



## Lutheran Planned Giving of Wisconsin

*A Partnership of ELCA Ministries Serving Wisconsin*

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### 2017 Report to the Greater Milwaukee Synod of Wisconsin

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 creating documents to receive, manage and distribute lifetime gifts, and to cultivate planned gifts for all ministries of the ELCA

LPGW is also ready to serve individuals who wish to provide a legacy gift to ministries of their choice through the ELCA Foundation. The ELCA Foundation serves as our private foundation providing gift vehicles and resources to all ELCA ministries. The ELCA Foundation is self-sustaining and exists to fund ministry into the future.

In the past year LPGW has worked with many congregations of this synod to help them establish endowments, and provide education on the topic of planned gifts toward the goal of cultivating a pipeline of gifts for the future.

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 trust from God. We are to be responsible stewards of all God has entrusted to us during life but also at life's end.

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.

Rev. Larry Westfield and Timothy Knutson are the Regional Gift Planners of the ELCA Foundation serving through our Wisconsin partnership called Lutheran Planned Giving of WI. You may reach them by phone or email. Both are eager to assist you and your congregation accomplish stewardship goals.



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