



**Lutheran Women's Missionary League**  
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## **Build a Tradition of Giving**

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms ... so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11*

### **Build a tradition of giving with your children and grandchildren while you support ministries!**

Perhaps you have been searching for a creative way to support your favorite life-impacting ministries, provide an example of generosity and stewardship, and involve your children and grandchildren in giving. A **Family Gift Fund** is the perfect giving instrument to carry out these objectives!

Through this giving instrument, you can make a lasting impact on ministry, enjoy tax benefits, and encourage giving in your children and grandchildren. A **Family Gift Fund** is your personal ministry fund. It provides you the opportunity to recommend the ministries that your fund will benefit as well as the amounts and the timing of your gifts.

LWML partners with the LCMS Foundation as administrator for the **Family Gift Fund** to help you accomplish these goals while making giving simple. The LCMS Foundation takes care of all the paperwork and reporting, no matter how many different organizations you want to help.

### **One family's example**

Giving has always been important to Charles and Marion. When the couple expressed their desire to establish a flexible fund that would benefit their favorite ministries, their Gift Planning Counselor suggested starting a **Family Gift Fund**.

Today, it's a Christmas tradition for Charles, Marion and their children to discuss the ministries they want their **Family Gift Fund** to benefit in the coming year. It's a win-win situation – Charles and Marion provide for their favorite ministries and share their strong stewardship values with their family.



### **Your favorite ministries and charities**

You recommend the ministries you want your **Family Gift Fund** to benefit. At least 51 percent of the annual distribution must benefit ministries associated with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). These ministries can include LWML, any LCMS congregation, school, university or seminary. Other charitable organizations that you select can also benefit from your **Family Gift Fund**.



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## How do you get started?

The initial minimum amount to start a **Family Gift Fund** is \$10,000. Any asset can be used to establish the fund. Your family can add to the fund at any time with a wide variety of gifts and you enjoy the same tax benefits as a direct gift. There are no upfront fees to establish your fund. The only cost that your fund will incur is a monthly contribution of 1/12 of one percent to support the work of the LCMS Foundation in assisting others in gift planning. The LCMS Foundation handles all record keeping, disbursement and reporting responsibilities. You receive periodic reports about your fund, including individual records for each gift distribution. Account statements report income earned by your **Family Gift Fund** and asset values.

Linda Gage, our LWML Gift Planning Counselor can answer your questions and help you establish your own **Family Gift Fund** or provide information about other gift planning tools. Linda will assist you, at no cost, in completing your well-planned, prayerfully considered lifetime charitable gift or Christian estate plan.



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**For more information** on a **Family Gift Fund**, or Christian Estate Planning, please contact Linda by phone, e-mail or return this form to the address above. All inquiries are treated with confidentiality.

- I would like more information on a **Family Gift Fund**.
- I would like more information on different charitable giving options.
- I would like a complimentary visit with our LWML Gift Planning Counselor.
- I have already included LWML in my Christian estate plan.

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