

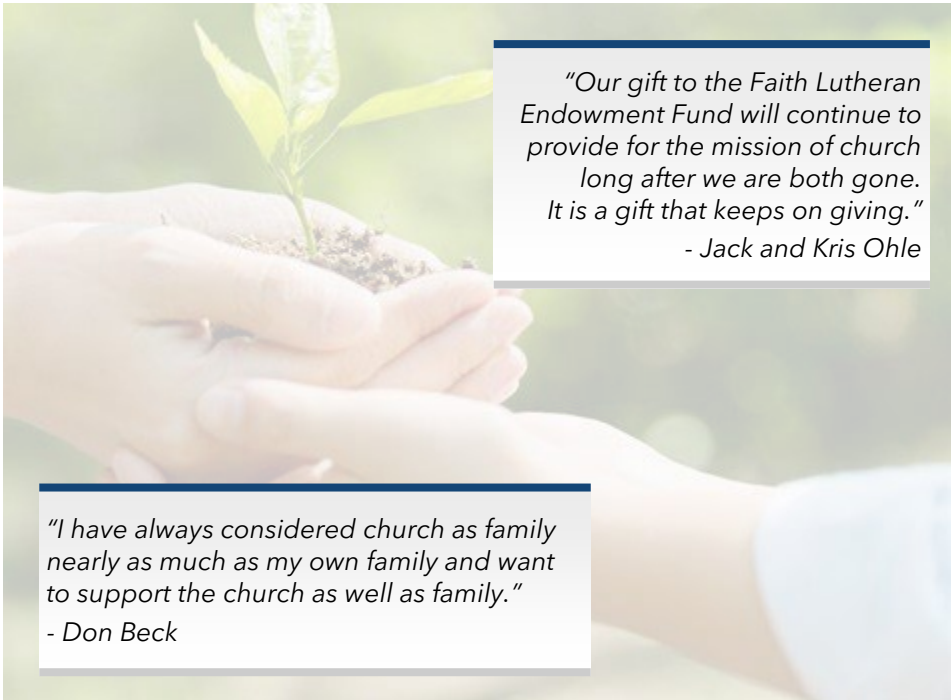
# FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

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***A Legacy of Faith***



The Faith Lutheran Church Endowment Fund expands the reach of Faith Lutheran Church as we participate in the mission of Jesus Christ.



*"Our gift to the Faith Lutheran Endowment Fund will continue to provide for the mission of church long after we are both gone. It is a gift that keeps on giving."  
- Jack and Kris Ohle*

*"I have always considered church as family nearly as much as my own family and want to support the church as well as family."  
- Don Beck*

## HOW GIFTS ARE USED

You can provide a legacy of generosity to benefit the church's ministry far beyond your lifetime. With thoughtful planning now, your gift can make an impact at Faith for generations to come.

### *Your gifts will...*

- ◆ *support ministries, facility needs, and debt reduction of Faith Lutheran Church*



- ◆ *provide scholarships for Faith Lutheran members attending ELCA colleges, universities, and seminaries*

- ◆ *support local service agencies that align with the mission of the church*



- ◆ *enhance the work of the Southeastern Iowa Synod and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

## **How are funds distributed?**

Applications for grants are received February & March each year. Grant recipients are recommended by the Endowment Committee and are approved by the Congregational Council. Distributions are made no later than June.

## **How does my regular giving differ from a gift to the Endowment Fund?**

Your gift to the Endowment Fund is separate from and above your regular giving. Endowment funds are set apart from the general operating funds and are intended to benefit the church beyond your lifetime.

## **What types of gifts should I consider giving?**

Along with life insurance, here are several ways to give a legacy gift: Cash gifts, Real Estate, Stock, Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Qualified Charitable Distribution, and Donor-Advised Funds.

## **Is the Endowment Fund part of the ELCA?**

Yes, contributions to Faith's Endowment Fund are pooled and professionally invested by the ELCA Ministry Growth Fund. This allows the funds to benefit the larger church and follow the ELCA's guidelines for socially responsible investing.

## **I already have Faith Lutheran Church as a beneficiary in my estate plan. Do I need to do anything else?**

It's most helpful for the church to know that Faith Lutheran is a beneficiary of your estate. To help facilitate this, we ask that all those who name Faith Lutheran Church in their estate notify the church.

## **Can I leave a gift to Faith Lutheran without taking away from what I leave my immediate heirs?**

Yes, there are many ways to fulfill your charitable goals while still providing for your loved ones. Planned giving allows you to leave gifts to both charities and individuals, while providing tax benefits to you. The ELCA has resources that can help you with planned giving.

## A GIFT FOR GENERATIONS

*Reaching out and extending our blessings beyond our own lives is an intrinsic part of Christian stewardship. Your gifts, both now and after your lifetime, can assist in Faith Lutheran Church's role in doing God's work for generations to come.*



*Your endowment gift is a wonderful way for the church to remember you or someone you love.*

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### **As you think about your legacy, consider:**

*What inspires me...*

*Some roadblocks that come to mind are...*

*Other questions I have...*

## **Next Steps**

Learn more at [www.faithlc.org/endowment](http://www.faithlc.org/endowment)  
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