

*Please complete this Form and return to Trinity Lutheran Church or drop in the worship offering plate.*

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to further the work of Trinity's MEF:

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and indicate "Mission Endowed Fund" in the lower, left corner of the check.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information on how to include Trinity and the MEF in my financial plans, Will or Estate Planning.

Please have a member of the MF Team contact me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

The first disbursement of our Mission  
Endowed Fund occurred in December 2018,  
to the following mission efforts:

\$1,000 to Healthy Start to support a ministry that will encourage and assist new moms in breastfeeding through education, clinics with practical assistance, and counselors.

\$1,000 to Parenting Matters to support the "Music in Motion" program to assist parents in learning to engage dance and song and other arts in play, deepening the quality of parent/child interaction.

\$2,000 to assist our Mission Partner congregation, Christ Lutheran Church in Englewood, FL, (where Deacon Troy Jacobsen, our monthly guest preacher, serves with his wife) to establish a new web-site and to generate paper or digital materials aimed to invite new participants to this growing church.

\$2,000 to the Trinity Wellness Fund which has been established to assist members of our faith community who are struggling with the financial difficulty of uncovered medical bills with teenage mental health treatment and therapy.

*Jesus said: 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for  
one of the least of these you did for Me.'*

-Matthew 25:40

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Mission Endowed Fund

### Establishing a Lasting Legacy



**Being Neighbor +**

**Sharing God's Transforming Love**

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## Why have the Mission Endowed Fund?

Our Congregation's character is built on the mission of "Being Neighbor + Sharing God's Transforming Love." Each year a large amount of designated giving is funneled through our Congregation into our community. To grow and develop additional support for ministry needs close to us, and down the road, our faith community recently created the Mission Endowed Fund (the "Mission Fund") that will support doing the work of Christ in our community and world through its income well beyond any of our life spans.

## What is the Mission Endowed Fund?

The Mission Fund was created in 2017 with a little over \$50,000 in principal. Through additional gifts, the Mission Fund has grown to \$72,000. The money in the Mission Fund is invested such that the earnings generated are available for distribution to support Trinity's community and faith ministries.

## How is the Mission Endowed Fund Invested and Managed?

The Mission Fund is housed as a separate fund within the ELCA Foundation to take advantage of the expertise of its talented financial advisors. Those advisors invest the ELCA Foundation's funds in accordance with Lutheran Christian investment principles and models of stewardship.

## How will the Mission Endowed Fund Be Used?

Trinity's Mission Fund Team (comprised of three members of the Congregation, plus the Congregation Council Treasurer and the Pastor), with the approval of the Congregation Council, determines the amount and uses of distributions from the Mission Fund. Distributions are made at least annually and are used for:

- ELCA missions nationally and worldwide
- Outreach into our community, including social, health and educational ministries
- Extraordinary program and/or ministry initiatives of Trinity
- Special ministries of the Florida-Bahamas Synod ELCA

## How Can I/WE Contribute to the Mission Endowed Fund

Our Mission Fund grows through your present and future gifts. You may designate a gift to the Mission Fund at any time. Gifts are received as cash, stocks, bonds, bequests, memorials, insurance policies and various trusts.

Your gifts to the Mission Fund will grow the principal of the Mission Fund and generate additional earnings from investment, thereby increasing the size of future distributions for God's mission. **All contributions need to state that they are for Trinity's Mission Endowed Fund.**

*For More Information about the Mission Endowed Fund and Contributing to the Mission Endowed Fund, Contact the Church Office at:*

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[www.TLCbradenton.com](http://www.TLCbradenton.com)



To have a member of the Mission Fund Team contact you and answer your questions, or to make a one-time donation to the Mission Endowed Fund, please tear off this part of the brochure and fill in your information on the reverse side.