

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To make a gift to the Foundation Fund by check, make the check to Faith Lutheran Church and clearly identify it for the Foundation Fund.

Our Gift Planning Counselor offers guidance to those who wish to give a gift of stocks, bonds, life insurance or real estate. They also offer services to assist people in leaving their estate or a portion of it to our Foundation Fund.

If you have questions or desire additional information, please contact the church office. A Foundation Fund committee member will then be in contact with you to discuss how you might use this opportunity to further the mission and purpose of the Faith Lutheran Church Foundation Fund.



Using your gifts and bequests for the Mission and Ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, today, tomorrow, and for years to come.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

For over sixty years, Faith Lutheran Church at the corner of 9th and Chestnut in Hastings, Nebraska has been witnessing to Jesus' love and sharing God's Word with a pattern of excellence. We have done so much good work here together over those decades: preaching Christ crucified and risen, teaching the unchanging truths of the Bible, compassionately caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, ministering to the sick and lonely.

When God blesses us -- and so many of us can witness to the ways God has blessed us abundantly -- we want to be a blessing to others. That's our joyful response. Your financial gifts to the Faith Lutheran Church Foundation Fund, carefully invested and wisely managed, will allow for creative new ventures of Christian mission that will benefit our children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors for years to come. It's exciting to imagine all the good your gift will do, all the vital ministries it will support, all the lives it will touch!

What you do with your assets in life, and in death, says a lot about who you are, what you believe. How has God blessed you? And what legacy might you leave? Through the ministry of the Faith Lutheran Church Foundation Fund, you can plant a seed today that will grow and bear fruit for years to come, honoring God and serving God's people.

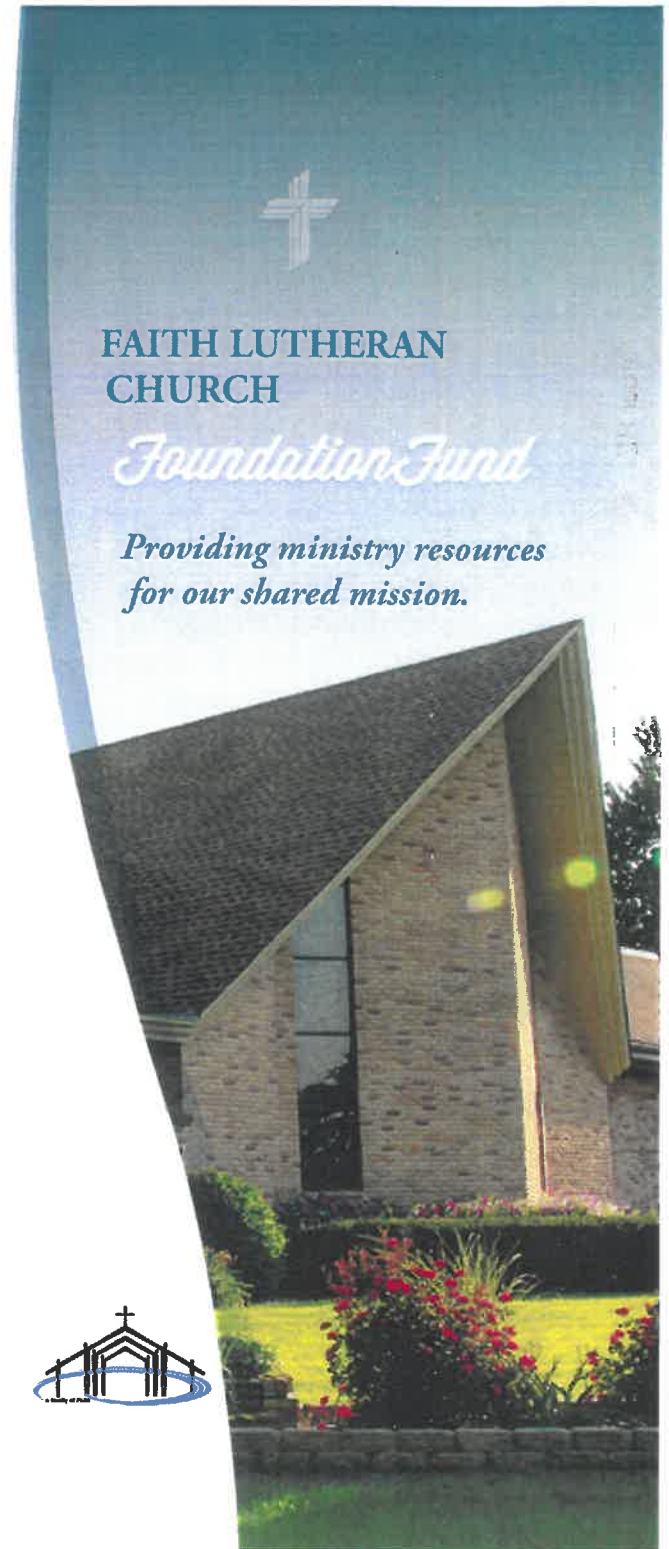
Rev. Paul T. Dunbar



**FAITH LUTHERAN
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Foundation Fund

*Providing ministry resources
for our shared mission.*



HOW THE FOUNDATION FUND STARTED

Wilhelmina Cornelius (“Billie” to her friends) was a long-time member of the church, and a nurse’s aid for many years, who lived her life rather simply, without a lot of fanfare. She had a generous heart; I remember as a young pastor, in one of my first visits to Billie in her small apartment out at Good Samaritan Village, I commented on her lovely rocking chair, and she tried to send me home with it! Then, before she died in 2002, she surprised many by quietly placing all her resources into a trust that became the first major gift to the Foundation. She said that after her death, her decision could be made public only so that others would know that with careful planning and modest living, they too could give a bequest to the Lord. That gift has over the years been used to purchase a church bus to bring people to worship, to buy the parsonage Pastor Josh lived in, and later to expand our church parking lot. God bless you, Billie!



PURPOSE AND MISSION

The purpose of the Foundation Fund is to receive, manage, and distribute funds for the five main missions of the Foundation Fund:

Christian Education Assistance supports congregational members attending conferences and seminars.

Outreach and Missionary Support for local, district, and synodical missions.

Christian Music supports Faith’s music programs and outside choirs/musicians.

Capital Improvement supports Faith’s possible expansion or remodeling projects.

Community/Member Support and Outreach provides support for social improvement to the congregation and community.

MAKING GIFTS

Gifts can be made in many forms:

Cash

Tangible personal property

Marketable securities

Life insurance

Charitable gift annuities

Real estate

Gifts may be given for specific purposes within the mission of the Foundation Fund or without specific designation. Funds cannot be used for the church’s operational budget. Our Gift Planning Counselor at the LCMS District Office provides assistance to our members at no cost, helping to maximize gifts for loved ones and ministry while minimizing taxes. Contact the District Office at (402) 643-2961.

MANAGEMENT

Management lies with the Church Council. A separate committee reports to the Council on a monthly basis. Committee members include:

6 members from the Congregation

Senior Pastor

Church Treasurer

Church Council President

Annual report of activities are presented to the Church Council and Voters’ Assembly.

The majority of our Foundation Fund assets are currently invested with the LCMS Foundation, our Synod’s long-term investment entity.



DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Any congregation member, group, or board may request use of the fund. The Foundation Committee determines the amount available for distribution.

Application forms are available at the church office to request funds for projects or purposes which fit one of the five missions outlined for the fund. The Foundation Committee will then recommend and obtain approval from the Council for use of the funds.