

A GIFT ANNUITY IN ACTION

Here is one example of how a gift annuity can help: John, 83, and his wife Mary, 80, want a gift annuity to provide them with regular payments and a way to support Trinity Lutheran Church even after the Lord calls them home.

They establish their gift annuity by sending a \$10,000 check to the LCMS Foundation. Based on their ages, they know they will receive a gift annuity rate of 6.0* percent. That means they will receive annual annuity payments of \$600 per year for their lifetimes. Since a portion of the gift annuity is a charitable contribution, the couple also gets an additional \$4,461 income tax deduction for the year they establish their gift annuity.

And, they enjoy even more tax savings. More than 80 percent of their annual \$600 payment—\$486—is tax free.

After John's death, Mary will continue to receive the regular payments. After her death, the remaining balance on the couple's gift annuity will go to Trinity Lutheran Church.

In general, annuity payments and the amount that eventually goes to the designated ministry are based on life expectancy. If the Lord calls John and Mary home at the age of their life expectancy, about half of the couple's original \$10,000 goes to Trinity Lutheran Church. Not living to life expectancy, or beyond life expectancy, the ministry receives more or less than half.

**As of March 2017. Rates subject to change.*

NEXT STEP

You may already have enough information and knowledge to fund your gift annuity with a check or security. Or you may have additional questions needing clarification.

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Why Choose a Gift Annuity?

MAKE YOUR FUTURE MORE SECURE

You may have watched your CD rates disappear. You may have experienced the uncertainties with the market ups and downs. By choosing a charitable gift annuity you will have taken a step towards making your or your loved one's future more secure. You can receive cash payments that will never change for the rest of your or your loved one's life.

RECEIVE FAVORABLE RATE OF RETURN

If you are depressed with the CD rates or have anxiety with the volatile markets, by choosing a charitable gift annuity you will receive a favorable fixed rate of return. Consider these age correlated rates:

One Life Charitable Gift Annuity Examples based on \$20,000 funding*

Age	Rate**	Charitable Income Tax Deduction	Annual Payment	Tax Free Portion
65	4.7%	\$6,284	\$940	\$703
70	5.1%	\$7,678	\$1,020	\$795
75	5.8%	\$8,722	\$1,160	\$936
80	6.8%	\$9,769	\$1,360	\$1,136
85	7.8%	\$11,145	\$1,560	\$1,384
90	9.0%	\$12,484	\$1,800	\$1,670

Two Life Charitable Gift Annuity Examples based on \$20,000 funding*

Ages	Rate**	Charitable Income Tax Deduction	Annual Payment	Tax Free Portion
65/65	4.2%	\$4,662	\$840	\$626
70/70	4.6%	\$5,760	\$920	\$708
75/75	5.0%	\$7,273	\$1,000	\$795
80/80	5.7%	\$8,438	\$1,140	\$941
85/85	6.7%	\$9,509	\$1,340	\$1,152
90/90	8.2%	\$10,374	\$1,640	\$1,458

SAVE ON TAXES

- A portion of your payments is tax-free—making the above rates of return even higher by comparison.
- A portion of your gift annuity funding can be claimed as a charitable deduction the year that you establish the gift annuity.
- Your estate will incur no additional estate taxes if you are the sole recipient of your gift annuity payments.
- Your gift annuity funding bypasses probate.
- If you fund your gift annuity with appreciated assets, a portion of the capital gain will be entirely bypassed and the remaining capital gain will be spread out evenly over your life expectancy.

FURTHER GOD'S WORK THROUGH TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church utilizes the LCMS Foundation to administer our gift annuity program. Through wise stewardship by the Foundation, they are able to pay the favorable tax-advantaged income streams for your lifetime and still have a generous portion that will help further the ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church.

**Minimum funding for a gift annuity is \$10,000; no maximum.*

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SMART AND EASY

A charitable gift annuity is a popular type of planned gift. Use your gift annuity to support the ongoing mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.