

There are many financial and tax benefits to planned giving, but the greatest benefit is the satisfaction of creating a gift that will ensure the vitality of the mission of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church through the coming years.

The use of Foundation funds is focused on creative, innovative projects rather than on the day-to-day operation of Saint Matthew Lutheran Church. The Foundation Committee considers the “Up, In and Out” dimensions of discipleship and seeks to follow the mission of Saint Matthew in all decisions.

If you are interested in becoming a *Celebrant*, contact the Church office. They will put you in touch with a member of the Saint Matthew Foundation Committee, who will be happy to discuss this important program with you.



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Saint Matthew Lutheran Church Foundation

Who We Are



Rose of Love

In 1990 the Foundation was established as an endowment fund, with income earned from the Fund's assets used to support worthy projects endorsed by the congregation.

Funds are received in the form of memorials, bequests, life insurance and other personal contributions. Those who make these gifts – now or in the future – are recognized as *Celebrants*.

These gifts are a way to leave a legacy for future generations and serve to strengthen Saint Matthew's ability to make a difference in the community and globally. All gifts are welcome!

What kinds of projects does the Foundation support?

- ❖ **New and/or existing mission outreach programs which exist beyond Saint Matthew**
 - Young Life Russia
 - Honduras Outreach
 - Saint Matthew Teen Mission trips
 - YEAH
- ❖ **Awards scholarships for Saint Matthew students who desire to continue their education beyond high school**
 - Youth attending college, a certified trade school or a Christian Leadership Program
 - Mission partners attending seminary
 - The Foundation has awarded more than \$65,000 in scholarships and grants since 2003
- ❖ **Supports special needs and programs within Saint Matthew which are not included in the regular budget of the church**
 - Resources for children's education programs
 - Furniture for the education buildings
 - Computer programs for staff
 - Sound system repair, etc.
- ❖ **Establish and maintain the Columbarium and Memory Garden**

How can I become a *Celebrant*?

You can become a Foundation *Celebrant* by including Saint Matthew in your financial and church donation planning. This may include:

- A bequest in your will or trust
- Naming the Foundation a full or partial beneficiary of a retirement account (IRA, 401k, etc.)
- Naming the Foundation a full or partial beneficiary of an insurance policy
- Making a gift now so that you can enjoy watching how the "fruits" mature during your lifetime and beyond.

We recommend that you consult with your tax professional or attorney to see what form of giving provides the greatest benefits for you, your family and the Saint Matthew Foundation.

Stewardship of Foundation Funds

All funds received by the Saint Matthew Foundation are invested in a well-diversified portfolio. An investment committee, made up of representatives from the Foundation and the Church Council, manages this portfolio. The income generated by these investments (but **not** the principal) is used for projects and scholarships each year.