

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gifts, Bequests and Memorials Guidelines
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I. Gifts (In honor of someone)

- A. Gifts given with a designated purpose will first be reviewed for approval and acceptance by the Church Council and then placed into the appropriate account. (Current, Building, Benevolence, Special Projects, and Scholarship, etc.)
- B. Undesignated gifts which are made to the Church will be deposited into the Current Fund regardless of the amount.

II. Bequests — (Estate Distributions, Willed)

- A. Bequests which are made to the Church with a designated purpose will first be reviewed for approval and acceptance by the Church Council and then placed into the Memorial Fund.
- B. Undesignated bequests which are made to the Church will be placed into the Memorial Fund.

III. Memorials (In memory of a deceased person)

- A. Memorials which are given to the Church with a designated purpose will first be reviewed for approval and acceptance by the Church Council and then placed into the Memorial Fund.
- B. All Memorial Fund contributions shall be accepted with a one year period during which the family may make a recommendation on the use of the funds, to be approved and accepted by the Church Council. If no recommendation is made within the one year period, the funds will become “undesignated fluids”.

All gifts, bequests, and memorial funds, at the point they are given, become the property of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.