

■ PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE GRACE ENDOWMENT FUND

A gift to The Grace Endowment Fund is a gift for all time. It is a magnificent, thoughtful and caring way to remember a loved one, mark an occasion or event, honor those around you, or simply give glory to God.

The Grace Endowment Fund was founded in 1996 to build the congregation's ministry in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Endowment Fund holds gifts in perpetuity, providing much needed funds through the earned income on the investment of these funds. This ensures that your gift helps in service to God not only today, but for generations to come.

Grace Lutheran Church is a non-profit organization. All gifts marked for The Grace Endowment Fund are tax deductible.

OUR MISSION

Entrusting the present and future of Grace through thoughtful utilization of lifetime resources.

The Grace Endowment Fund



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■ ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Grace Fund shall be the recipient of all *undesignated* funds, with distribution made according to guidelines established by the Committee.

The following funds allow Fund benefactors to *designate* the purpose to which their donations of **any amount** are used:

- **COMMUNITY SOCIAL MINISTRY FUND**
Benefits programs or individuals in the Apple Valley vicinity.
- **HIGHER EDUCATION/SEMINARY FUND**
Benefits students of Grace in their pursuit of higher education at a college or seminary of the ELCA.
- **MUSIC FUND**
Benefits music programs at Grace.
- **WORLD MISSION FUND**
Benefits the work of the ELCA World Missions.
- **YOUTH FUND**
Benefits Grace Lutheran Church youth.
- **OTHER DESIGNATED FUNDS**
A donor wishing to establish a Designated Purpose Fund may do so, if the purposes of the Fund are consistent with the goals and mission of the Endowment Fund, and if the initial contribution is no less than \$5,000.

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The Grace Endowment Fund was incorporated in January 1996 to receive gifts for the growth of the church.

The Endowment Fund permits existing programs to be expanded and new programs to be developed as needs arise in such areas as: education, youth activities, music, and outreach ministry. The Fund also provides for capital expenditures ensuring future growth for our church.

THE NEED

Grace needs an Endowment Fund:

- To give you a way to continue Christian stewardship beyond your lifetime.
- To enter new ventures for Jesus Christ through our church.
- To help you perpetuate financial support of Grace Lutheran Church.
- To receive gifts from those who wish to remember loved ones in a lasting way.
- To provide financial strength for Grace to meet challenges in the years ahead.

THE BLESSINGS

By giving to The Grace Endowment Fund:

- We will satisfy our desire to continue giving beyond our lifetime as responsible stewards.
- We will help give Grace solid financial strength for the future.
- We will keep our ministry alive so that God's work through Grace may grow.
- We will show our love for Jesus Christ and our brothers and sisters in the family of God.
- We will give witness to our commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit among God's people.

■ GOD'S WILL AND YOURS

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Everyone in America has a will, even if they have never paid for one!

That's because every state has laws dictating how the value of your house, your bank and savings accounts, cars, furniture, and other possessions will be divided if you die without a document which spells out your wishes.

Die without a plan and you leave your heirs a nightmare!

- **Do you have a will?**

When you make your will consider naming as one of your beneficiaries The Grace Endowment Fund.

- **Aren't wills for rich people?**

Yes, and for people of few means and everyone in between.

- **If you have a will, when did you last review it?**

Why change a will? To update it, to meet family needs, to meet current laws, and to remember your favorite ministry here at Grace Lutheran Church.

- **My grandfather didn't have a will.**

It took three years to settle his estate. Your will can help your family save unnecessary expenses at the time of your death.

- **Who needs a will?**

Every adult who owns anything, who has children, and cares what happens at the time of his/her death. Anyone who believes in life-long stewardship and wants to leave a legacy to Grace Lutheran Church and other charities.

■ METHODS OF GIVING

Members and friends of Grace are encouraged to remember The Endowment Fund as they honor loved ones, update their wills, review their life insurance, or commemorate a special event.

Gifts to The Grace Endowment Fund can be made in the following ways:

- **Cash Gifts**

Cash gifts are often given as a memorial or in recognition of a special event in one's life. Checks may be made out to: The Grace Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

- **Bequests**

People who give bequests designate in their wills a percentage of their estate or a dollar amount to be given to The Grace Endowment Fund.

- **Stocks, Bonds or Real Estate**

Gifts of stocks, bonds, or real estate may provide special tax advantages for the donor during the donor's lifetime.

- **Life Insurance**

The Grace Endowment Fund can be named as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy. A gift of a cash value policy for which the donor continues to pay the premiums also may have tax advantages for the donor.

Gifts to The Grace Endowment Fund in any amount are welcome. All gifts must be supportive of the Christian mission of Grace Lutheran Church and consistent with the religious responsibility for the congregation. Donors are encouraged to consult with an attorney or tax advisor to determine giving options best suited to their individual situations.