



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are the Objectives of the Capital Campaign?**

There are three:

- 1) Mission Outreach: 10% of gifts received
- 2) Love of God's Creation - Outdoor Spaces: Estimated to be \$150,000
- 3) Complete the building project by reducing, and ultimately eliminating, remaining mortgage debt of \$2.35 million

### **How will our tithes for Mission Outreach be used?**

ECLC always begins by sharing the first 10% of gifts received. A tithe team has been formed to explore possibilities and make recommendations to the council. We will keep everyone informed as these exciting opportunities are chosen.

### **What are the plans for the Outdoor Space?**

Our congregation sits on the banks of Minnehaha Creek. This land deserves our best efforts in caring for God's creation. An outdoor space task force has been formed and will be providing information as plans are developed. This process is similar to when our new sanctuary was built – we began the first campaign with a concept, and then specific plans followed.

We begin with these concepts:

- First, we honor the land and fulfill our obligation as stewards of this corner of creation by restoring ECLC's woods with native plants and trees.
- Secondly, we honor the saints who have gone before us by creating sacred outdoor space to reflect, remember and celebrate.
- Thirdly, we honor our future by creating usable outdoor space. We have an opportunity to vision how our remarkable facility can be enhanced with finishing touches to serve us and our neighborhood well into the future, and how our congregation can honor the land *and* enrich our congregation.

## What are the Financials Goals for the Campaign?

- 10% of gifts received be designated for outreach
- \$150,000 is the estimated cost for outdoor spaces
- The more that is given, the more the debt will be reduced, as presented in this 3-tier goal:

### **Foundational goal: \$1.6 M.**

(\$160,000 Mission Tithe, \$150,000 Outdoor Space, \$1.29 M debt reduction)

This was what was raised in the previous campaign. ***Reaching this goal would reduce interest payments by over \$500,000.***

### **Mid-tier goal: \$2M (\$400,000 additional)**

(\$200,000 Mission Tithe, \$150,000 Outdoor Space, \$1.6M debt reduction)

This would reduce the mortgage debt by 2/3 and provide even more funding that can be directed for mission and ministry instead of large mortgage payments. ***Reaching this goal would reduce interest payments by nearly \$700,000.***

### **Aspirational goal: \$2.75M**

(\$275K Mission Tithe, \$150,000 outdoor space; \$2.35M mortgage eliminated!)

The impact would be transformational for the future of ECLC. ***Over \$1 million in future interest payments would be saved and could be used for ECLC's mission and ministry instead of debt servicing!***

## How could we reach our aspirational goal?

Each household is invited to give as they are able. All gifts matter! Here is one example of how this goal could be achieved through our shared response:

## **Needed Gifts & Pledges Over 3 years**

3-Year Gifts		Weekly Gifts		3 Year Total
Number Needed	Amount	Number	Amount	
1	\$500,000	10	\$ 50	\$ 7,800
1	300,000	10	40	6,240
3	150,000	10	30	4,680
4	100,000	10	25	3,900
5	50,000	10	20	3,120
10	25,000	10	15	2,340
10	15,000	10	10	1,560
10	10,000	All Gifts Matter!		\$ 60,000

### **What about my annual Mission & Ministry support?**

To continue and strengthen our shared ministry and outreach, it's important that gifts for the capital campaign are over and above our annual stewardship support.

### **How do I make my pledge?**

You may fill out the pledge card and return it to the church in the envelope provided, either in the offering plate or by mail. Or you are welcome to provide your pledge online:

<https://eclc.360unite.com/capital-campaign>, one-time gifts or automated pledge payments made be made here: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z44Z/campaign/C-126EZ>

### **When do I start making my gifts?**

Some gifts and pledges have already been made - Thank you! You are invited to provide a kick-off gift as well as make a three-year pledge to begin June of 2022 and continuing through May of 2025 (or the time span you indicate). You are welcome to make your gifts in whatever timing makes most sense for you – weekly, monthly, annually, or as you can. There are many creative ways to give. Please see the information on the website or contact Kienan Mick at [kmick@eclc.org](mailto:kmick@eclc.org) or 952-926-3808.

### **How can I say Yes?**

- Review the information provided
- Prayerfully consider your participation in the See What Yes Can Do Capital Campaign
- Return your pledge card during worship in May (or submit online by May 31) On Pentecost Sunday, June 5, we will dedicate our gifts and pledges to the If you cannot be present that day, please mail your card beforehand in the envelope provided, or pledge online.