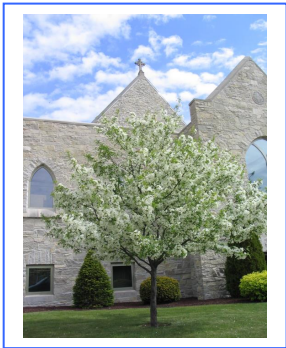


## What is the Immanuel Lutheran Endowment Fund (ILEF)?

The endowment fund is a collection of monetary gifts from members and/or friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church. **Our endowment fund focuses on the long-term financial future of our congregation.**

These gifts are invested for long-term growth and a portion of the income is distributed to the congregation for current and/or specific projects in support of Immanuel's mission. They provide help in many areas – such as Christian education, building improvements, future building, special projects, community out-reach and synod mission work.



## How can I be sure the money I donate to ILEF will keep giving?

Our endowment fund is designed to preserve the principal and a portion of the earnings. The remainder of the earnings will support specific projects of our congregation.

**Because only a portion of the annual earnings of the fund is used each year, the Fund continues to grow** and provides a permanent source of support to our mission.



## How can I donate to ILEF?

Immanuel has received donations in a variety of ways:

- Memorials
- Anniversary thank offering
- Appreciation for special blessings
- Birthday – in honor of parents and/or children.
- Bequest from a Will

As you can see, there are many specific ways to donate to the ILEF. Any reason for an ILEF donation is a good one. **Gifts to the Endowment Fund are gifts from the heart that further Immanuel's work and mission of spreading God's Word.** Gifts can remain anonymous if requested.

## What happens to money I give to the ILEF?

All of your gifts flow into the Endowment Fund and increase the principal balance. **These gifts are invested for long-term growth.**

ONLY the return on the investment of these funds is used to support our church's mission. **A portion of the income is distributed to the congregation for current and/or specific non-budgeted projects in support of Immanuel's mission,** while the rest is re-invested.

Because only a portion of the investment return of the Fund is used for non-budgeted projects, the Fund itself continues to grow each year. **Your gift to Immanuel's Endowment Fund keeps on giving for many years to come.**

**“Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn.”**

*Psalm 22: 30-31*





## What is Planned Giving?

“Planned giving” means creating a specific plan for future gifts to benefit our church or other charities that are important to us. These gifts may be made during our lifetime or at death. Many people consider planned giving when preparing a will or estate planning, but **planned giving can be made part of our financial plans at any time in our lives.** Planned gifts to the ILEF will ensure that the mission of our church will continue into the future.

Making a charitable bequest in your will is the simplest way to make a planned gift. You can specify the amount or percentage of assets that are to pass to the church or charity. Your estate will receive an estate tax deduction for the bequest. There is no limit on the amount of the charitable gift made by bequest. Gifts to the ILEF can remain anonymous by request.

**ILEF is designed to preserve the principal and portion of the earnings.** The remainder of the earnings is used for non-budgeted items needed to fulfill the mission of our church. Because only a portion of the annual earnings on our Fund is used each year, the Fund is buffered against inflation and **provides a permanent source of support to our mission.**

**“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deed of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.”**

*Psalm 78:4*

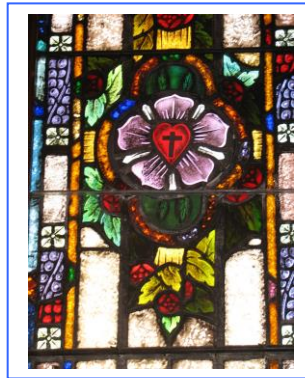


The **Heart** represents the love we have for our Savior.

The **Seedling** represents our gifts of love and their growth.

The **Steeple of Immanuel** shows how our congregation serves as a tool to carry out our Lord’s mission.

The **Cross of Christ** serves as the focus of our gifts.



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