



## Creating Lasting Legacies

“Planned Giving,” “Legacy Planning,” “Estate Planning.” Regardless of the words you use, including a charitable gift in a will, trust, or other financial account is not a privilege reserved for the wealthy. It is an opportunity for everyone to make a lasting statement about their lives and their hopes for the future.

Christ Lutheran has been privileged to receive several such gifts.

One check included this note from the family: "Her generosity continues. She really felt at home at the church and her faith was strengthened. I'm so glad she found her way to Christ Lutheran and I know all the special projects that she contributed to meant a lot to her, and so I guess her legacy will live on through this gift."

A second check included this note from a daughter: “My family and I want to thank all of you for all the prayers and cards. We would also like to thank each of you for all you did for Mom’s memorial service. I think Mom would have been very happy with everything. We sincerely appreciate the lunch you provided to us after the service. It was very thoughtful of you.

“Mom really missed being at church after her fall and recovery. She was very hopeful she would make it back. Mom loved going to church. I have enclosed a check for her memorial to VBS. She loved to work at VBS and loved children. I am also enclosing a check as a donation for her memorial service.

“Again, thank you for all you did during Mom’s rehab stay and after her passing.”

Planned gifts allow us to define our own legacy. These gifts let us reach into the future to continue our support of the church, charities, and of other organizations that share our highest values.

These women were nurtured and strengthened by worshipping, learning, serving, and caring at Christ Lutheran. They were generous with their time, and also their financial gifts. Their generosity now lives on with these gifts from their estates. We give God thanks.