

## Charitable Giving Options



In addition to the spiritual and personal satisfaction of supporting our Christian mission, you can make a gift that reduces your current tax burden, provides for a lifetime income stream, or simplifies the eventual distribution of your estate. Common giving methods include:

- Direct gift – cash, stock, real estate
- Deferred gift – bequest through a will or living trust
- Beneficiary designation – retirement assets, life insurance
- Gift of business interests – stock or other assets
- Life Insurance – existing or new policy
- Charitable Gift Annuity – donor receives income stream
- Charitable Remainder Trust – donor receives income stream
- Charitable Life Estate – residence or other assets

## Divine Redeemer Mission



In grateful response to God's grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, we will vigorously make known the love of Jesus by word and deed within our church, community and the world.

*God has not called us to build bigger barns, but rather to "be generous in every way" in order to further our mission of reaching those who do not know Him. The Ministry Endowment Fund is a God directed and effective way to support and sustain our Christian mission now and in the future.*



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# WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

**Does it provide for your family and the ongoing mission of God's church?**

**As you continue as God's good and faithful servant, the Divine Redeemer Ministry Endowment Fund can help you:**

- Create a lasting Christian legacy
- Provide financial support over an extended period of time
- Support ministry activities beyond the congregation's budget
- Make tax advantaged gifts that will protect your loved ones.



# Supporting Ministry



## How Does the Endowment Fund Work?

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to receive and manage gifts and bequests that will sustain Divine Redeemer's mission over an extended period of time. The goal is to build a growing fund balance that will generate ongoing income to support mission and ministry activities well into the future.

The Endowment Fund is managed by a Board appointed Endowment Fund Committee as directed by the Fund's bylaws. As custodian of the Endowment Fund, the Committee is responsible for receiving, managing and distributing all Fund assets.



## How Will the Endowment Fund's Assets Be Used?

The Endowment Fund will make periodic distributions of available funds to selected ministries in accordance with the Distribution Policy. Ministry categories that may receive funds are:

- 1) Outreach/mission/evangelism;
- 2) Human care/mercy ministries;
- 3) Education/discipleship/personnel;
- 4) Divine Redeemer Lutheran School;
- 5) Facilities & technology improvements/program expansion.

Distribution recommendations will be made by the Endowment Fund Committee and no assets of the Fund are to be used for the congregation's operating budget. Within certain guidelines, donors may designate their gift to be used for a particular purpose and those funds will be administered as directed by the terms of the gift.



## How Are the Endowment Fund's Assets Managed?

The Endowment Fund Committee is responsible for managing/investing the Fund's assets and may engage advisors or other financial professionals to assist with these duties. The overall objective is to maintain a balanced approach of generating income for ongoing distributions while also building the balance of the Fund over time.



## How Might You Give to The Endowment Fund?

There are several different ways to contribute to the Endowment Fund and each is unique in what it does, the tax advantages it offers, and appropriate timing. You can make a tax deductible gift directly to the Fund or a deferred gift/bequest through your will or living trust. You may also consider other "planned giving" methods that preserve future income while reducing your tax obligations. Some commonly used giving methods are listed on the following page.

Consult your financial advisor, tax specialist or attorney to learn how these different giving methods will benefit you, your loved ones and our Christian mission. For more information and direction concerning donations to the Endowment Fund, please contact the church office or Pastor Jeff.

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