



Christ Church Lutheran Endowment Fund

Building a financial foundation for our church

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Christ Church Lutheran endowment fund?

The Christ Church Lutheran endowment fund is a separate account intended to provide a permanent source of income for the continuing work of the congregation and the church-at-large.

What is its purpose?

The endowment fund was established in 1984 to provide investment earnings on a continuing basis to build and strengthen the congregation's ministries.

How will the earnings be used?

The church council may vote to use earnings from endowment investments to help Christ Church Lutheran in its ministries, such as to reach out in service to others, to care for facilities, to support new visionary programs, to grow special ministries, and to encourage stewardship.

Is the endowment fund an alternative to Christ Church Lutheran's normal stewardship needs?

No, it is a separate program independent of other church accounts. Contributions to the endowment fund are invested and held permanently. The principal cannot be spent except as the church's last financial resort. Funds not used for ministry purposes remain in the fund, earning more.

How is the endowment fund administered?

It is an account administered by the endowment fund committee, whose members are approved by the church council. Duties of the committee are to collect, invest, administer, and safeguard endowment fund assets and promote donations and bequests on an ongoing basis.

How are endowment fund donations invested?

Donations are currently invested with assistance from the ELCA mission investment fund and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

How can I contribute to the endowment fund?

We encourage you to consider the endowment fund in your will or give as a memorial or expression of love to a family member or friend. There are many other ways you can contribute: cash gifts, donations of property or stocks, trust arrangements, charitable bequests, or planned gifts of life insurance.

How much should I give?

We accept any contribution that is not limited by specific designations. Any amount is welcome and all gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. Consult your tax advisor for more information.

What is the Century Society?

Members of the Century Society are people who have designated the Christ Church Lutheran endowment fund as a beneficiary in their will, trust, or life insurance policy.

I have more questions about the endowment fund. Whom can I ask?

You can talk to Pastor Carlson or call her at 612.721.6611.

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