

**REPORT FOR THE GREATER MILWAUKEE SYNOD OF WISCONSIN, ELCA
SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2012**

*Sponsoring
Ministries*

*The ELCA Foundation is
Your Foundation*

The ELCA Foundation is your private foundation that exists to help all members of the church practice good stewardship of their assets. It is a pass through foundation cultivating gifts for ministry and providing a full range of gift planning services and gift vehicles. It is part of the newly formed Mission Advancement Unit of the ELCA. The Director of the ELCA Foundation is Annette Shoemaker who is actively working with the Mission Advancement Unit Executive, Christina Jackson-Skelton, to build our foundation to be a premier foundation among all charitable foundations in the country.

The way the ELCA Foundation delivers its services in Wisconsin is through a consortium of; congregations, ELCA institutions, agencies and Synods. That consortium is known as **Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin (LPGW)**. LPGW is led by; David Keller (CEO Luther Manor, Milwaukee) President; Inga Gerber (Bethel Homes and Services, Viroqua) Vice President; Kathryn Nichols (Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh,

Oshkosh) Treasurer; and Rev. Larry Westfield as the Regional Gift Planner.

Giving through accumulated, inherited and appreciated resources may be called "asset stewardship." A Christian is called out of the water and word of baptism to respond generously to others. As the people of God, just as we are encouraged to give proportionately for the Lord's work from our income annually, we are encouraged to give proportionately from our accumulated resources to make a lifetime gift through a will, trust or gift vehicle available through the ELCA Foundation.

In the year 2011 LPGW assisted individuals contributed \$1.35 million dollars in irrevocable gifts to congregations, synods, institutions, agencies and churchwide ministries of the ELCA. Irrevocable gifts developed by LPGW since its inception in 2001 total more than \$11 million dollars. Revocable gifts represent the largest portion of the work done through LPGW and is evidenced when people remember their church and its ministries with a bequest. It is a goal of LPGW that an increasing number of our ELCA members make decisions that include

Our partner ministries are committed to providing assistance to churches and individuals in gift planning. This publication is provided to help you think about your own charitable giving, and promote good, whole-life stewardship.

Bethany Lutheran Home, Inc., Waupaca
Bethel Home and Services, Viroqua
Carthage College, Kenosha
Crossways Camping Ministries, Appleton
East Central Synod, ELCA, Appleton
ELCA Foundation, Chicago
Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA
LaCrosse Area Synod, ELCA
Luther Manor, Wauwatosa
Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Lutheran Social Services of WI and Upper Michigan
Lutherdale Ministries, Elkhorn
Skaalen Retirement Services, Stoughton
South-Central Synod of WI, ELCA
Sugar Creek Bible Camp, Ferryville

ministries of the ELCA in their will. The ultimate goal of this planned giving ministry is to make planned giving part of the culture of the ELCA and considered part of individual stewardship.

Kalos Society is a national ELCA legacy society that has been created to honor those who remember ELCA

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Churchwide ministry in their estate distribution plan. Kalos is the Greek word meaning "beautiful," used in Mark 14 when Jesus says that Mary has done a "beautiful" thing anointing Jesus before his death. Her gift of love will be a story told forever.

Please pray and consider leaving your own legacy of faith for those who follow after you through a bequest to congregations, synods, institutions and agencies of the ELCA. If you have included one of the ELCA national ministries in your will or trust and have not been invited to be a member of the Kalos Society please contact Larry Westfield at 262-224-9574 or the ELCA Foundation at 773-380-2970.

It is a pleasure to serve as your ELCA Foundation representative and assist you and your congregation with Gift planning services.

Rev. Larry Westfield
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About Your Regional Gift Planner

Larry is a gift planning counselor for Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin, a partnership of 18 ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that serve Wisconsin. The LPGW works in partnership with the ELCA Foundation. This partnership was formed to assist individuals, congregations, and institutions in the areas of endowments, foundations, wills and charitable gift planning. Costs for these services are born by Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin and the ELCA Foundation. This allows Larry to be available without cost or obligation to congregations, institutions, agencies and individuals of our church.

Larry is available to assist individuals in fulfilling their legacy dreams through charitable planning.

In addition to helping individuals, Larry also works with congregations of the ELCA to establish and grow mission endowment funds providing educational seminars on wills, estate, and charitable gift planning.

Prior to accepting this call, Larry served for 29 years in parish ministry. He understands first-hand, the joys of charitable giving and the blessing of practicing good stewardship as a disciple of Jesus Christ.



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