

*Zion Lutheran Church and School is a Christ-centered, growing, spiritual home for worshiping God, proclaiming the Gospel, nurturing faith, educating, loving and caring for people!*

## WHAT IS THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

Zion Lutheran Church and School has ministered to the people of Dallas in the name of Jesus since 1879.

Throughout its history, God has richly blessed Zion and used her as a means of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to thousands of people through its various ministries.

The Zion Endowment Fund will ensure the future of Zion's ministry by providing financial support for Zion's three primary areas of ministry:

- ✦ Church Ministries
- ✦ Christian Education Ministries
- ✦ Music Ministries

By definition, the principal of the endowment will not be touched, but continue in perpetuity to provide income for non-budgeted ministry programs.

The Challenge and Opportunity is to continue to build the principal so that it will yield a continuous, significant

## HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

**There are many ways to give including:**

**PRAYER** — Pray that God will bless Zion's mission and ministry as well as those supporting the Zion Endowment Fund.

**CASH GIFTS** — All gifts are tax deductible.

**MEMORIAL OR HONORARIUM GIFTS** — Make credit card contributions through the website, [www.LFOT.org](http://www.LFOT.org), or make checks payable to LFOT designating Zion Lutheran Church Endowment.

**GIFTS OF APPRECIATED ASSETS SUCH AS STOCK, REAL ESTATE, MINERAL RIGHTS, OIL AND GAS ROYALTIES** — These assets can be gifted through LFOT to the Endowment. LFOT will assist with the transactions and provide the gift letter that enables the donor to bypass capital gains tax and receive a tax deduction for the year of the gift.

**PLANNED (DEFERRED) GIFTS** can also be made to the Endowment that will benefit the fund after your lifetime.

✦ **Life Insurance** — A donor can make an insurance gift by designating LFOT as Trustee for Zion Endowment Fund as the full or partial primary beneficiary of the policy. Contact your insurance agent to make this designation or request assistance from LFOT.

✦ **Charitable Remainder Trust** — This is a planned giving financial instrument that allows the donor to give cash or appreciated assets and receive income during their lifetime, with the remainder of the gift benefiting the Endowment after they are called Home.

✦ **YOUR WILL** — Gifts to the Endowment Fund can be made by including Zion in your will. Talk to your attorney or contact LFOT about including such a gift in your will.



For more information on the Zion Endowment Fund, contact a member of the Zion Endowment Fund Committee, one of Zion's ministers, or click on the ZEF link on the Zion website: [www.ziondallas.org](http://www.ziondallas.org). You may leave this flyer in the church office if you would like to receive more information. The Lutheran Foundation of Texas will also be happy to answer questions you may have about utilizing the endowment.

☐ Please contact me to arrange a confidential appointment to discuss gifts to the Zion Endowment Fund.

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“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms...If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

— (1 Peter 4:10-11)

# Zion Endowment Fund

***Sharing Blessings:  
A Blessing for Eternity***

