

# **Reaching out to others with the love of God**

## **Through the Lord of Life Mission Endowment Fund**



*"You are the people of God: he loved you and chose you for his own ... Everything you do or say, then should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God." - Colossians 3:12-17*

The Lord of Life Mission Endowment Fund is used to further Christ's ministry beyond our congregation and our building on Dublin-Granville Road. Gifts to the fund are intended as a lasting benefit to this ministry. They can come from bequests at death, gifts of inherited wealth, and any gift in general with no regard to size. The lasting benefit comes from the fact that only the interest from the fund will be used as outreach so the fund will never be depleted.\*

The ministries chosen to benefit from the fund are solicited from the congregation and the church community at large. The specific distributions are determined annually by the elected Mission Endowment Fund Committee. In no event will the fund be used to support the operating budget of Lord of Life Lutheran Church or sustain its existence.

\* As described in the congregation's bylaws, no distribution to the fund will be made until the market value of the fund exceeds \$100,000. Once this is reached, the annual amount distributed may be up to 5% of the average market value of the last twelve quarters. The fund is currently invested in the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust.

**To date our fund has had the following  
impact in our community:**

- We have helped feed the needy through contributions to Jacob's porch, Faith Mission, LSSCO's West Side Food Pantry, and the Smoky Row Food Pantry.
- We have helped staff after school programs, and Saturday Kid's Camp at First English Lutheran.
- We have helped provide for Mission outreach at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Cincinnati.
- We have helped fund the needs of the Jr. Lutheran Program at Salem Lutheran Church, Salem, OH.
- We have helped provide medications to the needy through supporting the Charitable Pharmacy of Central OH.

The list will grow through your support of The Mission Endowment Fund, and God willing, will extend beyond our lifetimes.



*The Junior Lutheran ministry at Salem Lutheran Church in Salem, Ohio received a grant from the Lord of Life Mission Endowment Fund to purchase a microphone system for use in their Wednesday night program. This ministry is for children who are members of Salem as well as many children from the surrounding area.*

Giving through accumulated, inherited, and appreciated resources is often called "asset stewardship." A Christian is called out of the water and Word of baptism to respond faithfully to God's grace in Christ. God has acted in love towards us, and calls us to respond with acts of kindness towards others. As people of God, we are encouraged to give proportionately from our accumulated resources during life or at death. "Asset stewards" plan for the distribution of all lifetime accumulations, a vital and faithful step in stewardship.

Gifts can be made to the fund at any time and in any amount. Just make a notation on the gift. "Lord of Life Mission Endowment Fund."

*Bequests can be made simply by including language in your will or trust. If a preamble to your will is desired please see below for an example:*

*In Thanksgiving to God for the gift of life given in Baptism and for the many blessings which God has showered upon me, I now commend my loved ones to grow in faith and fellowship, being true to their own baptism, knowing that God will continue to provide for them in their lifetime; I encourage them to place their faith and trust in our Lord and Savior. I now respond to God's grace shown to me with the decision to leave to the Lord of Life Endowment Fund the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. This bequest is an expression of my thanksgiving to God, and stewardship with the hope that the ministries of Jesus Christ will be strengthened and extended in the life of the Church.*

*Note: When you decide to include a bequest or gift in your will or trust, your attorney should be consulted to obtain the appropriate advice in order to give effect to your intent. Please contact the church office if you would like help in creating your preamble.*