Make a “Gift that Keeps on Giving”
To the
Mission Endowment Fund of
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church
—either through
planned estate gifts or lifetime giving—
and consider becoming a member of the...
Our Saviour’s Heritage Society
Established December, 2007

Our Saviour’s Heritage Society is a group of members and friends of the church who are helping to support and grow the Mission Endowment Fund. All members of Our Saviour’s are encouraged to join this group in one of two ways:

One way to join the Society is to indicate to the church that you have made provisions for leaving a portion of your estate to Our Saviour’s Mission Endowment Fund. Membership in the Society is open to all without regard to the size of the bequest. Members and friends may remain anonymous if they prefer. Currently, 65 members and friends have joined the Heritage Society in this way. Through this generous planning, people can help OSLC remain a vital Christian church long after they are gone.

Giving to the OSLC Endowment, however, is not limited to planned estate gifts at the time of death. You may make a gift to the endowment at any time during your lifetime as well! You can invest in the long-term health of OSLC’s ministries by giving to the Endowment Fund right now, when you are alive and can see its benefits.

The second way to join the Society is by giving a cumulative gift of $3000 or more to the Endowment Fund during your lifetime. As donors reach this threshold, they will be contacted by staff and invited to join the Heritage Society. Twelve members have joined this way.

Membership in the Heritage Society allows donors to be witnesses to others in their commitment to stewardship to Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church.

Society members will be provided with annual reports explaining how our endowment funds are growing and what income is generated for the mission work of the church. Occasional gatherings of the Society are held in order to develop and carry out plans for encouraging others to make bequests and donations, and for Society members to learn more about how gifts are being used to fulfill the mission of Our Saviour’s.

For more information on the Heritage Society, or if you wish to inform the church of your decision to include Our Saviour’s in your estate plans, please contact Jim Valentine, COO, or Scott Gierke, chairperson of the Endowment Committee.

Including Our Saviour’s in Your Estate Plan

Legacy gifts to Our Saviour’s Mission Endowment Fund can be made in a variety of ways, by:

- making a gift in your will or trust;
- naming the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of an insurance policy, IRA, or retirement plan;
- purchasing a charitable gift annuity; or
- adding a “payable upon death” designation to a bank account or investment account naming the Endowment Fund.

Any such monetary gifts will support the mission and ministries of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church for generations to come.

What language do I use to make a bequest to Our Saviour’s in my will or trust?

“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 language to your professional counsel for inclusion in your estate plans. He or she can adapt it for use in your will or trust.