

Honor And Memorial Gifts Policy

An honor or memorial gift is one way for you to express your sympathy or gratitude, or when you wish to celebrate an occasion or honor someone. All gifts are received as given to the glory of God and in support of the congregation's mission and ministry. The congregational council determines the use of such funds. The pastor will present options for the use of such gifts to the family.

When You Wish To Express More Than Sympathy

More and more, it is customary for friends, family members and associates of bereaved persons to establish memorials that live on in the name of the deceased. On many such occasions, when you and others wish to offer consolation to the bereaved family on the loss of a colleague or friend, it will be appropriate to establish a memorial tribute.

When You Wish To Express Your Gratitude

There are times when you wish to give thanks, and when a material gift is not quite appropriate. Such occasions could include: the recovery of a friend or loved one from a serious illness or accident; the occurrence of a special anniversary or birthday; or an unusual achievement by an associate or relative. You could, in lieu of a gift, honor that person by establishing a honor tribute in his or her name.

Ways of Giving

Gifts of Cash - Cash contributions are deductible up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. If you exceed that limit in any single year, you can "carry over" the excess deduction into the next five years.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities or Real Estate - Stocks (including mutual funds), many bonds, and other securities and property may make ideal contributions. If you have been considering selling a particular holding, check first with your professional advisor to see if it would make a suitable gift. Tax savings may allow you to give more than if giving cash.

Gifts by Will - A simple addition to a will which states "I give the sum of _____ dollars to Christ the King Lutheran Church for such purposes as its Council shall determine" can provide long-term benefits for our congregation's ministry while reducing the federal estate tax. Your attorney can provide additional information.

Gifts of Life Insurance - A current policy can be changed or a new policy naming Christ the King Lutheran Church as owner and beneficiary can provide both a substantial contribution and tax advantages.

Matching Gifts - Many companies will match the contributions their employees make to charitable institutions. If your company offers this benefit, be sure to complete the necessary form to multiply your gift dollars. Contact your Personnel Department.

Acknowledgment

Each Honor or Memorial Gift is acknowledged by a letter sent to the person, or the family of the person, in whose name the gift is made. This notification does not include the amount of the gift.

However, you as a benefactor receive a separate acknowledgment for your own use. The name of the person being honored or remembered will be recorded in the memorials book of the congregation.

How To Establish a Memorial

When the occasion arises for establishing a memorial, you may contact the office administrator or pastor. All necessary arrangements can be made by telephone or letter.

In the case of a memorial in lieu of flowers, it is also suggested that you instruct the funeral director to include in the obituary notice the phrase:

"The family suggests memorial contributions be made to
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 4383 Durston Road, Bozeman, Mt 59718."

If desired, the bereaved family may place the following notice in church bulletins and newspapers:

Honor and/or Memorial Gifts may be sent to:

Christ the King Lutheran Church
4383 Durston Road
Bozeman, MT 59718

All contributions are tax deductible as provided by law.
(Adopted 1/27/2002)