

## **Advent Lutheran Church Richboro, PA 18954-0840**

### **Getting Started: Bequest Intentions**

As part of the Estate Planning process for you and your family, please consider making Advent Lutheran Church a beneficiary in your will. If you plan to make a charitable gift in this manner, please meet with your attorney to discuss and update your will. Tell him or her exactly what you want to do. For the benefit of you and your heirs, you will want to be as clear as possible in describing what you want given to whom.

Here are four generally accepted ways to make a bequest. Each option is enacted by an update to your will.

#### **1. Unrestricted Bequest**

This is a gift for our general purposes, to be used at the discretion of our church council. A gift like this—without conditions attached—is frequently the most useful, as it allows us to determine the wisest and most pressing need for the funds at the time of receipt.

#### **2. Restricted Bequest**

This type of gift allows you to specify how the funds are to be used. Perhaps you have a special purpose or project in mind. If so, it's best to consult us when you make your will to be certain your intent can be carried out.

#### **3. Honorary or Memorial Bequest**

This is a gift given "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. We are pleased to honor your request and will provide ways to grant appropriate recognition, if so desired.

#### **4. Endowed Bequest**

This bequest allows you to restrict the principal of your gift, requiring us to hold the funds permanently and use only the investment income generated. Creating an endowment in this manner means that your gift can continue giving indefinitely.

**Bequest Language – Advent Lutheran Church, Richboro, PA**

*The official bequest language for Advent Lutheran Church is: "I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to Advent Lutheran Church Federal Tax Identification Number 23-2081861, [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."*

**Let Us Know**

We hope you'll tell us when you have named Advent Lutheran Church in your will. We would very much like the opportunity to thank you for your generosity.

If you prefer to remain anonymous, your gift will be kept completely confidential. But at the same time, recognition of your gift can encourage others to do the same. Whatever the case, we will honor your wishes, because we appreciate your support immensely.

**Please allow us to answer your questions**

You may contact any member of the Endowment Committee for assistance:

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