



THE ENDOWMENT FUND
OF MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

“As each has received a gift, employ it for another,
as good stewards of God’s varied grace”
1 Peter 4:10

The Messiah Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, created in 1993, is established to provide funds for those religious and social service purposes not supported by the normal budgeted operations and programs of Messiah Lutheran Church. The Fund supports ministries of Messiah Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, or public charities duly organized and operated to carry on religious and social service activities. This support includes, but is not limited to the following types of religious and social service ministries:

1. Missions: local, regional, and world projects
2. Education: seminary scholarships
3. Enhance the ministries and missions of MLC beyond the general budget
4. Capital Projects: major renovations and building of new facilities

All Endowment funds are assets of the congregation, a non-profit organization, but are kept separate from other church funds. Your donated gift will be prudently invested and only a percentage of the income derived from your gift will be spent for endowment purposes. This permits your gift and its giving to continue growing for your lifetime and beyond!

Messiah’s Endowment Fund was created to provide everlasting support and funding for our church’s ministry and the ministry of the world-wide church as well. It is designed to sustain us for decades to come.

Beneficiaries of Past Foundation Distributions

- Provided financial support for Seminary students.
- Provided scholarship funds for deserving college students.
- Provided financial support for new church starts such as Living Branch Lutheran Church and Community Christian Center.
- Provided financial support for missions such as prison ministries.
- Enhanced financial support for church ministries extending beyond the scope of the general budget.

Ways to leave a gift through Messiah’s Endowment Fund

- Write a donation check: make check payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church” and note on the check to “Endowment Fund” or “Endowment Fund in Memory of...”.
- In your Will: Designate a specific dollar amount or percentage of assets to the Endowment Fund. Use assets such as stocks, bonds, real estate, art, or jewelry for your charitable gift.
- Name the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your IRA or Pension Fund Plan.
- Gift your Minimum Required Deduction to the Endowment Fund.
- Purchase a new life insurance policy naming the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary or as a partial beneficiary. Name the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy or owner and beneficiary.
- Talk to your financial advisor/legal counsel about naming the Endowment Fund in a Charitable Trust. Encourage family members and friends to consider leaving gifts to the Endowment Fund.