

## Your Gift—Your Legacy

Gifts given to Zion St. John Lutheran Church may be designated to the Legacy Fund, which provides a lasting endowment to support the ministries of the congregation.

Gifts given to the Memorial Fund may be designated for a particular ministry; see insert for suggestions.

Gifts are welcome in memory of a person. You may designate a portion of your estate in a will or provide a gift as a perpetual endowment.

*A person may not be seen in the pages of history, but they are always found in the hearts of people they have touched.*

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## Zion St. John Lutheran Church Legacy/Memorial Fund



## What is the Legacy/Memorial Fund at Zion St. John Lutheran Church

The many ministries provided by Zion St. John Lutheran Church have supported worship, education, community living, storm shelters, newborn care kits, quilts for high school graduates and refugees and those less fortunate all over the world. Many more ministries are provided by Zion St. John Lutheran Church in accordance with our Mission Statement:



**“At Zion St. John Lutheran Church we are committed to being the body of Christ until He returns. Led by the Holy Spirit and gathered around God’s Word and Sacraments, we join in worship, learning, spirit-full nurture, outreach, and service, as we grow in faith and invite others to experience Christ’s presence.”**

### How is the Legacy/Memorial Fund Used?

Through direction of the Legacy/Memorial Fund Committee and under supervision of the Church Council, funds may be used to support any of the ministries provided by Zion St. John Lutheran Church. If you prefer, you may specify your gift/memorial be directed to a specific ministry provided by the church.

### What has the Fund been used for in the past?

Memorial gifts given to the church over the past 150 years have been used for nearly every area of need in our church, the community and the world. A complete record book is located in the church and available for review.

Recent uses have been for items such as the wheelchair lift and automatic doors to make attending worship easier for those with disabilities, supplies needed for Sunday School, VBS and Confirmation Classes, purchase or upkeep of equipment to carry out ministries such as the signage at the church, handbells, choir and bell choir music, praise team instruments and music, repairs to church equipment such as the new efficient boiler that heats the Education wing, new HVAC units to heat and cool the narthex, fellowship hall and sanctuary, Bible Camp scholarships and for ELCA support for world disaster relief, hunger programs, and seminaries.

### Can I direct how my gift is used? What else could it be used for?

You may direct your gift for specific ministries provided by Zion St. John Lutheran Church. These could be for one-time projects or needs or lasting ministries. The church maintains a list of ideas that may help guide your designation. See the enclosed insert.

If you do not designate a specific ministry you would like to support, the gift may go into the Legacy Fund. This fund is invested by the congregation in secure and stable investments. Each year the interest, and only in certain defined cases some principle, is withdrawn and used to support the ministries of the congregation. This is done in a manner that ensures the Legacy Fund and your gift will provide lasting support for the ministries of the church.

### Are my gifts tax deductible?

Gifts to the Legacy Fund are treated as any gift to the church and may be deductible as other contributions to the church. You may need to receive a receipt at the time of the gift for tax purposes for large gifts to ensure your gift is fully deductible. Contact a member of the Legacy/Memorial Fund Committee, the Pastor or your tax planner for more information.