

**The Core Mission of Hope  
Lutheran Church**  
Connect People to Jesus and One  
Another in Joyful Love and Service

Reaching out and extending our blessings beyond our own lives is an intrinsic part of Christian stewardship.

If **Hope Lutheran Church** has played a vital role in your life—in times of joy and difficulty—you can help continue its vital ministry and mission. Your gifts, both now and after your lifetime, can make your church home stronger and more responsive to the needs of generations to come.

An endowment is a wonderful way for the church to remember you or someone you love.



**Hope Lutheran Church**  
Contact Information

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How to Remember **Hope Lutheran Church** with a Legacy Endowment



“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” —*Matthew 6:21*

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## Why a Hope Lutheran Church Endowment Fund?

One of the blessings of **Hope Lutheran Church** is its strong and dedicated group of members and friends. **Hope Lutheran** recognizes that many supporters desire to include **Hope Lutheran Church** in their planned lifetime giving and estate planning programs. To support giving in this way, the church has established the **Hope Lutheran Church Endowment Fund**.

The greatest reward of giving to the **Hope Lutheran Church** Endowment Fund is the knowledge that the gift, regardless of its size or form, will continue to assist the ministry at **Hope Lutheran Church** as it proclaims the good news of the Christian faith to generations well into the future.



## How Can I Participate?

The best gift is one that is appropriate to your particular interests and circumstances. Gifts of all sizes are important and valued! You may choose to make a gift of cash, securities (marketable or unmarketable, appreciated or with a loss), charitable gift annuities, insurance proceeds or other real or personal property, or individual retirement accounts (for a limited period). Your estate will receive a tax deduction in the amount of your charitable bequest.

In all cases, you should consult with your personal tax and legal advisors to ensure that you plan and draft your legacy endowment language carefully, considering your personal goals and individual circumstances, to maximize the benefits to you.

### Examples of gifts include the following:

- **Outright gifts:** Gifts of any amount may be made at any time in memory of loved ones, in honor of others, in celebration of special events and in thanksgiving for God's goodness.
- **Life insurance policies:** Existing or new, partial or in-full policies may be donated.
- **Will or trust:** You can remember the ministry of **Hope Lutheran Church** in your will or associated trust through the legacy endowment program.
- **Lifetime gifts:** A named beneficiary receives income from a trust during his/her lifetime, and at death, the remainder of the principal reverts to the legacy endowment.



## Who Will Manage the Hope Lutheran Church Endowment Fund?

Our endowment fund is located at the Lutheran Legacy Foundation in Paris, Illinois. The Lutheran Legacy Foundation uses professional fund managers to invest endowment assets in a prudent and responsible manner with the objective of protecting the principal while maximizing returns.

The Foundation can give you more information on how this type of gift might work for you. You may reach the Foundation at 217-463-8202 or [www.LutheranLegacyFoundation.org](http://www.LutheranLegacyFoundation.org).

## How Are Gifts to the Endowment Fund Received?

The church has a simple gift agreement, which allows you to give and the church to receive gifts. Donors are encouraged to place a minimum number of restrictions on gifts. However, donor restrictions may be considered.

If you would like to learn more about the **Hope Lutheran Church Endowment Fund** please contact **Contact Name** at phone number, etc.