



## *Holy Trinity's Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts Policy*

In order to act faithfully and responsibly in planning for gifts, and to respond quickly when gifts are received, Holy Trinity has adopted a policy to guide us.

The Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts Committee has been established to advise donors concerning gifts. The committee, with suggestions from the Congregation Council and the congregation, identifies appropriate needs of the church that may be met through these special gifts.

Gifts may be designated for a specific approved purpose. As an alternative, relatives and friends may make undesignated gifts, in which case the family is invited to help decide how they are to be used.

Persons wishing to make special gifts to Holy Trinity or to one of the institutions or agencies of the church are encouraged to speak to the Senior Pastor or to a member of the Thanksgiving and Memorial Gifts Committee, who will be pleased to help determine how gifts may be most appropriately used by the church, to the glory of God.

### **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church**

- Annual support of:
  - ◊ Chancel Choir Artist in Residence
  - ◊ Campus Ministry Mission Trips
- Campus Ministry Endowment Fund
- Holy Trinity Endowment Fund
- Lohr Special Music Endowment Fund
- Townsend Endowment Fund

#### *Wish List*

- ◊ Carpet tile for classrooms
- ◊ Carpet tile for hallway
- ◊ Chair lift for sanctuary
- ◊ Mini-blinds for classrooms
- ◊ New windows in Pavilion
- ◊ New sound board and micro-phones in sanctuary

### **Community Benevolences**

- Alliance of AIDS Services
- Filling in the Gaps (FIGS)
- Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina
- Habitat for Humanity
- InterAct of Wake County
- Interfaith Food Shuttle
- Meals on Wheels of Wake County
- Families Together (formerly PLM Families Together)
- Transitions LifeCare (formerly Hospice of Wake County)
- Urban Ministries of Wake County

### **North Carolina Lutheran Synod**

- Home Mission Foundation
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Lutheran Services Carolinas (formerly Lutheran Services for the Aging and Lutheran Family Services in the Carolinas)
- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries:
  - ◊ Agapé Camp & Conference Center
  - ◊ Kure Beach Faith Center
  - ◊ Lutheridge Camp & Conf. Center
  - ◊ Lutherock Camp & Conf. Center
- Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary
- Mission Partners:
  - ◊ Joy of Discovery Lutheran Church, Raleigh, NC
  - ◊ Living Waters Lutheran Church, Cherokee, NC

### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)**

- Designated Advance Gifts through the ELCA Foundation
- ELCA Malaria Campaign
- ELCA World Hunger Appeal
- Lutheran Disaster Response
- Lutheran World Relief
- Mission Builders



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*As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.*

*1 Peter 4:10*

## ***Thanksgiving Gifts***

Appropriate expressions of love and thanksgiving are gifts given in honor of loved ones who are living. Significant events in a person's life, such as birthdays, anniversaries, special achievements, honors, etc., are times of joy for all of us. Gifts to the church are most fitting as an expression of thanksgiving to God on these occasions.

## ***Memorial Gifts***

When a loved one dies, Christians turn to the church, not only as a source of comfort in their grief, but also as a means to express their faith in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through Jesus Christ. Many desire to designate memorial gifts to the church, to the glory of God and in memory of a loved one.

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## ***Bequests***

In planning an estate, the faithful Christian will not overlook a bequest to the church or one of its institutions and agencies. The ELCA Foundation has regional gift planners who offer free advice on bequests. More information is available by calling 800-638-3522 or at [www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation](http://www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation).

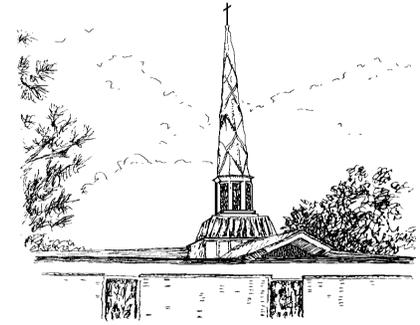
## ***Deferred Giving***

Some Christians may wish to give funds or other property to the church during their lifetime, but reserve the income for themselves and their survivors. Such gifts have tax advantages, making them even more attractive. More information is available at [www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation](http://www.elca.org/give/elca-foundation) or by calling 800-638-3522.

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