

How can I or my congregation make a gift?

- Cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or other appreciated assets. *Gifts of appreciated assets may have special tax advantages.*
- Inclusion in wills and trusts.
- Beneficiary designation of life insurance policies, IRAs, and retirement accounts.
- Memorial gifts, in memory of a loved one or a special event.
- Charitable annuities and remainder trusts.
- Gifts from congregations including special offerings, endowments, capital funds, memorials, etc.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund may be tax deductible. Consult with a tax expert to determine any tax benefits gained by different gift options.

Where can I learn more about making a gift?

- Consult your tax preparer, attorney, or financial advisor to better understand how a gift can make a difference and benefit you at the same time.
- Contact Pastor Larry Westfield at Lutheran Planned Giving (LPG) to schedule a confidential, no cost appointment to discuss estate and gift planning for you and your congregation. *There is no obligation, and LPG sells no products.* For more on LPG and gift planning: www.lpgwgift.org.

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For more information about the fund in general, contact the Synod Office.

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Lasting Gifts...

Making a Lasting Difference!



The La Crosse Area Synod
Mission Endowment Fund

Why an endowment fund?

To make a difference right now – and for years to come!

The La Crosse Area Synod has established an endowment fund to support vital ministries of the synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. These ministries lift up the good news of Jesus Christ, touch the lives of God's people, and make a real difference.

These ministries include:

- Seminarian Scholarships
- Lutheran Campus Ministry
- General Synod Ministries
- Raising up Leaders emphasis

Synod Endowment Funds are primarily invested in the ELCA Foundation where they are professionally managed to provide a consistent, positive return. Only the earnings are disbursed.

As the fund grows, increased earnings enable greater ministries, and more and more lives are changed. We invite you to join us in making a difference!

How Are the Funds Used?

To make a difference right now – and for years to come!

Synod Seminarian Scholarships provides tuition assistance to members of our synod preparing for ELCA ministry.

Lutheran Campus Ministry engages the community at UW-L, Viterbo, and Western Technical College in mission.

General Synod Ministries provides for new outreach opportunities and supports a variety of ministries throughout the synod and the ELCA.

God's work... Our hands!

Why plan ahead?

To make a difference right now – and for years to come!

Wills and advance gift plans can help you direct your assets to make a difference for years to come, and enable you to make larger gifts than you could ever make from your income. By planning now, as part of your overall financial and estate planning, you can ensure your assets carry on your values, and proclaim your faith in Jesus Christ!

From Bishop Jim Arends



Think of it:
Your gifts can still be proclaiming the gospel 100 years from now. It's a faithful thing to do.