C. Gifting Through a Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity

A trust can be established with funding to provide income during your lifetime; upon your death the principal is transferred over to the Endowment Fund. A charitable gift annuity is similar, with an insurance firm guaranteeing the monthly income, and a principal amount going to the Endowment Fund upon your passing. You have wide flexibility to choose your trustee to handle the trust investments, and many choices including ELCA/Thrivent to handle the annuity.

Keep in mind that trusts and annuities are legal documents which must be properly established and funded.



Additional Information and Resources

Should you have further questions about the Christ Church Endowment Fund or about providing a donation through a will, trust, or annuity, please contact Pastor Albertin or the church office for a referral to the Endowment Team. We have a number of resources to draw upon, both financial and legal, and would be happy to help.



Thank You for Your Support!

The Christ Church Endowment Fund



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The Christ Church Endowment Fund exists to support and enhance the long term mission of Christ Church, The Lutheran Church of Zionsville.

The Fund makes specific grants to worthy Christ-centered programs and organizations both within our local church and through outreach.

You have an opportunity to support the long term Christ Church mission through the Endowment Fund by a direct donation or by gifting through a will or trust.



The Endowment Fund in recent years has supported the Christ Church mission by providing scholarships to our Early Childhood Ministry, and by a donation to Lutheran Child and Family Services of Indiana for their family spiritual support program (SEED).



Faith, Love, and Opportunity



There are several ways to donate, all with tax benefits.

A. <u>Direct Donation of Cash or Securities</u>

The Endowment Fund has its own brokerage account set up through Thrivent for Lutherans. A good way to make a donation is by transferring long term appreciated stock to the Endowment account. This gives you a double tax break: the usual fair value charitable donation plus forgiveness of all accumulated capital gains. Remember to transfer the shares, not sell them. Cash donations may be made directly to Christ Church specifying the Endowment Fund.

B. A Gift Through Your Will

Charitable gifts can be specified in your will. This must be set up properly in consultation with your tax advisor and law-yer.