"For it is in giving that we receive."

St. Francis of Assisi

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE ENDOWMENT?

For Queen Anne Lutheran Church, the Endowment is a way to enhance ministry programs in perpetuity, and, especially at times when regular giving isn't what we hoped, it enables important programs to move forward.

For donors, the Endowment is another way to be generous with all God has entrusted to our care, for tomorrow as well as today. An Endowment gift can also provide you with income and/or estate tax benefits. You are encouraged to work with your tax and/or financial advisors to help determine the gift options best suited to your financial needs. If you or your advisors have questions, a resource available free of charge to Lutherans is Beth Adams, the ELCA's Gift Planner in the Northwest.

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## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions concerning the Endowment Fund or how to make your contribution, please contact the church office. They will be glad to connect you with a resource person.



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# YOUR GUIDE TO

"This food should be held in reserve for the country, to be used during the seven years of famine that will come upon Egypt, so that the country may not be ruined by the famine."

Genesis 41:36

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all, but whatever I've placed in God's hands, that I still have."

2 Corinthians 9:8

Martin Luther

#### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ENDOWMENT?

Simply stated, the purpose of the Endowment Fund is to support the General Fund, today and tomorrow, in our mission of proclaiming God's love in Christ for every person.

In 2011, Queen Anne Lutheran Church was blessed with a large Endowment gift. The anonymous donor witnessed the effects that harsh economic times had on the church's ability to serve people, and wanted to contribute to the work of the church in perpetuity. Moved by this act of faith, the congregation accepted the Endowment gift and established the Endowment Fund.

To ensure fulfillment of this purpose, the congregation established an Endowment Committee, which is responsible for:

- Monitoring the fund assets and the outside fund manager .
- Recommending to the church council and congregation the annual distribution to the general fund.
- Informing the congregation on the stewardship opportunities presented by the Endowment.

# HOW DOES THE ENDOWMENT FIT INTO MY GIVING?

There are many ways to give to Queen Anne Lutheran Church.

- Time and talent
- Weekly offerings
- Periodic capital campaigns
- Donor-designated benevolences
- Endowment gift

You give of your time and talent when you sing in the choir, make a quilt for the homeless, or teach Sunday School. Your offerings support Queen Anne's ministry programs, such as sheltering local women and children in our church basement, and sending aid to those surviving a disaster halfway round the world. All this giving has one thing in common: immediacy. You are giving what is needed by someone today.

The Endowment Fund is different. It is legacy giving meant to support ministry in perpetuity. While you can give directly to the fund today, consider the Endowment when you update your estate plan or are blessed with an inheritance or job promotion. In this way, your legacy gift can be given in the future to ensure the future of Queen Anne Lutheran.

## HOW CAN I GIVE TO THE ENDOWMENT?

There are many ways to contribute to the Endowment.

- Donate cash, stock, real estate, or personal property at any time
- Set up a charitable annuity or charitable trust
- List as a beneficiary in your will or trust
- List as a beneficiary of an IRA or 401K
- List as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy

