



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDATION NEWS

Caring for the Ministry of Grace: "Ecclesia Perpetua"

November 2019

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

What Is the Purpose of the Foundation?

By Carolyn Warloe

The mission of the Foundation is to encourage the religious and benevolent missions of Grace Lutheran Church in our community and the world by providing funding for projects and groups: including medical missions, Lutheran Campus Ministry, youth trips and service projects, Grace Adult Day Services, and other services for the poor. We provide financial support for the needs of the congregation in enhancing our building and the mission of Grace Lutheran Church.

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Curry, ended a pastoral letter to the Episcopal congregations commending them for helping ... "not to build a bigger church for church's sake, but to build a better world for God's sake." In these days of racial tensions, anti-gay violence, mass shootings, and global warming, there seems to be a great need to build a better world.

Some of the funds in the Foundation are designated to maintaining the Church. We have a piano fund and an organ fund. We have also funded a new sound system, a lighting upgrade in the sanctuary, and matching funds to pay off the mortgage. While it is admirable to maintain our beautiful church, as the congregation progresses toward its goal of paying off the mortgage to free up money for other projects and missions, we should consider the Bishop's words to build a better world for God's sake.

How can Grace Lutheran Church make this a better world? In the 80's, our Social Ministry Committee dreamed of a place for adults whose caregivers needed assistance during the day. Grace Adult Day Center was launched, first in our building and then in a place of its own. The Ida Fund with support from the congregation distributes approximately 70 bag lunches per month and also offers gas vouchers to the needy. The backpack program for Garfield school students is another example of making a better world. How can we as a church expand these programs or start new ones to make God's world a better place?

The Foundation Board Meets monthly to consider requests for funds. We consider requests of any size, from small projects to large ones. The Board may be limited in their ability to fund large requests due to the wishes of donors who have designated their gifts for certain kinds of projects, and available funds. What kind of legacy does the congregation want Grace to have?

The Foundation has funded many projects over the years. We hope to continue to support the mission of Grace for years to come. If you have an idea of how the congregation can make this world a better place and need some financial assistance, we would be glad to listen.

See page 2 for some funding opportunities.

In Service to the Ministry of Christ's Church

**Grace Lutheran Church Foundation
Financial Report**

January 1 – June 30, 2019

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| Contributions | \$1,320.00 |
| Foundation Total Assets * | \$629,255.42 |
| Expenses (includes projects funded) | \$14,528.75 |

Projects Approved, Pending, and Paid

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|---|--------------------|
| MIF4KIDZ baptism “donations” for children under age 16, \$50 each | \$50.00 |
| Giving It Forward Initiative, 1:1 matching funds, 2017 grant | \$15,526.63 |
| Camp Lutherwood Scholarships – 2019 <i>Schultz Family Youth Fund</i> | \$2,000.00 |
| Lines for Life training – J. Lapham <i>Brian Smith Fund</i> | \$500.00 |
| “Making Peace with Your Cancer” Seminar <i>Storvick Parish Nurse Fund</i> | \$1,850.00 |
| Lutherfest 2019 | \$2,700.00 |
| Youth Bibles for Sunday school <i>Roger Lindquist Fund</i> | \$1,000.00 |
| <i>Memorial Funds</i> | |
| Rebinding of Lectionary | \$45.00 |
| <i>Total Projects</i> | <i>\$23,671.63</i> |

* The Foundation’s total assets on January 1, 2019, were \$572,047.06.

The Board of Directors acknowledges the generosity of the following donors:

April 2019

In Memory of Jeff Mueller

Gordon and Mary Matzke, Corvallis, OR
Cheryl and Dave Smith, Des Moines, IA
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June 2019

In Memory of Bob Hendershott

Paul and Nancy Lambeth, Montrose, CO

In Memory of Vivian Carey

James and Jennette Sandquist, Sherwood, OR

In Memory of Lucille Charleston

John Charleston

**Some Foundation Dollars Available for Grants or Matching Funds
as of 8/31/2019**

Endowed Funds

Kuehn (\$3,242.54) – designated for choir music.
Storvick Parish Nurse (\$11,780.81) – to support the parish nurse and related programs.
Storvick Organ (\$9,356.44) – to support all aspects related to the pipe organ.

Special Fund

Memorial (\$9,977.60) – from monies donated in memory and in honor of individuals. Granted with consideration of family and at the discretion of the directors, usually for tangible items.

Forms to request funds and more information may be found on the Foundation website at:

<http://grace97330.org/Foundation/funding.html>

Non-Endowed Funds

Smith Medical (\$3,579.64) – to provide assistance when a catastrophic and overwhelming health problem or medical need seriously impacts household finances.

Schultz Family Youth (maximum \$5,000 per calendar year, primarily matching funds) – to support GELC youth and encourage participation in regional and national activities.

William and Lorraine Benson (\$1,890.76) – to support traditional music, including supporting the pipe organ and grand piano through sheet music, maintenance, and upkeep.

Rodger Lindquist (\$4,899.11) – to help those in need - GELC and its members. And, if there are significant needs outside the church – those may be considered as well.