



Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin

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Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin (LPGW) serves all congregations, synods, institutions and agencies of the ELCA in Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan with planned giving services. Those services include: assisting congregations in the creation of documents to receive, manage and distribute lifetime gifts, and to cultivate planned gifts regarding wills and trusts through education in the congregation.

LPGW is also ready to serve individuals who wish to provide a legacy gift to ministries of their choice and supported by the ELCA Foundation. The ELCA Foundation serves as our private foundation providing gift vehicles and resources to all ELCA Synods, congregations, institutions and agencies. The ELCA Foundation is funded through Churchwide support and the revenue generated as a result of money management and captures no portion of anyone's gift for its own operations.

In the past year LPGW has worked with 16 congregations to help them establish endowments, grow and invest endowment as well as provide education on the topic of planned gifts.

Many of our congregational members have chosen to remember their congregation and ministries of our church with a lasting legacy gift. Congregations are the largest beneficiary of those legacy gifts. Money received through the distribution of estate assets have been steadily increasing. It is important that congregations offer education and the opportunity for individuals to pray and consider a legacy gift.

Christian stewardship recognized all we own is on loan from our gift-giving God. The result of such recognition is gratitude and generosity. Generosity includes gifts from all three sources: income, assets and estates.

Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin is prepared to help congregations develop a program of planned giving as part of stewardship education. In addition LPGW is prepared to assist individuals in accomplishing their charitable goals for family and ministries by making legacy gifts of cash or non-cash assets at any time of their life or at their death.

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