



ENDOWMENT FUND

FOR

BENEVOLENCE

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

What is the Endowment Fund?

Shepherd of the Hills' Endowment Fund for Benevolence is a perpetual fund that receives gifts of cash or property, invests those gifts wisely through our fund administrator (the Lutheran Community Foundation), and uses the generated earnings for benevolence. It is a stewardship vehicle to manage inherited and accumulated gifts entrusted to us so that we may support ministries beyond our congregation.

Why Contribute?

- To increase support of ministries beyond our annual budget
- To create a lasting legacy of benevolence
- To honor the memory of someone
- To reduce estate taxes
- To reduce income taxes

What Ministries Are Supported?

Earnings from the Endowment Fund for Benevolence can be used to support various ministries in the local and global community. Past disbursements from the fund have supported causes such as "Stand With Africa" and the ELCA mission congregation in the Leander and Cedar Park area.

What Kind Of Gifts May I Give?

Gifts may be in the form of:

- Cash
- Securities
- Property that can be readily converted to cash (e.g. automobiles, boats)
- Deferred giving:
 - * Wills
 - * Life insurance policies
 - * Annuities
 - * Trusts (which include Charitable Remainder Trusts, an arrangement in which property or money is donated to a charity, but the donor continues to use the property and/or receive income from it while still living)

How Do I Make My Gift?

If giving by check, designate your gift to the "Endowment Fund for Benevolence." Contact a board member, one of the pastors, or the Financial Officer for help with other forms of gifts.

For more information see the brochure in the Narthex or e-mail the Financial Officer, Trixi Spinelli: trixi@shephills.org