

The logo features the text 'EASTER FOUNDATION' centered on a background of overlapping green and teal geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons. The top left corner is white. The word 'EASTER' is in blue, and 'FOUNDATION' is in white.

EASTER FOUNDATION

Investing in the future of our church

About the Easter Foundation

The Easter Foundation provides people a unique way to support the mission and vision of the church during their lives and beyond. Anyone can give gifts to the Foundation now or through gifts made in their will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy. Gifts to the Foundation are invested, allowing them to grow over time. Investment also uses the interest accrued to provide annual financial support. You're ensuring that future generations are growing in faith and carrying on the work of Jesus Christ.

Most churches have a Foundation. Easter's Foundation started in 1994. The church received its first gift as part of an Easter person's will. Over time, more and more people gave gifts (large and small) as a way of demonstrating their love of Easter. Thanks to the generosity of many people, the Foundation has grown into a vital financial resource that supports the church.



Easter Foundation Funds



HERITAGE FUND

The Heritage Fund is the most important and most impactful resource used for the highest ministry priorities. It provides long-term, unrestricted support to the mission and vision of the church. Interest generated from your investment is used ensuring your investment has an impact now and far into the future.



MISSION TRIP FUND

Every year, over one hundred Easter youth travel across the country and around the world on mission trips. The Mission Trip Fund ensures youth are able to serve on these life-changing trips regardless of their financial situation. Based on their indicated need, the interest earned from your investment is provided to youth annually.



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Learning is an integral part of our faith life. The Scholarship Fund supports Easter members interested in expanding their knowledge through camps, retreats, or ELCA seminary education. Interest generated from your investment provides these education opportunities.



UNIQUE PURPOSE FUND

The Unique Purpose Fund is created by the donor with assistance from the Foundation Team for a specific purpose. Create a legacy in memory or in honor of a loved one. For example, the Kristi Lockrem Scholarship is a Unique Purpose Fund offered to students with learning disabilities seeking higher education after high school. The minimum gift for this type of fund is \$25,000.



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Ways to Invest

You can choose to include Easter in your legacy planning (will, trust, retirement plan, or life insurance policy). Planned legacy gifts enable you to make a more significant gift than you may have thought possible. This doesn't impact your cash flow during your lifetime and easy to alter, if your situation changes.

You can also make immediate gifts during your life to the Foundation using gifts of appreciated assets (cash, stocks, bonds, or mutual funds). Gifts of appreciated assets make an impact far into the future without affecting your cash flow.



CASH

WILLS & BEQUESTS Legacy giving from an estate, including memorials

APPRECIATED SECURITIES Donation of publicly traded stock, closely held stock or mutual funds

DONOR ADVISED FUND A lump sum donation to an interest earning sponsored fund through which the donor recommends grants to public charities

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST Trust that provides income stream to donor for a specified period, with remainder of interest paid to a public charity

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY Donor transfers cash or property to a public charity and the charity pays the donor back a fixed amount for his/her lifetime

LIFE INSURANCE Public charity can be named as the beneficiary for proceeds upon death or donor can transfer ownership of the policy while living



REAL ESTATE Direct donation of residential real estate to a public charity

Putting Faith Into Action

“ It’s nice to know that all our years of hard work will have a sustained payoff in service to others! ”

Our son, Alex, benefited from the Kristi Lockrem Scholarship, which is part of the Easter Foundation. We were all grateful for the scholarship that he received, and wanted to return the favor for future generations. We have also always heard wonderful outcomes from youth who went on Easter-sponsored mission trips, and wanted to support youth who needed additional financial assistance to go on these trips.

RITA & RICHARD TESTER





The Easter Foundation has enabled life transforming experiences for our Easter youth by providing scholarships for summer mission trips. The Foundation is committed to supporting youth who may not otherwise be able to attend mission trips due to financial constraints.

As part of our commitment to fund special projects with the interest earned on investments in the Heritage Fund, the Easter Foundation was able to fund the creation of two new baptismal fonts. The fonts were completed and commissioned in the summer of 2017.



The Kristi Ann Lockrem Memorial Scholarship was established in the Foundation by a gift from the family of Kristi Lockrem. The family wanted to honor her memory by offering financial awards to students with learning disabilities who seek further training or education after high school. Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has awarded a Lockrem scholarship to at least one qualified applicant every year.

Investing in the Foundation

The Easter Foundation, under the direction of the Financial Board and the Foundation Team members, invest assets with the ELCA Foundation in a long-term investment plan. The strategy is to provide a predictable stream of funding every year and maintain a steady purchasing power over the long-term. The Foundation's spending policy is to distribute an annual amount equal to four-percent of the average market value of the last 12 quarters. Investment always is consistent with our Lutheran principles.

CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

If you're interested in discussing ways to donate, please contact the Foundation Team at foundation@easter.org or 651-452-3680. For more information about the Foundation, visit easter.org (Give / Easter Foundation).





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