

## Benefits of Making a Gift

In thanksgiving for all of the wonderful gifts that we have received from God throughout our lives, we welcome the opportunity to use a portion of these gifts in special ways to help others grow in faith that they may carry out the mission and ministry of Faith.

As an integral part of our Stewardship program, Faith's Endowment Fund gives people a special opportunity to respond to blessings received, so that the Lord's work in Bloomington, and throughout the world, will thrive for generations to come.

## How Can I Make a Gift?

There are a number of ways in which you can give to the Endowment Fund:

- Gifts by will
- Cash gifts
- IRAs, Profit Sharing & 401(K)s
- Insurance
- Life Income Agreements
- Charitable Trusts

## Participation

Members of the Endowment Committee would be happy to share with you ideas to participate in this extension of ministry support through Faith by making a gift to the fund or making a grant request to receive support from the Fund.

## Christ's Love Endures Forever

Your generous spirit can bless the ministries of Faith Lutheran Church and Preschool today, tomorrow and into the future.

To learn more, contact either:

- **Endowment Committee** member  
(email [office@faithbtown.org](mailto:office@faithbtown.org) for contact info)

— or —

- **Mark Muehl**  
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*Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday and today and forever.*  
(Hebrews 13:8)



## Endowment Fund Faith Lutheran Church Bloomington, Indiana



*"For I know the plans I have for you,"  
declares the Lord,  
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,  
plans to give you hope and a future"*  
(Jeremiah 29:11)

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## What is an Endowment Fund?

The Endowment Fund is a means by which special gifts of members, friends of the congregation, organizations, corporations, etc. can be received and distributed to extend the programs and ministries of Faith Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Indiana.

The Fund is a separate fund from the weekly contributions which support the regular budgetary needs of the church. The Fund is not intended to interfere with or supplement the regular stewardship or other programs of the church.

## Purpose

The Endowment Fund's purpose shall be to further the mission and ministry of Faith Lutheran Church and its ministries, including, but not limited to Faith Lutheran Preschool and Christian Child Care program, missions and missionaries, and recognized service organizations (RSOs) of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS).

## Fund Operation

The Endowment Fund enhances the mission of Faith Lutheran Church apart from the general operations of the congregation. The Endowment Fund generates an ongoing source of income, enabling the congregation to expand and continue a vision of stewardship and support for responding to important needs and new ministry opportunities.

## Partnership with LCMS Foundation

The LCMS Foundation manages the investments of the Fund's gifts. This partnership allows Faith Lutheran to focus on ministry needs and provide the best opportunities for stewardship and long-term ministry growth.

The Foundation provides charitable gift administration to help donors:

- learn about planned giving opportunities to support the fund
- create a gift plan unique to their lives and circumstances

## Fund Accounts

Individuals who desire to support the Fund should designate their gift to *The Endowment Fund of Faith Lutheran Church, Bloomington, Indiana.*

Gifts may be deposited in one or more of these accounts.

### Unrestricted Account (URA)

- no minimum gift amount
- includes all undesignated gifts and bequests
- used to support many ministry opportunities at Faith Lutheran

### Donor Restricted Account(s) (DRA)

- \$100,000 minimum initial contribution.
- Gifts and bequests may be given by the donor with special terms or conditions as to the use of the gift. (The gift and conditions will require acceptance by the leadership and voting members of Faith Lutheran.)

