

Who do I contact for more information or to donate to the Mission Endowment Fund?

Contact a Pastor or Endowment Fund Committee Member

OR

Fill out the attached form

OR

E-mail your questions to ascension@brookings.net

There are financial and estate planning advisors within our congregation and at the SD Synod of the ELCA. A pastor can connect you with these resources if desired. Givers can realize excellent tax advantages and/or creative income while securing a gift to the Fund.

Memorial gifts continue to be encouraged and honored and will be administered apart from the Mission Endowment Fund.



You can leave a Legacy.

Please provide me with additional information on how I can establish a Legacy through the Mission Endowment Fund of Ascension Lutheran Church

Name _____

Address _____

Preferred Phone _____

E-mail _____

Place this form in the offering plate at worship, return to the church office or mail to the address below.

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Sharing God's Gifts



Building a Legacy through
Ascension Lutheran
Church's
Mission Endowment
Fund

Ascension Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund

The Mission Endowment Fund at Ascension was established in 1995 and allows for continued Christian stewardship beyond one's lifetime. The Fund is an accumulation of many gifts, large and small, contributed by those interested in the mission of Ascension Lutheran Church.

Your gift will support programs of the church not covered by the annual operating budget, both within our congregation and beyond our community.

Endowment Funds can be used to support and provide for

- ◇ Camp Counselor Scholarships
- ◇ Camperships
- ◇ Music and Musical Instruments
- ◇ Capital Improvements
- ◇ Seminary Scholarships
- ◇ Other ministries of interest to the donor



What is the Mission at Ascension Lutheran Church?

Our *Purpose* is to be in relationship with God, the creation and one another.

- ◇ Building and strengthening all relationships with God's grace
- ◇ Building up the Body in love
- ◇ Being faithful stewards of all that we've been given

Our *Passion* is the love of Christ for all people.

- ◇ Bringing the cross of Christ to the center of all we do.
- ◇ Living in grace and thanksgiving
- ◇ Seeking to serve all with justice and mercy
- ◇ Inviting others to the Table which bears the Bread of Life

Our *Power* is the Holy Spirit gifting us to fulfill our purpose and passion.

- ◇ Keeping us in the one true faith
- ◇ Challenging us to pass on a living faith in Jesus Christ
- ◇ Renewing our hearts and minds daily for discipleship

Who Manages the Mission Endowment Fund?

The funds of the Mission Endowment Fund are currently invested in the ELCA Foundation Pooled Trust and the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. Ascension Lutheran Church has established a Mission Endowment Committee to determine how the income of the fund should be expended, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

The principal of the Fund remains intact and provides income to enhance the mission of Ascension Lutheran Church. The Mission Endowment Fund does not replace or in any way alter our giving to the annual operating budget of Ascension.

How can I contribute to the Fund?

Following are some ways you can invest in the Mission Endowment Fund:

- ◇ Cash
- ◇ Named endowment to honor family or friends
- ◇ Publicly Traded Securities, i.e. Stocks or Bonds
- ◇ Life Insurance Proceeds
- ◇ Real Estate
- ◇ Individual Retirement Accounts
- ◇ Collectibles or Other Assets
- ◇ Through your Will or Estate