



Nurturing the faith for future generations

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Lutheran Legacy Foundation (LLF) exists to help Lutheran organizations & individuals establish & grow endowment funds to achieve a more secure financial future for the ministries they love.

Endowment Funds

We have a simple, straightforward process, with minimal paperwork or unnecessary hassle.

Matching Grants

We provide matching starter and accelerator grants to help you maximize your investment impact.

Professional Management

We partner with strategic experts and resources to drive optimal, enduring performance for your endowment.

Built for Lutherans, by Lutherans

When you partner with Lutheran Legacy Foundation, you're not just opening a fund—you're planting a legacy with trusted hands. We exist to nurture the Christian faith and values to future generations. And we make it simple, faithful, and fruitful for you to give in a way that endures to maximize your legacy.



Investing in the Future of the Faith

LLF partners with **churches, schools, ministries, organizations, individuals, families, and advisors** to help carry the faith forward—building lasting support for Lutheran ministry today and for generations to come.

100+

Active Family Funds

250+

Active Organization Funds

\$90+

Assets Under Management



From Faithful Givers to Faith Filled Communities.



Churches



Schools



Ministries & Organizations



Individuals & Families



Professional Advisors

Our Approach

Through education, endowment development, and legacy planning, LLF equips Lutherans to give faithfully, grow wisely, and support the Church and Faith for future generations.

HOW WE HELP

Endowments Funds

Unlike traditional donations that are spent immediately, endowment gifts create lasting impact.



Donations becomes part of the endowment principal which grows through professional investment management.



Each year, 4-5% of the fund is distributed to your ministry or organization



The remainder continues to see compounding growth through reinvestment, while providing perpetual support for Christian education.

Types of Endowment Funds

LLF offers three flexible endowment options that let you support a specific ministry, recommend grants over time, or focus your giving on a broader area of impact.

Designated Funds

Support a specific ministry, school, congregation, or cause you care about, with annual distributions that continue year after year.

Donor Advised Funds

Make charitable contributions now, receive tax benefits, and recommend grants to qualified nonprofits when the time is right.

Field of Interest Funds

Support a broader ministry area, such as education, missions, or youth outreach, while LLF directs grants where they are needed most.



HOW WE HELP

Matching Grants Program

LLF's Matching Grant programs make starting and growing an endowment easier. By investing alongside your ministry, LLF can match qualifying gifts to increase your impact and build support for the future.

Matching Grants for Organizations

Startup Grants

50% match on first \$10,000 for establishing new endowment funds

OR

Accelerator Grants

20% match on future gifts up to \$500,000

Matching Grants for Individuals

Startup Grants

\$5,000 bonus match on initial gifts of \$20,000.

OR

Accelerator Grants

\$1,000 bonus for each \$5,000 gift (up to five times per fund – \$5,000 maximum match)

To See if you Qualify, go to: lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/matching-grants

Founding Legacy Match

For new endowments established with large contributions of \$1 million or more, Lutheran Legacy Foundation provides a special Founding Legacy Match totaling \$175,000, paid out over a three-year schedule. This match gives qualifying endowments a significant boost from the start.

Endowments that take advantage of the Founding Legacy Match are not eligible for future Accelerator Grants.





HOW WE HELP

Professional Management

LLF manages endowment funds by handling investment oversight, administration, reporting, accounting, and tax details—so churches, schools, ministries, and donors can focus on their mission.

Growth Without Guesswork

LLF helps partners grow and steward their funds with professional guidance, simplified processes, and support that makes faithful giving easier to manage.

✓ Competitive Returns

Because LLF manages many funds under one umbrella, we can use shared efficiencies to pursue competitive returns while keeping costs low.

✓ Simple Accounting & Audits

We handle accounting, tax filings, and audits for you. You'll receive clear, timely reports, and your fund stays compliant with IRS requirements.

✓ Planned Giving

Planned giving helps members support your ministry through their estate plans, building lasting generosity for the future.



A Legacy Rooted in Faith

Lutheran Legacy Foundation was formally established in 2005, inspired by Clara and Spencer Werner of Paris, Illinois, whose faithful stewardship dedicated more than \$30 million to Lutheran causes. Today, LLF continues their vision by helping individuals, churches, schools, and Lutheran institutions build lasting endowments that support Christian education, mission work, and ministry for generations.



Learn the Full History of LLF

Discover how the Werners' generosity shaped LLF's mission, their lasting Lutheran ministry support, and more at lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/history

GETTING STARTED

Create Lasting Support

Step 1 - Easy Application

Fill out a simple application with information about your ministry, your funding goals, and your initial investment.

Step 2 - LLF Matching Grants

If your ministry qualifies, LLF will match the funds you raise, giving your new endowment an immediate boost and helping your generosity go further.

Step 3 - Growth & Distribution

Once your fund is established, it begins growing and generating annual support for your ministry.



Start Today

Visit lutheranlegacyfoundation.org to start your application and begin building lasting support.



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