

November 9, 2018

Dear People of Bethany,

Enclosed you will find the 2019 Commitment Form for your intended contribution in support of the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church. The form allows you to make a commitment to the 2019 Bethany Fund for our ongoing ministries and operations. You may also make a commitment to Renewal for Growth our campaign to enhance Bethany's facilities. A gift in 2018 can go towards a three-year giving plan.

Your generosity allows the ministries of Bethany to thrive. **The Bethany Fund commits over 10% of our offerings to agencies that impact our community and our world**, including our camps, social service agencies, the ministry of the ELCA, and ministries across our globe.

Bethany is also an important hub for our community. We have over 80 community non-profit organizations that call the Bethany campus their home. These include support groups, music ensembles (adult and youth), community organizations, and a host of other missions have their reach extended because of Bethany. These groups also contribute to the care of our building and the staff that cares for them while they are here. **Bethany is a place of hospitality in ministry.**

We also have our own Festival of Faith and the Arts that provides a venue for numerous cultural experiences throughout the year.

This all happens because we are people of a generous God. When we respond in generosity these ministries come to life.

On the back of the commitment form, we are collecting stories of generosity that are meaningful to you the people of Bethany. These may be personal stories, or those that you have heard that resonate with you. This is completely optional. We would love to share these stories throughout the coming year. You can let us know if we can identify you with the story, or use it anonymously. These may be utilized in a variety of ways including the Beacon, web site, and Friday emails.

As a convenience there are several options for submitting a commitment form:

** Bethany will be formally receiving commitment forms during worship on the Sundays of November 18, 25, and December 2.*

** You can also access a form on the Bethany web site www.bethany-denver.org. Click on the "Giving" tab at the top. On the left side of that page you can fill out a form to submit on-line, or print a form.*

** You can email our Gifts Processor, Melissa, melissa@bethany-denver.org to submit your intended giving.*

** You can of course place your form in the mail to Bethany, attn: Melissa Russ*

We are Together for Good. We are Bethany. The impact of Bethany is deep and wide. You are changing lives. The Kingdom of God on earth is more evident because of you.

Thank you for your generous support in creating the ministries that we share in 2018. Thank you for your commitment to our ongoing ministries in 2019.

In the Joy of Christ,

The 2019 Stewardship Team