

WHO WILL ADMINISTER THE ST. JOHN'S PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM?

The Planned Giving Committee has the power and authority necessary to carry out the purposes of the Trust Fund in accord with the policies of the voters of St. John's Congregation.

The committee is responsible for receiving and investing the available assets into either a Gift Trust Fund or an Endowment Fund.

The committee will recommend to the church council the best use of the funds earnings. The recommendations will then be forwarded to the voters for approval.

The Planned Giving Committee shall render a full and complete account of the administration of the fund at the Congregational meetings.



CAN THE DONOR DIRECT THAT THE GIFT BE USED FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES?

Yes, many would like to know that their special interest would be advanced into perpetuity. For example, your IRA beneficiary form might state, "To my spouse, however, if he or she is predeceased, the balance in this account is a gift to St. John's Lutheran Church, Oak Creek for (Property Maintenance).

Examples of Special Ministries Gifting:

Property Maintenance: Used for maintenance on property and equipment

Ministerial Education: Used for members' tuition assistance at WELS worker training schools

Building and Improvement: Used for building improvements or new construction

Debt retirement: Used to retire existing debt

Undesignated gifts: Used for projects as determined by voters



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A GIFT THAT WILL KEEP ON GIVING

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE ST. JOHN'S PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM?

The purpose of the Planned Giving Program is to aid the funding of the various ministries of St. John's through the encouragement and management of donations, memorials, and other gifts.

St John's Planned Giving Program provides the organization and structure which allows the congregation to encourage, receive, and administer special gifts of possessions such as:

- Real Estate
- Securities
- Retirement plans (401(k), 403 (b), & IRAs
- Insurance
- Other types of real and personal property

St. John's Planned Giving program also provides an orderly, established, and convenient means to encourage, receive, and administer special gifts in the form of bequests and memorials.

Finally, St. John's Planned Giving Program creates a source of future income to assist in the continued ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church.

WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER GIVING TO THE ST. JOHN'S PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM?

A congregational planned giving program is God-pleasing.

It's purpose is to provide the opportunity for the members to return other assets besides cash to the Lord for his work here on earth

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throne open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room for it." Malachi 3:10

It reminds us that wills and estate planning are part of Christian Stewardship, and are God-given opportunities to put love into action for one's family as well as for the Lord.

It provides opportunities to donate appreciable assets such as stocks, bonds, or real estate and deduct the current market value from your taxes without paying capital gains taxes.



How CAN I DONATE TO THE ST. JOHN'S PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM?

You may designate a cash donation, memorial, bequest, insurance benefit, or any other property acceptable to the committee of the Planned Giving Program.

Please designate any gift to the Planned Giving Committee as either "Gift Trust Fund" or "Endowment Fund" to assure proper credit.

Gift Trust Fund: This fund allows for the use of both principal and earnings to enhance the work of the church. Also, any undesignated gifts may also be placed into the Gift Trust Fund at the discretion of the church council.

Endowment Fund: This fund is perpetual and perpetuating, allowing for the use of the earnings only from the fund to enhance the work of the church.

If you have any questions or would like further information regarding the St. John's Planned Giving Program, please contact the church office.