



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# FOUNDATION NEWS

*Caring for the Ministry of Grace: "Ecclesia Perpetua"*

June 2015

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*The Grace Lutheran  
Church Foundation is  
a professionally  
managed corporate  
nonprofit foundation  
established by Grace  
Lutheran Church,  
Corvallis, Oregon.*

## **Did you ever let a little publicity or fear of a full mail box keep you from giving?**

*By Carolyn Warloe*

Last week I was talking to a friend who had started a scholarship at a club we belong to, and had asked that it be anonymous. It took less than a month for the word to get out that she had started the scholarship. She had just wanted to do something nice in a very quiet way, and not be identified. I could tell that now three years later she was still unhappy that her identity was revealed.

My folks never had a great deal of money. They had grown up during the depression. They were however lifelong charitable givers. Most of their giving was to their church, but Mom kept a list of other charities that she wanted to contribute to during the year. I think monthly she would send \$50 or so off to one of the charities on her list, carefully recording that she had done so. When I started helping her more with her mail and bills because of her failing eyesight, I was shocked to see how many requests for funds she received every week. Some were from the charities she gave to and some from ones who had received her name from another charity. Some charities were sending three or four requests a month. Even now, a year after her death, Kris and I are still playing the "Who Got More Mail Today, Us or Mom" game. Mom often wins. And almost all her mail is from charities asking for funds. The result of this is that I am now very hesitant to give money to some charities for fear I will be hounded for years after "I" die.

In thinking about these two examples of giving with unintended consequences, I can proudly reflect on the Foundation. Back when the Grace Foundation started, a couple in the congregation gave the Foundation a house. I think only a very few people on the Foundation Board ever knew where it came from. The Foundation went to great lengths to keep the identity of these donors a secret even from most of the Board. A few years later, a member of Grace asked

to set up several funds to benefit some of her interests in the church. She asked that her identity not be shared during her lifetime. The Board carefully set up the funds and followed her wishes, but didn't identify her to the congregation. I think that she was very happy to spend her last years at Grace without having her identity revealed.

The Foundation won't send endless mailings asking you for additional money. We do not share your information with other charities. This is one of four newsletters a year that we hope are more informational than fundraising. We are always interested in feedback from the congregation and donors as to how we are

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***In Service to the Ministry of Christ's Church***

**Grace Lutheran Church Foundation  
Financial Report  
January 1 – March 31, 2015**

Contributions	\$2,335.00
Foundation Total Assets *	\$724,709.31
Expenses (includes projects funded)	\$2,960.73

**Projects Approved**

MIF4KIDZ Baptism “donations” for children under age 16, \$50 each	\$300.00
Upgrade sanctuary lighting to LEDs	\$1,190.59
Sunday School Service Project	\$627.00
Matching funds ( <i>Schultz Family Fund</i> )	
Sandcastle Preschool Scholarships (3)	\$6,489.00
ELCA Youth Gathering	\$4,000.00
Matching funds ( <i>Schultz Family Fund</i> )	
ELCA Youth Gathering	\$3,500.00
Lutheran Staff Assoc. Conference	\$644.00
Choir Music ( <i>Kuehn Fund</i> )	\$250.00
Children’s Music – instruments, sheet music ( <i>Schultz Family Fund</i> )	\$235.00

*Memorial Funds*

Diamond Jubilee celebration	\$1,500.00
Gas Fireplace Insert	\$17.00
Telephone System	\$1,200.00
Library Software	\$996.55
Children’s Music – instruments, sheet music	\$384.00
<i>Total Projects</i>	<i>\$21,383.14</i>

\* The Foundation’s total assets on January 1, 2015, were \$707,725.93.

**The Board of Directors acknowledges the generosity of the following people for donations:**

**February 2015**

Henry and Vivian Chrostowski, Corvallis, OR  
Jaya Conser Lapham, Corvallis, OR

*In Memory of Rene Pitzer*

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**March 2015**

*In Memory of Millie Castellano*

Roberta Kelly, Corvallis, OR  
Dan and Molly Hallgrimson, Corvallis, OR

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**Did you ever let a little publicity ...**

doing. We encourage members to request funds for worthy projects and activities. And finally, if you want to give a gift to the Foundation anonymously, we will honor your wishes. If you wish to give a major gift to the Foundation, please contact one of the pastors or a Board member so we can follow your wishes to reveal or not reveal your name, and most importantly to allocate your gift the way you indicate.

**Tips to Reduce Unsolicited Mail**

- \* Tell companies and charities you do business with not to share or sell your information.
- \* If you subscribe to a magazine, join a group, or get involved with any new organization or business, state that you do not want any of your information released to anyone else.
- \* Register with the Direct Marketing Association’s (DMA) Mail Preference Service (MPS). It helps reduce unsolicited commercial mail for 5 years. Register at [www.dmachoice.org](http://www.dmachoice.org) or mail your request with \$1 processing fee to: DMAchoice, Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512.

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