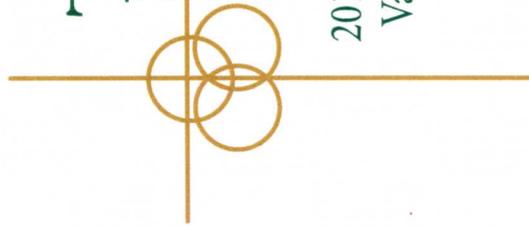


Your gift can make these ministries possible

1. Outreach to the local community and Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the ELCA
2. Support of ELCA church-wide ministries
3. Extraordinary programs, ministry initiatives and capital improvements in our congregation.

For further information about the Mission Endowment Fund of Trinity Lutheran Church, or to make a gift contact:

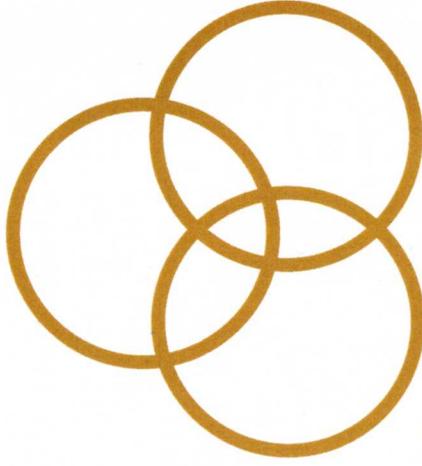


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Mission Endowment Fund



*Charitable bequests
and other planned gifts
to enhance and support
the mission of
Trinity Lutheran Church*



Background and Purpose

A resolution creating The Mission Endowment Fund of Trinity Lutheran Church was adopted by the congregation on March 7, 1992 at a regularly called meeting.

The Mission Endowment Fund receives and maintains unrestricted gifts and bequests. The purpose of the endowed capital is to provide earnings to enhance the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation. No portion of the income generated by the fund is used for the annual operating budget of the congregation.

Income from the fund is available for approved purposes.

Fund Management

The Mission Endowment Committee is the custodian of the fund. This committee consists of five members appointed by the Congregation Council. The term for each member is three years, on a rotating basis, with no member serving more than two consecutive terms. A pastor and the president or vice-president of the Congregation Council are advisory members of the committee.

Recommendations for managing assets in the Fund are made by the Committee for approval by the Congregation Council.

Congregation members are invited to make requests for grants from the fund.

Some Grants Approved by the Fund:

- Pathway to Worship Project
- Video camera
- Grants to seminarians
- Stephen Ministry start up
- Foyer carpet replacement
- The ELMO Project
 - Red Cloud Indian School

Fund Investment

The Fund is currently invested in ELCA Endowment Fund, Pooled Trust - Fund A. Fund A - a social purpose fund - is managed by Portico Benefit Services (formerly called the ELCA Board of Pensions). Fund A seeks to achieve attractive long-term returns while investing in ways that are compatible with the social policies of the ELCA.

Giving to the Fund

Some of the ways you may give to the ministries of Trinity are through bequests in wills, living trusts, designations of pension plans, assignments of life insurance, certificates of deposit, and/or transfer of property such as cash, stocks, bonds and real estate.

You are encouraged to speak with your attorney or financial planner concerning giving to the Mission Endowment Fund of Trinity Lutheran Church.