

## Mission Endowment

Contact the church office for more information about how you can leave a legacy through the Calvary Mission Endowment Fund.



*For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.*

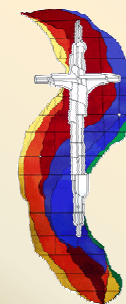
2 Corinthians 8:12

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## Leave a legacy...



**The Mission  
Endowment Fund  
at  
Calvary Lutheran  
Church**

*Your family in Christ...  
welcome home!*

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The tradition of charitable giving is as old as Lutheranism itself. During the Reformation, Martin Luther called upon people to establish a “common chest” from which food, clothing and other necessities could be distributed to people in need.

The tradition of giving and caring encouraged by Martin Luther continues today through the Calvary Mission Endowment Fund. The fund was established by a special resolution of the congregation in 1996 to provide a lasting vehicle for people to express special gratitude to God for the blessings they have received through their church.



Calvary Missions Endowment

Fund...the gift that keeps on giving.

Entirely separate from the congregation's operating budget, the Fund has these specific purposes:

- To receive gifts of cash, securities, estates, life insurance, real estate, etc.
- To carefully and diligently oversee the administration and investment of such funds as an endowment in perpetuity.
- To distribute the Fund's **income only** for religious outreach, missions, and special needs of the congregation.

### What is an Endowment Fund?

An endowment fund is a perpetual fund in which only the income is used.



Donations are pooled together and invested to generate income. The original donation remains invested year

after year. When the fund reaches a designated level, a portion of the income is used annually in accordance with the Fund by-laws.

### How does this differ from a Memorial Fund?

A donation to a Memorial Fund is normally spent right away yielding an immediate, one-time benefit. When a longer-lasting benefit is desired from a donation, the Mission Endowment Fund is more appropriate. Endowment Fund donations are used to generate income that provides benefits for years to come.

### What kind of donations can be made to the Endowment Fund?

Some common types of gifts include:

- Cash donations
- Will bequests
- Trusts or gift annuities
- Stocks or bonds
- Life insurance
- Real estate

The most common form for charitable gifts is cash. It has an immediate effect and is tax deductible. The committee encourages you to consult your financial advisor, and invites

you to ask for information on how to proceed when making any type of gift to the Endowment Fund.

### How may the Endowment Fund income be used?

Some items the income might be used for, in accordance with the Fund bylaws, include:



- Grants to persons in our area in spiritual and/or economic need
- Grants to social service agencies to which this congregation relates
- Grants to Christian educational institutions
- Grants to missions in this continent and worldwide
- Grants for capital improvements, debt reduction or a building program of Calvary Lutheran Church

### How may I make a gift?

To make a donation, contact the church office at 262-786-4010.



*Consider a gift to the Calvary Mission Endowment Fund today. Let your legacy live on.*