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MEMORIAL GIFT CATEGORIES

Policy Statement: The following list provides suggested broad categories for the designation of memorials and fits to the Bethel Lutheran Foundation. Also shown in parenthesis are selected sub-categories and examples.

1. **Church** ... properties, equipment, organizations and administration (Sunday School, Library, Choir, Office, Organ Fund, Narthex Enhancement, Landscape Update, Caring Ministry, Youth, Young Adults, Seniors, Kitchen, Parish Hall, Parish Nurse Program, Old Church Renovation, LWML, Nursery, Bell Choir, Praise Band, Small Group Ministry, Debt Reduction, Church Endowment Fund).
2. **SCHOOL (Elementary and Pre)** ... properties, equipment, organizations and administration (Gymnasium fund, Tuition Assistance Fund, Curriculum Update, Science Laboratory Equipment, computer Hardware/Software, Office Classrooms, Playground/Landscaping, Pre-School Equipment, Athletic Equipment, kitchen, Commons Area, Special Interest Clubs, Library, Soccer/Track/Ball Fields, School Endowment Fund).
3. **SCHOLARSHIPS:** (Church Worker Scholarship Endowment, Fund for Professional Development – Called Staff, Tuition Scholarships for School and Preschool, Camp CILCA Scholarships for Eight Grade and below, Snoke Memorial Scholarship, LaHood Memorial Scholarships, McConkey Memorial Scholarship).
4. **MISSIONS & OUTREACH:** (This can be for local evangelism efforts or for work overseas, e.g., support of Bethel’s missionaries, Project Brazil, Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity. It could also include distributions to various LCMS agencies, e.g., Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Hour Ministries and LCMS seminaries and universities/colleges).
5. **QUEENWOOD DEVELOPMENT:** (this can be for planned/desired facilities at the Queenwood 30 acres, e.g., sanctuary, school, other, after the current debt is paid off).
6. **CAPITAL RESERVE:** (This is a fund established for emergencies and large, non-budgeted “capital” needs of the Church and School).

If the family desires a specific use that is not included above, a separate “account” would be established. The primary criterion is that the memorial/gift be used to the Glory of God.

The Foundation also has an “undesignated” fund that is used for memorials/gifts that have no preferred use.

Bethel Lutheran Church founded the Bethel Lutheran Foundation in 1982 to supplement the traditional giving and stewardship programs. Its purpose is “to further the work of the Kingdom of God through Bethel Lutheran Church and School by receiving, managing and disbursing memorials, gifts, grants and bequests”.

