



For further information, please contact the Pastors or Financial Administrator of Bethany Lutheran Church who can both discuss the Endowment with you and put you in touch with a member of the Committee.

WORSHIPING FAITHFULLY

FORMING SPIRITUALLY

SERVING PASSIONATELY

GIVING PROPORTIONATELY

SHARING INTENTIONALLY

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**The Bethany
Lutheran Church
Endowment
Fund**

Worshiping Faithfully
Regularly gathering around Word and Sacrament
Acts 2:42 & 46, Hebrews 10:25

Forming Spiritually
Continually developing in Discipleship
Colossians 1:10-14, 2 Peter 3:18

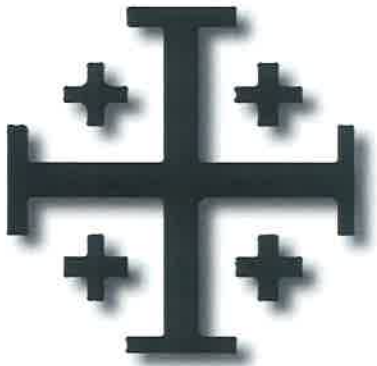
Serving Passionately
Using God given gifts in Church & Community
Ephesians 2:10, Romans 12:1 & 6-8

Giving Proportionately
Returning a First Fruit Portion of Material Wealth
Luke 21:1-4, Genesis 14:18-21

Sharing Intentionally
Letting Others Know Their Story and the LORD's
Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Peter 3:15

God's Stewards live in the present and anticipate the future: live in the light of God's eternal purpose. (Matt. 6:19-21)

The Bethany Lutheran Endowment Fund consists of economic gifts and resources given to Bethany through faithful stewardship of her members that help to fund Bethany's long-term mission. Often, but not always, these gifts come to Bethany as final acts of stewardship through members who've blessed Bethany in their trusts, wills, and estates.



Q. What is the purpose of the Bethany Lutheran Church Endowment Fund?

The Bethany Lutheran Church Endowment Fund earnings will be used to support:

- a. Specific projects as designated by the donor.
- b. Future facility expansion.
- c. Special mission projects.
- d. Annual school scholarships.
- e. Current operations in case of a significant budget deficit.
- f. School budget support.

Q. Who is responsible for the Bethany Lutheran Endowment Fund?

A special committee comprised of six elected members and the congregation Treasurer manage the fund under the guidance of the Church Council and Voter's Assembly.

Q. Would my gift be tax deductible?

Yes. Generally speaking, all gifts to your church, or any of its recognized endowments or trusts, may be deductible. Please check with your tax advisor.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund are intended to be held in perpetuity, unless otherwise directed, with only the earnings used for specific programs or for general purpose of the Fund.

Q. May I make donations at any time?

Yes. Donations of cash may be made at any time. Other donations should be discussed with one of the endowment committee members. Donations of any amount will be gratefully received and acknowledged. Gifts may be undesignated or donated for a specific purpose, such as an annual school scholarship. These special endowment trust funds will be used solely for the purpose stated by the donor.

Q. Does the committee have outside professional help?

The committee may elect to use the services of professionals, especially within our congregation and Synod, for advice and counsel.

Q. What are ways I can donate to this Fund that will not take away from my weekly giving?

An individual may give a gift to BLCEF through any of the following methods:

A BEQUEST IN ONE'S WILL

Making a bequest in a will or a living trust.

AN OUTRIGHT GIFT

Giving an outright gift in the form of money, securities, property, jewelry, art, and other assets.

LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARY

Making BLCEF a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

A loved one can be remembered forever by the creation of a named memorial endowment fund. The fund may receive contributions from many donors.

A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

Provides a lifetime income to the donor or other persons as well as possible tax savings.