**Memorial**

**And**

**Thanksgiving Gifts**

**To**

**Christ Lutheran Church**

 Family members and friends may choose to remember, honor, and give thanks for loved ones by giving a gift to assist in the local or worldwide ministry and mission of Christ Lutheran Church.

 This guide is designed to assist people in directing their gifts by making a contribution to a fund or the purchase of a particular item, or giving to a particular fund over and above one’s regular giving.

 Gifts are invited toward any of the ministries listed below. If you have questions about any of these, or if you have another idea for a memorial or recognition gift, please contact pastor.

**GIFT AREAS**

* **ALTAR CARE** adornments such as flowers or paraments
* **ART WORK** and **BANNERS** for welcoming and worship and inspiration
* **CARE FUND** provides assistance to families and individuals in times of financial urgency due to various hardships
* **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**
* **CEMETERY FUND** continually benefits from gifts to cover landscaping and maintenance
* **Christian Education** gifts help fund materials to enhance learning
* **FIREPLACE** upgrades in Lakeside Room
* **HOSPITALITY MINISTRIES**
* **KITCHEN UPDATING/REMODELING**
* **LEAF FUND** (Lutheran Educational Assistance Fund) provides scholarships to students from the congregation who attend Christian Colleges
* **MAINTENANCE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**
* **MISSION OUTREACH** support for Robin’s Nest Orphanage in Jamaica, Kikatiti Secondary School in Tanzania, and World Mission Prayer League
* **ORGAN MAINTENANCE** **AND UPGRADES** including console memory, switching system and voicing
* **PROPERTY AND LANDSCAPING** outside the church building
* **RESTROOM RENOVATONS AND UPDATES**
* **SACRISTY DISHWASHER**
* **Seminary Scholarship Fund** provides financial support to persons from the congregation who are preparing for ministry in the Lutheran Church
* **SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA SYNOD** and the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA** larger expressions of our church body have diverse ministries in this country and around the world
* **Technology** **FUND** to purchase new audio, visual and office equipment
* **WOMEN OF THE ELCA FUND**
* **Young Adults in Global Mission** is a ministry of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Christ Lutheran has had several of our young adult members serve a 1-year overseas mission commitment
* **YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS** for activities such as Bible Camps, Junior and Senior High Regional and National Gatherings, and service and mission trips
* **World Hunger** and **Disaster Relief** **FUNDS**

 Thank you for considering the specific and wide-ranging ministries of Christ Lutheran Church as you plan your gifts for remembrance and recognition. May your contribution give glory to God and advance the work of Christ’s body, the Church.

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