

If you have an interest in or just want more information about the Endowment Fund, complete and detach this form. Drop it in the collection plate, mail, or fax it to the church office. A member of the Endowment Committee will contact you.

Name _____

Indicate preferred method of contact.

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The Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund is today's opportunity for sharing God's many gifts and blessings to support ministries and mission programs into the future.

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Why does St. Matthew's have an Endowment Fund?

An Endowment Fund allows many donations to be combined into one fund that can generate annual income. The income can be used to carry out church programs. This provides for the continuation of benefits for many years.

Why should I participate?

Your gifts to the Endowment Fund will help insure that the ministries and programs of the church will continue and grow beyond your lifetime.

Who oversees the collection and management of these funds?

An Endowment Fund Committee, elected at the annual congregational meeting, is responsible for oversight of these funds.

Who is responsible for investing these funds?

Money in the Endowment Fund is invested by a professional money manager as directed by the Endowment Committee.

Will the Endowment Fund accept gifts other than cash?

Yes, generally any asset that has value and can be sold will be accepted. Stocks and bonds are typical of this type of gift. Less liquid assets, such as real estate, must first be approved by the Endowment Committee.

How can I make a gift to the Endowment Fund?

1. Make it part of your normal giving program by designating the Endowment Fund for your donation.
2. Designate that a memorial gift in honor of others be placed in the Endowment Fund.
3. Include a bequest to the Endowment Fund in your will.
4. Designate the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy.
5. More sophisticated methods such as Life Estates or Charitable Trusts can be used to provide special tax and estate planning advantages. You should consult with a qualified expert for advice and assistance.

If you designate the Endowment Fund in a will, insurance policy, or other instrument, please notify the church so that an appropriate record can be made.