

## **Build a tradition of giving with your children and grandchildren while you support ministries!**

If you have a desire to establish a legacy of giving for your children and grandchildren, plus support the ministries closest to your heart, then a Family Gift Fund through the LCMS Foundation could be a great financial tool for you.

Through this gift instrument, you can make a lasting impact on ministry and enjoy tax benefits. A Family Gift Fund is your personal ministry fund, identified by the name you select. It provides you the opportunity to recommend the ministries that your fund will benefit as well as the amounts and the timing of your gifts. That means you accomplish your goals, but giving is less complicated because the LCMS Foundation takes care of all the paperwork and reporting, no matter how many different charitable organizations you want to help.

Plus, a family member may be appointed to continue the legacy of giving after the Lord calls you home.

### **One family's example**

Giving to ministries has always been important to Charles and Marion. When the couple told their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor about their desire to establish a flexible fund that would benefit their favorite ministries, their counselor suggested starting a Family Gift Fund.

Today, it's a Christmas tradition for Charles, Marion and their children to discuss the ministries they want their Family Gift Fund to benefit in the coming year. Charles and Marion provide for their favorite ministries and share their strong stewardship values with their children.

### **Your favorite ministries and charities**

You recommend the ministries you want your Family Gift Fund to benefit. At least 51% of the annual distribution must benefit ministries associated with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. These ministries can include any LCMS congregation, school, recognized service organization, Concordia university or seminary. Your Family Gift Fund can also benefit other charitable organizations close to your heart.

### **How do you get started?**

The initial minimum amount to start a Family Gift Fund is \$10,000. Any asset can be used to establish the fund. Your family can add to the fund at any time with a wide variety of gifts and you enjoy the same tax benefits as a direct gift. There are no upfront fees to establish your fund. The only cost that your fund will incur is a monthly contribution of 1/12 of 1% to support the work of the Foundation in counseling and assisting others.

**The LCMS Foundation serves you!**

The Foundation handles all record keeping, disbursement and reporting responsibilities. You receive periodic reports about your fund, including individual records for each gift distribution. Account statements report income earned by the Family Gift Fund and asset values.

The LCMS Foundation is the only Lutheran organization that offers you comprehensive charitable expertise and customized services for your Lifetime Plan for Giving™.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can answer your questions and help you establish your own Family Gift Fund or other gift planning tool.

For current rate information or to learn more about how a Family Gift Fund can benefit you and ministry contact:

**[Gift Planning Specialist Name]**  
**[District or Congregation]**  
**[Address, City, State ZIP]**  
**[Phone] [Email]**

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*For more information, please mail this coupon to the address shown above*

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*This information provided by the **[name]** Committee to help you create a Lifetime Plan for Giving™ that provides for the people you love and ministries you care about.*