for you.

To learn more, scan the QR code or visit www.Bethany-Denver.org/UnitedInFaith





UNITED IN FAITH

BUILDING BETHANY'S FUTURE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT AM I BEING ASKED TO DO?

First, we invite you to ask God to guide you as you consider participation in **United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future**. Then, we ask you to respond by completing an intent card with a financial commitment. That commitment may be given as a one-time gift or fulfilled over time. Every response matters.

WHEN DO GIFTS BEGIN, AND HOW LONG DOES THE CAMPAIGN LAST?

The commitment period for the campaign is intended to conclude in May 2026. Projects are slated to begin summer 2026 and funds will be required at that time. However, we intend to solicit funds for as long as necessary and throughout the planned improvements.

IS MY GIFT TO THIS CAMPAIGN ABOVE AND BEYOND MY REGULAR GIVING?

Yes. Regular giving supports Bethany's ongoing ministries, worship life, and daily operations. Gifts to **United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future** are an additional expression of generosity that supports these specific projects and long-term needs.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS CAMPAIGN NOW?

Bethany's campus has served faithfully for decades, and the needs before us are both timely and unavoidable. The impacts of Bethany's ministry in the past several years are ripe for expansion.

WHAT IF I'M NOT ABLE TO MAKE A LARGE GIFT?

That's okay. This campaign depends on participation across the congregation. When many people give faithfully—each according to their ability—the vision becomes possible.

HOW WILL THESE FUNDS BE USED?

All gifts designated for **United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future** will be used for the projects outlined in this prospectus, including facility renewal, infrastructure needs, long-term stewardship, and designated outreach commitments. Current estimates include a 5-7% contingency. The congregation will be updated on the progress of the work.

WHEN WILL WORK BEGIN?

Projects will be contracted when funding is secured. Construction loans would only be secured when signed commitments suffice to meet annual project funding requirements. We currently estimate that some work will begin in the summer of 2026.

BEST WAYS TO MAKE A GIFT

In addition to writing a check or giving online, the following options are available: timed giving, IRA distributions, gifts of appreciated assets, and legacy giving. For more information, please visit the campaign tab on our website.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM AN IRA

If you are age 70½ or older and have a traditional IRA, you may make a gift directly from that account as a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**, subject to annual limitations. This gift is not counted as taxable income and may also satisfy your required minimum distribution.

GIFTS OF APPRECIATED ASSETS

If you own appreciated stock, mutual funds, or other assets, you may give them directly to Bethany, and avoid capital gains taxes while receiving credit for a charitable gift. The resulting tax savings may make this a more economical way to contribute.

GIVING OVER TIME

A consistent gift, recurring weekly or monthly, over time makes a significant impact and helps Bethany plan confidently for the improvements ahead.