



In Perpetuity: Legacy, End-of-Life or Planned Giving

Well done, good and faithful servant. – Matthew 25:14

Your impact on Advent Lutheran and the wider community has no end when you make a legacy gift. Many members have designated a portion of their estate—large or small—to the Advent Lutheran Church Endowment Fund. Thanks to their faithful generosity, our endowment has grown to more than \$250,000! Grants funded by the endowment support a host of vital ministries on our campus, around Arlington and beyond.

HOW IT WORKS

A donation (money or assets) made after your time on earth lives on through the endowment fund. Because only the profits from the invested principal are used to fund grants, a legacy gift establishes an ongoing source of income for future grant distribution.

Your gift means that a child, a parent, an addict, a student, a prisoner or someone else in need will be touched through the many ministries the endowment fund supports. Or you might be supporting an exciting new ministry in its earliest stages, responding to a disaster or even helping to train a new pastor or musician.

HOW TO MAKE A LEGACY GIFT

Fortunately leaving a legacy gift doesn't need to require any sort of complicated legal document. Simply write the Advent Lutheran Church Endowment Fund into your will or estate plan. If you already have a will or estate plan in place, all you need to do is sign a one-page codicil to amend it—a step you can take without the help of a lawyer. We are happy to provide a sample codicil.



You may prefer to designate the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary for your IRA, life insurance policy or other investments. We recommend that you consult with your financial planner or attorney if you have questions.

HOW MUCH TO GIVE

While any amount is welcome, we find that setting a percentage, rather than designating a fixed amount, generally works best. Perhaps think of an end-of-life gift like tithing since your estate can name multiple beneficiaries. You've given 10% of your income during your lifetime. Why not do so one more time as a final act of love and generosity?

Contact any board member or Pastor Erik for more information.

We are grateful for your support both now and in the future through the grant-giving ministry of the Advent Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.