



**TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD**

ENDOWMENT FUND



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**WHAT IS THE
ENDOWMENT FUND?**

The Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was established in 2003 to encourage, receive and administer gifts received as endowments. This fund will allow people to designate mission and ministry projects they want to support in their lifetimes, as well as when they have gone home to heaven. Gifts and bequests given to the endowment fund will be carefully managed by the Endowment Fund Committee according to the stated wishes of the donor. This endowment fund permits you to “have a say” in what your gifts will accomplish even after you’re gone.

**WHAT WILL A GIFT TO THE
ENDOWMENT FUND
MEAN TO ME?**

The endowment fund provides a means for us, as Christian stewards, to demonstrate and express in a tangible way our deep gratitude for God’s many gifts and blessings to us. A gift to the endowment fund is a reflection of our faith and Christian love over and above our normal regular support of the ongoing mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, our District and Synod. The pastor, members of the Endowment Fund Committee, and the District Gift Planning Counselor will be pleased to meet with you to discuss your participation in the endowment fund and what your gift can accomplish.

**HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN
THE ENDOWMENT FUND’S
ACTIVITIES?**

There are many different ways in which you can participate in the endowment fund’s activities, depending on your desires and financial resources. The more common methods include:

REMEMBRANCE GIVING

Gifts may be given in memory of loved ones and friends, in honor of anniversaries, birthdays, baptisms or other special events.

GIFT OF PROPERTY

A gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or personal property during your lifetime.

**BEQUEST OF PROPERTY
THROUGH A WILL**

A gift of cash, stocks, bonds, real estate or personal property can be given in a personal will.

GIFT ANNUITY ARRANGEMENTS

A gift of money or property that pays the donor income for the rest of his or her life with the remainder going to the endowment fund can be arranged.

LIFE INSURANCE BEQUEST

The endowment fund can be named as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy for which premiums are paid by the donor, or you may gift a policy to the endowment fund.

TRUST

A trust may be created by a donor to provide funds for many uses, including use by the endowment fund.

WHAT ENDOWMENT FUND CATEGORIES ARE AVAILABLE?

The Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Fund shall maintain the following categories:

I. Opportunities within our Congregation

The income from this Fund may be used for any of the following areas within the congregation. The use of principal is allowed in Building Fund category only.

1. Education

A. Internal Education – Special projects to support the local Christian education programs. (Example: VBS, Sunday school, Mid-week Confirmation, Adult classes).

B. Youth Programs – Special projects to support our congregation's youth ministry programs. (Example: youth retreats, counselor training, youth gathering scholarships, summer camp scholarships)

2. Scholarships

A. Supporting students at Lutheran Elementary Schools and students at Lutheran High School.

B. To students going into full-time church work as Pastors, Teachers, DCE. Priority will be given in the following order: 1)Home, 2)Circuit, 3)District, 4)Synod.

3. Building & Grounds Improvement

Special projects locally to improve and repair church facilities.

Example: remodeling, painting, new furnaces, landscaping

4. Preschool

Special projects to support our congregation's preschool.

(Example: computers, new desks, teacher continuing education).

5. Building Fund

Income and/or principal used for new building projects or property acquisition. The Church council may recommend that the principal be used on some type of a matching basis with the members of the congregation. This may help the congregation to have a feeling of ownership of the project.

6. Church Music

Special gifts to support the congregation's music program. (Example: choir robes, purchase music, repair organ, special music programs).

7. Evangelism

Special projects for programs to reach the unchurched in our community. (Example: radio, TV newspaper, training for evangelism).

8. Technology

Special projects of electronic or other technological opportunities as they become available. (Example: additions to sound systems, audio-visual equip., office machines, computers, etc.).

II. Mission and Ministry Opportunities Outside our Congregation

The income from this fund shall be used for grants to specific mission and ministry projects outside our congregation.

(Example: LHS capital campaigns, grants to world mission projects, mission projects in our South Wisconsin District, grants to LCMS colleges, high schools, seminaries, and LCMS affiliated ministries).

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE

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“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10



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