

A GUIDE  
FOR GIVING  
MEMORIALS  
AND  
SPECIAL GIFTS



*St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran*  
***Loving God — Serving Others***

## Memorials and Special Gifts

This pamphlet has been prepared as a guide for members and friends of St. Mark Lutheran Church who want to make a monetary gift to the church. The gift may be made *In Memory* of an individual or as a *Special Gift* to express joy or thanksgiving, perhaps to honor a birthday, anniversary, baptism, confirmation, graduation, or simply to provide for a recognized need to the glory of God.

A list of possible gifts is provided in this booklet. As these gifts are received or new needs are identified, the list will be updated.

If you are thinking of a gift not included on this list, we encourage you to discuss it with the Pastor who can guide you in determining the need and appropriateness of the gift.

You may make a monetary gift of any amount. You may designate your gift so that it can either purchase a specific item outright or be used to provide for a portion of the cost of a larger item. Undesignated Gifts will be used to fulfill an identified need.

## Suggestions for Memorials And Special Gifts

The following list will provide a guide to possible uses of gifts to the Memorial and Special Gifts Fund. These have been determined to be items needed or desired to improve the ministry and/or facility of the St. Mark congregation. Additional suggestions are welcome and should be directed to the Pastor.

If you would like to make a Gift to be used for a ministry outside the St. Mark congregation, such as a gift to the ELCA or the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, one of our Colleges, a Seminary, or Church Camp, etc., please contact Pastor Jay before making your gift to determine the best way to accomplish your wishes.

## Memorial and Special Gifts “Wish List”

Ongoing Ministries and Needs that are only partially funded or totally unfunded in our current church budget:

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! **First Bible:** This easy to understand version of the Bible would be presented by the church during our Sunday worship service to the parents of each member of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday school. The parents would then “place them in the hands of their children”, in fulfillment of their baptismal promise.  
New Bibles for Sunday school: \$7.00 each

! **Kingdom Weekend Adult Retreat Scholarships:** We have found over the years that in order to effectively encourage participation in this exciting Kingdom ministry, it is imperative that this retreat be offered as a free gift.

Cost: \$100.00

! **Anita E. Korensky College Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded yearly to St. Mark’s qualifying, full-time, post secondary education students.

Cost: Open

! **Christian Art:** Paintings or drawings are welcomed to help adorn the walls of our church. These gifts should be coordinated through the Pastor.

Cost: Open

! **Banners:** These colorful paraments help to celebrate the seasons and the ministries of St. Mark.

Cost: \$300.

! **Electronic Drums:** This percussion instrument will help augment the music of our group for our contemporary service.

Cost: 1,200.

! **Computers:** For Sunday School and other offices within the church.

Cost: To be determined.

! **Praise Hymn CD:** This project would create a CD and audiocassettes of our contemporary Worship Team, Praise Hymn. These would then be available to the congregation, and for inclusion in our visitor packets. Cost would include recording fees, and royalty fees.

Estimated Cost: \$500.

! **Round Tables**

9 tables @ 71 inches	–	Cost: \$1,421.50
11 tables @ 60 inches	–	Cost: \$1,234.26

! **New Blue Hope Welcome Banner** for the front of the church.

Cost: To be determined.

! **Spiritual booklets on a variety of topics.**

Cost: To be determined.

## ***How To Make a Gift***

Complete the Gift Contribution Form at the bottom of this page. Bring or mail the form to the church along with your monetary gift.

Your gift will be acknowledged to the person for whom a special gift was made or to the family for memorial gifts. You, as a donor, also receive a written acknowledgement for your records.

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### ***Gift Contribution***

(Please Print)

To the Glory of God and in thanks for His blessing, (I) (We) wish to make a gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to St. Mark Lutheran Church:

! In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

! As a Special Gift in honor of the \_\_\_\_\_

of (name) \_\_\_\_\_

! Undesignated

! Designated for \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please acknowledge this gift to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***St. Mark Extended Ministries Fund***

*"The gift that keeps on giving"*

This is an endowment fund which provides a special way for us to give to God's work in the world even after our death. Money donated through your will, or as a gift, will not be spent, but will be retained in the fund so that the interest that accrues may be used to support future ministries. Your gift to this fund will be used to keep on doing God's work in the world year after year, as long as St. Mark Lutheran Church exists!

The money distributed from this fund will be given and used for the following purposes:

- 30% to Missions, at home and abroad
- 30% to Christian Education and Scholarships
- 30% to Evangelism and Outreach
- 10% to Building needs and debt retirement

Additional information about the Extended Ministry Fund is available by contacting the Extended Funds Committee or Pastor Jay at (708) 448-6555.

## Other Opportunities For Designated Giving

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### Proposed Non-routine Maintenance and Capital Items

1) Projectors, computer, audio visual equipment	\$ 20,000.00
2) Replace sewer from Sacristy to Koetz Hall	\$ 20,000.00
3) Sealcote and stripe parking lots	\$ 20,000.00
4) Soffit, fascia, window tri wrap w/aluminum	\$ 14,000.00
5) Painting of window and door exteriors	\$ 4,400.00
6) Stabilization of bank retention wall in courtyard	\$ 3,000.00
7) Concrete replacement of exterior stairs	\$ 11,000.00
8) Replace roof on church	\$ 40,000.00
9) Add second story to existing offices	\$ 120,000.00
10) New LED sign	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
 TOTAL:	 <u>\$ 277,400.00</u>

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## Benevolence Pass-Through Gifts

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA provide means for special designated Benevolence Pass-Through giving for ministries in the region and throughout the world. These include the following:

Lutheran Social Services  
Lutheran Family Mission – Chicago  
Lutheran World Relief  
World Hunger

Please contact the Pastor for more information.

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