KING OF KINGS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

FAITH FORWARD

Investing in Tomorrow

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King of Kings Legacy Fund

WHY WE GIVE? THE LEGACY FUND FAITH FORWARD: INVESTING IN TOMORROW

GIVING AS AN ACT OF TRUST

At King of Kings, we give because we trust God. Our tithes and offerings aren't about obligation, they're about faith. Every time we give, we're putting God first in our lives, including our finances.

Through this step of faith, we experience the freedom, joy, and peace that come from God's promises and provision.

But what if your generosity could reach **beyond today**... impacting **future generations** and providing stability for the church for years to come?

THE POWER OF LEGACY

Many people want to leave a meaningful mark—passing on their faith and generosity to bless both their loved ones and their church family.

Legacy giving makes that possible. It's not just about giving at the end of life; it's about creating a ripple effect today that carries forward into the future.

Your legacy gift to the King of Kings Legacy Fund ensures our church remains a beacon of hope, sustaining ministry and outreach for generations.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth… but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven… For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
— Matthew 6:19–21

WHY A LEGACY FUND?

For years, churches have relied on tithes and offerings to carry out ministry. These gifts are vital for daily operations—but they can also limit long-term vision.

What many don't realize is that **cash gifts often represent only a fraction of a person's total giving capacity.** Many have assets—such as IRAs, investments, property, or bequests—that can make a transformative difference.

The Legacy Fund was created to unlock that potential. Like an endowment, it provides financial strength beyond the annual budget—fueling bold ministry initiatives and securing a sustainable future.

WHAT IS THE LEGACY FUND?

The Legacy Investment Fund was established in 2017 by a visionary team responding to God's call to grow His Kingdom through wise stewardship.

Inspired by the **Parable of the Talents** (Matthew 25:14–30), the fund encourages us not to "bury" what God has entrusted to us but to invest it for lasting impact.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund are invested wisely. Each year, a portion of the earnings supports King of Kings' mission and vision, while the original investment remains intact—continuing to bless the church for years to come.

While annual donations are crucial, there is often untapped potential in the assets of our members.

THE LEGACY FUND AT WORK

The Legacy Fund has had a proven track record and we have experienced its benefits.

PAST PROJECTS

APRIL 2019
$20,000 supporting the LED Sanctuary project.

JANUARY 2020
$30,000 supporting new sound system in Sanctuary.

SEPTEMBER 2020
$20,000 supporting the updates in the MultiPurpose Room including carpeting, sound, and heating/cooling systems.

SEPTEMBER 2021
$26,000 supporting education ministry with guest speakers.

DECEMBER 2023
$20,000 supporting the carpet/paint project throughout the building along with a $5000 donation to Basic Needs.

AUGUST 2025
$27,000 supporting the choir riser and drum cage projects.

AUGUST 2024
$36,000 supporting the new digital organ.

In all of the above financial withdrawals, we give **10%** off the top in support of one of our benevolence partners, **$17,900.**

Whatever your heart for ministry your gift to the Legacy Endowment Fund will ensure a lasting impact.

THE IMPACT OF LEGACY GIVING

CONGREGATIONAL BENEFITS:

- **Growth and Stability:** Build a strong foundation to sustain and grow ministry in both prosperous and challenging times.
- **Immediate and Lasting Impact:** Meet today's needs while ensuring tomorrow's mission.
- **Expanded Programs and Outreach :** Provides the ability to respond to ministry opportunities and expand outreach.
- **Special Projects** Support strategic facility improvements and initiatives.

Clarifying how you want your wealth to be passed on can give you peace of mind and purpose.

PERSONAL BENEFITS:

- **Promotes Lasting Values:** Leave a legacy that reflects your faith and priorities.
- **Honor Loved Ones:** Give in memory of someone special serving as a meaningful way to remember and celebrate the lives of those who were important to you.
- **Inspire Generational Generosity:** Model a legacy of giving for your family.
- **Enjoy Tax Advantages :** Many legacy gifts offer immediate or future tax benefits.
- **Go Beyond Cash:** Use assets like IRAs or stock to make a greater impact without affecting your regular giving.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
— 2 Corinthians 9:10

STEWARDSHIP WITH INTEGRITY: HOW IT WORKS

The Legacy Fund invests donations in a diversified portfolio designed for long-term growth. While markets may fluctuate, the fund has a proven track record of stability and impact.

"Every gift becomes a part of God's greater plan."

STEWARDSHIP WITH INTEGRITY

- Managed by the King of Kings Finance Team and an external advisor.
- Overseen by the Church Council with clear policies and procedures.
- Subject to annual external audits for full transparency.
- All gifts are tax-deductible, just like regular offerings.

Together, let's build a legacy of faith, generosity, and hope by Investing in Tomorrow.

START YOUR LEGACY TODAY

Making a legacy gift is easier than you might think. Whether you're ready to include King of Kings Lutheran Church in your will, designate the church as a beneficiary or your IRA or contribute through other planned giving options, we're here to help.

HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED: IT'S EASY AS 1,2,3, (A,B,C,D,E,F) 4,5

1. **Reflect:** Think about what has inspired your generosity toward this ministry over the years. What part of King of Kings has impacted you the most?
2. **Pray for Guidance:** Ask God to lead you in this decision and consider how this investment aligns with your values and commitment to the mission of the church.
3. **Consult Your Financial Advisor:** Speak with your estate planner, financial advisor, or accountant to understand the best way to integrate legacy giving into your long-term plans.
   - RA Distribution (Retirement Plan Assets)
   - Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)
   - Required Maximum Distribution (RMD)
   - Life Insurance/IRA Beneficiary
   - Charitable Bequests/Estate Planning
   - Stock and Mutual Fund Giving
4. **Contact the church office** if there are alternate forms of Legacy Gift or for assistance with setting up your legacy gift by phone at **651-738-3110** or via email at **Dianne.johnson@kingofkingswoodbury.org**
5. **Share Your Story:** Inspire others by sharing your journey in legacy giving. Your story can help others see the impact of these gifts in invite them to invest their life's purpose into building God's kingdom.

The best time to invest in the future of King of Kings is right now.

Together, We Can Build a Lasting Legacy.

A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children.
— Proverbs 13:22

Celebrate the lasting impact of your legacy gift for future generations and the impact it can have now.