

## What Is The Endowment Fund?

St. Matthews Lutheran Church Endowment Fund was established to encourage, receive and administer gifts. 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.



## 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 for the ongoing mission and ministry of St. Matthews, our District and Synod. The pastors, members of the Endowment Fund Committee and the District Gift Planning Officer will be pleased to meet with you to discuss your participation in the endowment fund, how you can provide the gift 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 their 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 or trust.

**GIFT ANNUITY ARRANGEMENTS** - A charitable gift annuity or charitable trust may be arranged from a gift of money or property that pays the donor(s) income for the rest of their life (lives), with the remainder going to the endowment fund. This is accomplished through a foundation.

**LIFE INSURANCE BEQUEST** - The endowment fund can be named as a beneficiary in insurance policy for which premiums are paid by the donor, or you can gift a policy to the endowment fund at this time.

**TRUST** - A trust may be created by a donor to provide for disbursement of funds and property and the endowment fund can be beneficiary.

**ACCOUNTS** - You may designate the endowment fund as a "payable on death" beneficiary on cash and stock accounts.



## What Endowment Fund Categories Are Available?

### Unrestricted Accounts

Gifts to the endowment fund without restriction by the donor shall be invested and the income from the gift shall be used for the ministry and charitable needs as recommended by the Endowment Committee and approved by the Parish Planning Council.

Such use will not include expenditures for the church's operating budget.

### Restricted Accounts

Gifts to the endowment fund, which are designated by the donor are to be used for certain ministry and social needs.

The income from these gifts shall be used for the purposes prescribed by the donor.

Please see the back panel for restricted categories from which to choose.



The following categories have been approved for designation by donors:

### **Facilities Fund**

to improve the church facilities' building, equipment and grounds.

### **Building Fund**

to build new buildings or purchase property.

### **Christian Education**

to support the educational activities of the church.

### **Family Counseling**

to provide counseling services to families and persons in need including support of ministries that provide such services.

### **Missions**

for mission and ministry activities outside the congregation.

### **Music**

to support the church's music program.

### **Outreach**

to support activities to reach the unchurched.

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### **Scholarships**

to support those studying to participate in LCMS ministries.

### **Technology**

for improvements of the church's technology and electronics.

### **Youth Programs**

to support the church's youth activities.

### **Endowment Fund Committee**

Endowment received by St. Matthew's

Lutheran Church Endowment Fund will be managed by the Endowment Fund Committee of 5 or more members of the church selected by the Parish Planning Council

and the Committee will manage the

Endowment Fund in cooperation with the Parish Planning Council and congregation. The Endowment Fund will be managed according to the Endowment Fund By-Laws approved by the voting members of the church and which are available in the church office.

*"Each 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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## **Endowment Opportunities**

*Your Enduring Gift*

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