

ASSISTANCE IN PLANNING YOUR GIFTS

This resource explains how Emmanuel's endowment fund is used to provide long-term ministry resources utilizing some of the more common gift planning instruments and their benefits for family and ministry. If you have any specific questions, please contact me for a personal illustration and together we can seek out the Lord's guidance. Emmanuel's partner in ministry, the LCMS Foundation, provides professional charitable giving expertise and service at no cost. I look forward to hearing from you.

For support and information on how to arrange a gift plan in the most effective way:



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Endowment Fund offering envelopes are available in the church office and in the narthex for your regular or special giving convenience. Please contact the Endowment Committee if you have any questions about the Endowment Fund or recommendations for restricted gifts that are consistent with the needs of our church.

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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Endowment Fund

*Provide ministry resources
for the next generation.*



*Reaching All
With The Gospel*



What is the **ENDOWMENT FUND?**

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church (ELC) Endowment Fund is a fund established by our church through which members or friends of our church may provide additional and financial support for the mission and ministry of our congregation. All gifts are invested, and income from the Endowment Fund is used for church support such as capital improvements or the specific purpose designated by the donor. It's a way to support our church and to perpetuate the work of the Lord at Emmanuel in the future.

The Endowment Fund is to be a supplement to fund our church's ministry. It is not meant to replace, reduce, or restrict current contributions to our church's financial program. Rather, the Endowment Fund provides our congregation with financial support for new ministry opportunities through current or deferred gifts. In this way, your gift "continues" to give to Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A CHRISTIAN STEWARD OF GOD?

The gifts and blessing of this life are given to you by our God for use in your lifetime. Your gifts are unique and different from other Christians. What you do with these gifts during your lifetime is controlled only by you. After you die, you could still "have a say" in what your unique gifts shall accomplish in the work of God's Kingdom. Prayerfully consider how you may best serve Him.

How does the **ENDOWMENT FUND OPERATE?**

The Endowment Fund shall be administered by the Endowment Committee appointed by the Manager of Operations with approval by the Senior Pastor. It shall include five or seven members, with the Manager of Operations as a permanent member. The assets from the Endowment Fund shall be primarily managed by the LCMS Foundation.

The distributions from the Endowment Fund will be reviewed and approved by the Endowment Committee with oversight by the ELC Board of Directors. The Endowment Committee will report all activities of the Endowment Fund to the ELC Board of Directors and ELC Congregation at least annually.



The Endowment Fund is not intended to be used to supplement operational budgets, but to support the following purposes (in no particular order); Missions, Capital Improvements, Education Ministries, and Human Care Needs. When the donor stipulates a specific gift, the desire of the donor will be honored and upheld and the principal shall not be depleted at any time.