

**Q. Can I designate how my gift is to be used?**

**A.** Yes. Donors may choose to give their gift (regardless of the amount) to one of our established Funds (see below) by indicating their wishes on their intent form. We urge all donors to discuss their wishes and the needs of the church with a pastor or member of the Endowment Committee prior to making a final decision.

All unrestricted (undesignated) bequests and gifts are automatically given to the General Purpose Fund. The General Fund is our major fund and benefits all areas of our mission.

**Current Ministry Area Designated Funds:**

- Outreach Fund
- Spiritual Growth Fund
- Worship Fund
- Building Community Fund
- Operations Fund

Donors wishing to establish a new designated fund, or to name a fund within one of the already established categories, must make an initial gift of a minimum of \$5000.

**Significant Gifts to the Mission Endowment Gifts of \$5000 or more have been given by or in honor of:**

Gladys Dicke	Doris Grunlee
Gene Wagner	Charles Bengsten
Bob & Edna Furreboe	Bob Lundstedt
George & Virginia Aigner	Burt Kingsley
Anonymous (4)	

The total assets in our Endowment Funds is \$325,000. Over 70% of the interest earned each year is distributed toward the Ministries & Mission of Our Saviour's.

**Q. What is the Our Saviour's Heritage Society?**

**A.** The Heritage Society is a way of encouraging the members of Our Saviour's to remember the church in their will or estate plan.

Members of the Society have indicated to the church that they have made provisions for leaving a portion of their estate to Our Saviour's.

Membership in the Society is open to all without regard to the size of the bequest. Members may remain anonymous if they prefer. We currently have 44 members in the Heritage Society. Our goal is to reach 100 Heritage Society members by the time of Our Saviour's 60th Anniversary in 2015.

Society members will be provided with annual reports explaining how gifts are being used for the work of the church. Occasional gatherings of the Society will be held in order to develop and carry out plans for encouraging others to make bequests and for Society members to learn more about how gifts are being used to fulfill the mission of Our Saviour's.



**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**

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enables the people of Our Saviour's to continue our ministry now and even beyond their lifetime.

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provides ongoing support for the Our Saviour's mission, and a way to respond to God's love for us all.

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helps to fulfill our mission to Welcome, Grow, and Equip to Make Christ Known.

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**Q. What is the Mission Endowment Fund?**

**A.** Our Saviour's established the **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND** in January 1994 to enhance the mission outreach of our church. The Fund receives gifts and bequests that will enable Our Saviour's Lutheran Church to support mission programs beyond what is possible through the annual operating budget of the congregation.

The **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND** is separate and distinct from the annual operating budget.

**Q. How is the Mission Endowment Fund different from the Memorial & Special Gifts Fund and the Annual Operating Fund?**

**A.** Gifts to the Memorial & Special Gifts Fund are used in their entirety for their designated purpose. (See the Memorial & Special Gifts brochure) The Annual Operating Fund of the congregation receives weekly offerings and gifts to support the five main areas of ongoing ministry of the church: Outreach, Worship, Spiritual Growth, Building Community, and Operations. These offerings and gifts are used in their entirety, too. Gifts to the **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND** are "gifts that keep on giving!" These gifts are added to the principal of the **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**, which is invested in conservative stocks & bonds. Annually, we distribute the income generated by the earned interest to fund ministry projects beyond what the Operating Fund can do.

**Q. How will the Fund be used?**

**A.** Income from the General Purpose **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND** will provide support for outreach programs: locally, in the Chicago metropolitan area and to missions throughout the world. Income from funds may also be used to underwrite Our Saviour's Capital improvements or debt reduction. If a donor designates a gift for a specific purpose, then income from those funds will be used for that purpose only.

Over \$75,000 has been distributed since the inception of the **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**. Here are some of the fantastic things Our Saviour's has been able to accomplish in the past 15 years because of the **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND**:

\$16,993 for **OUTREACH**, including special gifts to Seminaries, Camps, Mission trips, and several Social Agencies

\$17,049 for **WORSHIP**, including organ concerts and repairs, music, and hymnals

\$20,250 for **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**, including leadership seminars, youth scholarships for national youth gatherings, wilderness and mission trips

\$1,055 for **BUILDING COMMUNITY**, including Stephen Ministry training and Older Adult programs

\$19,945 for **OPERATIONS**, including debt reduction, landscaping, building repairs and improvements, Internet expenses, computers and other equipment

Our goal each year is to distribute up to 70% of our earnings towards ministry projects, while re-investing the balance for future growth of the fund.

**Q. What types of Gifts can be made to the Fund?**

**A.** The **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND** can receive many forms of gifts and bequests. A few of the most common are:

- Trust or Will Bequest
- Securities  
(Gifts of appreciated stocks or bonds often provide significant tax advantages for the donor)
- Life Insurance  
(naming Our Saviour's as a beneficiary)
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Real Estate
- Cash

(In addition to bequests, we also welcome—and encourage—gifts of any size. Numerous gifts of \$25 to \$50 have been received over the life of the Fund.)

**Q. What language do I use to make a bequest to Our Saviour's in my will, trust, insurance or annuity?**

**A.** "I give, devise and bequeath (here insert amount, percentage or property description) to: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church 1234 N. Arlington Heights Road Arlington Heights, Illinois to be added to the **MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND** of the congregation."

Please take this sample form of a bequest to your professional counsel for inclusion in your estate plans. He or she can adapt it for use in your will or trust.

