

Central Lutheran Foundation

History and Purpose

The Central Lutheran Foundation was established in 1979 to bridge the span of time between remembrance and renewal – remembrance of life, death and sanctification of our Lord Jesus Christ and our constant necessity to share His words and works with God’s people in need.

The Central Lutheran Foundation is a separate, non-profit organization made up of confirmed members of Central Lutheran Church. Its purpose is to serve as “A bridge of Mission bringing together, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ, those who want to help and those who need help.

This Foundation was established as the result of dreams, hopes and prayers which grew from a sermon presented in 1977 by the Senior Pastor of Central Lutheran Church.

In 1978, a Church Council member presented the concept of the Foundation to the Church Council, stating that the by-laws would be forth coming, as indeed they were in November of 1978. At that time the Council approved the Foundation Bylaws and plans were made to present them for vote by the entire congregation at the Annual Congregation Meeting in January 1979. The Congregation voted for the formation of the Foundation. A slate of four nominated officers, plus three members of the Board of Directors were elected at that Congregation Meeting. With the voting completed and with \$750, the Foundation officers and directors began meeting monthly to give shape to this “Bridge of Mission.”

The Foundation approach was chosen because the legal and financial provision of a foundation provide a way of receiving large and small non-taxable sums of money from gifts which, when accumulated will grow producing non-taxable income. Money comes to the Foundation from memorials, bequests and offerings of thanksgiving. Like the mustard seed, these gifts will grow and multiple to become support for others, thus serving the mission of Central Lutheran Church: To be the hands and feet of Jesus by: Loving God and one another, Nurturing faithful living, Serving those in need and Sharing the Gospel.

The hopes and prayers of this Church are that the Central Lutheran Foundation will provide a means to extend our mission beyond the current dimensions; to begin an endeavor of physical, spiritual and educational nourishment for those people reaching out in need of help whether they be churched or unchurched.

Through the Foundation we can share our talents, skills and financial support. Gifting is done usually annually after organizations have made application. Applications are evaluated by the gifting Committee with recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. Scholarships are also awarded to graduating senior high school students who are members of Central Lutheran Church as well as seminarians. Annual gifting is based upon dividends from Foundation investments.

The Central Lutheran Foundation Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with the Annual meeting of the Central Lutheran Church. At the Annual Meeting reports of Foundation activities are provided and officers/Members of the Board of Directors are elected.