

Foundation Report

"To encourage and accept gifts which provide financial support to the ongoing ministry of Bethel"

January 2009

We want you to know that your gifts to the Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation are put to work. When your gift arrives payable to the Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation it is invested in one of the following funds.

- > **"The Chaplaincy Endowment Fund"**
 - o ***The Chaplaincy Endowment Fund is a named Endowment Fund and was established with funds from the Don Hillan Estate. Gifts that are received with the designation of "Chaplaincy Fund" are added to this endowment. Only the income from this named endowment shall be distributed to assist with the compensation for the designated part-time Chaplain at Bethel Home. This endowment continues to grow as funds are received with the Chaplaincy Fund designation.***

- > **"Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation Endowment Fund"**
 - o ***Only the income from this Endowment Fund shall be distributed to assist with budgeted Bethel Home Annual Amount and other agreed upon expenses to Bethel Home if needed. Unrestricted memorial gifts to the Bethel Home Foundation will be allocated to the Bethel Home Endowment fund.***

- > **"Bethel Home-Directed Fund"**
 - o ***This fund is classified as a Quasi-endowment fund. Earnings and principal could be used to further the care of our residents. Unrestricted gifts will be allocated to the Bethel Home Directed Fund.***

The purpose of the Bethel Lutheran Home Foundation is to aid and assist Bethel Lutheran Home by solicitation for the benefit of Bethel Community and the residents. The goal of our foundation is to grow the endowments and allow the earnings to continue to be a major contributor to Bethel Lutheran Home.

Your gifts and support are so important, and we "Thank You" so much for your past gifts and encourage you to continue with your support for the Bethel Home Foundation and Bethel Home.

***"WATCH FOR THE RELEASE OF THE NEW AND REVISED
BETHEL HOME WEBSITE!"***

CHECK US OUT AT www.bethelcommunity.com

***Look for your answers about the Bethel Community!
Check out the many activities at the Bethel Community!***

Read about the most recent Feasibility Study!

Contact Bethel with any questions or comments you may have!

2009 Bethel Benefactors

Builders:

(\$2,500 or more annually)

Skylights:

(\$1,000-\$2,499 annually)

Anonymous

Keystone:

(\$500-\$999 annually)

Rev. Conrad & Verna Krahling

Cornerstone:

(\$250-\$499 annually)

Wayne & Dawn Bessman

Susan Hageman

Eric Hillan

Doris Leraas

Footings:

(\$100-\$249 annually)

Gene & Nancy Bloker

James Campbell

Tom & Joyce Farrell

Bruce Gardner

Martha Hegdahl

Geneva Hoff

Gordon & Henrietta Johnson

Randy LaFrentz

Roger Moe

Dennis & Carol Nordling

Daryl Rippentrop

Natalie Southmayd

Gary Wipf

Gifts

(January-February 2009)

Wayne & Dawn Bessman

Gene & Nancy Bloker

James Campbell

Tom & Joyce Farrell

Bruce Gardner

Martha Hegdahl

Eric Hillan

Gordon & Henrietta Johnson

Mark & Leslie Johnson

Conrad & Verna Krahling

Randy LaFrentz

Doris Leraas

Natalie Southmayd

Gary Wipf

Memorials

(December-February)

In memory of *Gerald Roling:*

Ella Roling

In memory of *Margaret Driscoll:*

Orpha Abrahamson

Theresa Bickett

Les Driscoll

Louis Duffy

Merlin & Bev Riedel

In memory of *Olney Moe:*

Eugene Halverson

R.S. Baker

Char Bauer

E.E. Brown

Mark Brown

Diane Calescibetta

Marian Doerr

Mary Flatten

John Ford

David Fuhr

James Gould

Gladys Heinrichy

Dave & Deb Johnson

Jerome Lammers

Roger Moe

Delores Peterson

Clifford Ponnikas

Merlin & Bev Riedel

Daryl Rippentrop

James Rist

Ken Ross

David Smahel

Emil Straka

Marc Vanvooren

Gordon Waxdahl

In memory of *Imogene Dahl:*

Bill & Marilyn Barger

Rhoda Benjamin

Carsten & Karen Bergheim

Ruth Dahl

Greg Genzlinger

Selmer Hagen

Dean & Donna Haug

Jerry & Connie Hegdahl

Beverly Langner

Melany Marino

Dennis & Carol Nordling

Reggie Olson

Merlin & Bev Riedel

Sheldon & Bonnie Statton

Greg Thomson

Dale Van Conant

In memory of *Monica Phelps:*

Carsten & Karen Bergheim

Bev Langner

Richard & Linda Nighbert

Joyce Severson

Sheldon & Bonnie Stratton

In memory of *Esther Hegdahl:*

Carston & Karen Bergheim

Roger & Judy Johnson

Arlys Stanford

Sheldon & Bonnie Stratton

Betty Wilbur

Judy Zalk

In memory of *Irene Bessman:*

Wayne & Dawn Bessman

Dan & Linda Bruns

Bill & Diane Bruns

Troy & Melanie Hanisch

Dean & Donna Haug

Gary & Rochelle Johnson

Lyle & Sandi Johnson

Scott Muller

Beverly Price

Steve & Joyce Strom

In memory of *Anna Becker:*

Gene & Marlene Boer

Dean & Donna Haug

In memory of *Jim Simpson:*

Bill & Diane Bruns

Carvel & Kay Johnson

Rosie Poppen

Betty Wilbur

In memory of *Henry Hoff:*

Louis Duffy

Susan Hageman

Geneva Hoff

In memory of *Jim Brookshire:*

John Goeman

George Jorgenson

Steve & Joyce Strom

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In memory of *Anna Anderson*:

Leslie Fylling
Susan Hageman
Dean & Donna Haug
Allan & Jody Hilgers
Marty McInerney
Doug & Joan Merager
Arlys Stanford
Anthony Sunlitis
Juliette Zalk

In memory of *Jim Hanisch*:

Troy & Melanie Hanisch

In memory of *Doris Schmeling*:

Troy & Melanie Hanisch
Lyle & Sandi Johnson
Scott Muller

In memory of *Bill Van Dam*:

Lowell Hass

In memory of *Jeff Brunsvig*:

Lyle & Sandi Johnson

In memory of *Milo Stip*:

George Jorgenson

In memory of *Arvilla Show*:

Jean Muller

In memory of *G. Anderson*:

Sharon Siemonsma

In memroy of *Amos Wicks*:

Andre & Dardy Tweet
Ina Wicks

In memory of *Freda Whealy*:

Jayne Verhey

In memory of *Julie Hess*:

Betty Wilbur



In Giving, You Receive!

The Charitable Gift Annuity

It is said that in the act of giving we receive more than we thought imaginable. Most of us experience the reality of this truism through the eyes of a child, the gratitude of a life changed, or through the vision that is inherent in the spirit of philanthropy. Some may find it surprising that U.S. tax laws take this reality one step further and provide tangible evidence that a charitable gift changes much more than the charity on the receiving end. It is with this purpose in mind that our laws embrace planning strategies like the charitable gift annuity, offering many incentives that nurture a philanthropic society.

The charitable gift annuity is a planning tool that recognizes that the rewards of giving begin with the desire to make a gift. To create a charitable gift annuity, a donor transfers an asset to charity. In turn, the charity agrees to make payments to the donor(s) for life. In addition to the satisfaction inherent in the act of giving, the gift annuity adds a tangible benefit in the form of attractive income payments. The specific rate is based on the age of the donor.

Add another Log on the Fire

The bitter cold outside made the warm fireplace inside all the better. As the family gathered on Saturday night, every one knew Grandfather would take responsibility for the fire. Every 30 minutes or so he would leave his comfortable chair, go just outside the back door and bring another log inside to add to the fireplace.

When he returned he might bring the dog back with him or maybe another treat for the kids along with the wood. On one trip he remembered to pick up the mail. In it was a check from his favorite charity.

The charity paid him because he had funded a charitable gift annuity with them. In exchange for his gift, the charity agreed to pay him a fixed payment each year for life. He also received income tax and capital gains benefits. Like the warmth of the fireplace and the family gathered around it, he liked the idea that the gift annuity was always there for him - and would someday benefit the charity.

Just as the grandfather could be counted on to reliably bring in firewood in predictable intervals, you, too, can count on the dependability and the wonderful benefits of a gift annuity. It can provide a lifetime of fixed payments at attractive rates. After that, the gift annuity automatically goes on supporting our mission. Please contact us about the benefits of funding a charitable gift annuity with us. It will warm even the coldest winter nights.

Source: LCMS Foundation Website
www.LCMS.org

One Thing President Lincoln Did Not Do!

You probably already know many fascinating facts about Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president. You may know he enjoyed bowling; he was one of our tallest presidents at 6'4" and wore a size 14 shoe. Some even know he was once challenged to a duel (which he accepted) and is the only president to hold a patent (to lift boats over shoals). But there is one fact few people know about this popular president.

Abraham Lincoln died without a will. Even though he was an active attorney and undoubtedly knew the importance of writing his wishes, he never did. He died without a will even though he was constantly plagued with visions of his own demise. When he died, the lawyers were left to try to determine the division of his estate.

Unfortunately, many people from pastors to pilots to presidents die without the benefit of a will today. (Lincoln is only one of several presidents to die without a will.) But it doesn't have to be that way. A will is simple to write with the help of an attorney and is usually far less expensive and far easier to do than people imagine.

If you don't have a will or have not updated it recently, call your attorney. If you want extra motivation or satisfaction, be sure to include a gift to the Bethel Foundation in your plans. A gift to our mission is a great way to tell the world you want to leave a legacy that reaches beyond the years. And with a gift to our organization, you can live every day knowing you have learned from the past - that a life lived greatly becomes even greater when it leaves a gift that benefits others.

Do You Need a Will?

Many people, especially young individuals and those who feel that their estate is too small, believe that a Will represents an unnecessary expense. But the preparation of a Will need not be expensive. Even when property distribution issues are not numerous, a Will is the legal avenue through which a number of other issues should be addressed: Naming an executor Naming a legal guardian for minors Making gifts or transfers Reducing estate tax liability: In the absence of a Will, the state will resort to a formula. A judge will name an executor, a bond may have to be posted, the court will name a guardian and a formula will determine asset distribution.

The Bequest!

The charitable bequest affords a way for virtually anyone to express specific philanthropic wishes. In fact, the bequest is the most frequently utilized method to support charity in America. A bequest may take on a number of forms, including naming: a specific dollar amount, a percentage of the estate, specific assets. The philanthropic spirit is given a voice when wishes are expressed in the Will. While many may think philanthropy is reserved for a select few, the truth is that every bequest to the Bethel Foundation makes a mark that will last throughout history.

If you would like more information on Wills, including sample language for making a charitable bequest, we invite you to contact us.

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