



Frequently Asked Questions About Bethesda's Fundraising Campaign

1. What is this campaign for?

The *Pressing On* campaign is to raise additional annual funds for our ministries and address needs for our aging facility.

2. How much are we asking?

\$100,000 per year in ongoing giving (i.e. weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annual giving) towards our annual operating budget and **\$500,000 in one-time gifts** towards needed repairs for our aging facility.

3. What's our strategy?

We are asking everyone to prayerfully consider their part in the *Pressing On* Campaign. That might mean starting the habit of regular giving towards Bethesda. It could mean increasing one's current monthly or annual giving by 10%, or perhaps even more. It may be making a significant one-time gift towards the \$500,000 we are setting aside for current or future repair needs for our aging building. Some might be led to both a one-time gift and on-going giving.

4. Why now?

There are imminent repairs needed for our facility that have not been included in our budget. We seek to grow our giving to meet current needs and be prepared for future opportunities.

5. What's our future?

We will celebrate Bethesda turning 100 in the fall of 2024. Our Heavenly Father has used our church family in the CLBA, the Chippewa Valley, and around the world for 100 years. Our Father still has plans for us as we join Jesus in His mission into our next 100 years.

6. When do we need the money by?

We anticipate needing to replace our flat, rubber roof and a number of HVAC systems

in the next 1-5 years. We want to raise as much of the funds needed for these costs by September 2024. Increased annual giving will position us well to respond to new and growing ministry opportunities.

7. If I pledge now, how long do I have to pay?

Our prayer is that our campaign goals for current and future repair needs (\$500,000) for the facility would be raised by October 2024 when we celebrate our 100 years of ministry. For annual additional operating expenses would begin within our current budget year of 2023, next year in 2024, and ongoing each year after that.

8. Can you give some details on the additional \$100,000 for ongoing budget request?

Three specific needs this will meet are: (1) providing competitive compensation, (2) staffing for ministry growth, and (3) rebuilding missional giving.

9. Can you give some details on the facilities needs for request for the \$500,000 for our aging facility?

Three specific needs are to replace flat roof (\$200,000), invest in HVAC systems (\$100,000), and make kitchen and Fellowship Hall improvements.

10. What are some scriptures that I can meditate on as I make a prayerful decision?

- a. God loves a cheerful giver – 2 Corinthians 9:26-27
- b. The parable of the wise steward – Luke 16:1-13
- c. Unless the Lord builds the house – Psalms 127:1
- d. The parable of the pearl of great price – Matthew 13:45-46

Migrating from Pushpay to Planning Center Giving

We are migrating to a new servicer for our online giving. Planning Center Online is a tool we used in the past, and they now have an excellent and very affordable mobile app, called Church Center. Between March and May, we will be migrating everyone over to Planning Center Giving and to the Church Center app. Here are a few things to help.



To get the Church Center app, scan this QR code, or go to <https://churchcenter.com/setup>

- If you enable location services, Bethesda should be near the top of the list, or you can search for Bethesda Lutheran Church.
- Follow the prompts to confirm Bethesda is the church you want to connect with, enter your phone number or email address to verify your identity (this avoids passwords).
- Explore the app, including the More button to see all the things available in the app, including sermons and access to the Bethesda News email.




Getting Started in Planning Center Giving.

Use the Church Center app or go to <https://c3ec.org/give>. (On the website, click the button at the bottom of the page.)

- Enter the amount and choose recurring or one-time. Follow the prompts to complete the donation.
- Online, you can choose multiple funds for each donation. In the app, you'll need to set up separate gifts if you want to give toward multiple funds (i.e. General, Pressing On, and Deacon Fund).
- Since we used Planning Center Giving before Pushpay, you may have bank information stored there already, so please verify that it is correct, including expiration dates for your credit/debit cards.
- For those concerned about processing costs, ACH (transfer directly from your account) has the least expensive processing fees – only \$0.30/transaction.

Do you have a recurring donation schedule in Pushpay?

If you have an automatic donation schedule set up in Pushpay, here is how you can cancel that schedule.

1. Go to Pushpay online or in the custom Bethesda mobile app.
2. From the Pushpay giving tool, click  in the upper right corner of the screen.
3. Click “Manage Account >”.
4. Sign in your phone number or email, and verify with the 6-digit code they send you.
5. Scroll down to “Recurring gifts,” and click on the current schedule.
6. Where it says “Recurring Gift – Active,” click the red CANCEL button.
7. When it asks if you're sure, click YES.

If you don't have a recurring schedule in Pushpay, you can simply begin using Planning Center Giving instead. You will still be able to access your previous giving history in Pushpay. If you feel more comfortable removing your payment methods, you can follow steps 1-4 above. Then,

- Click the 3 lines in the upper left corner.
- Click “Payment Methods”.
- Click on your payment method.
- On the next screen, click the red DELETE button on the upper right.
- Click YES, when it asks if you're sure.