

The Lutheran Church of the Galilean
Policy: Memorials and Contributions given in Memory
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The Lutheran Church of the Galilean has adopted this Memorial/Gift Policy in an effort to assist individuals make gifts to the church either in their own names or in memory or honor of a loved one. Such gifts fulfill mutual needs: the donor finds a meaningful way of expressing his or her gratitude, love and remembrance and the gift benefits the Church and furthers its mission. All gifts to The Lutheran Church of the Galilean, whether gifts of money, property or other items, are irrevocable. No gift may be returned to a donor unless the church council concludes, after review of the facts of the gift, the gift was made as a result of a mistake by the donor.

All gifts to The Lutheran Church of the Galilean are assumed to be intended for the congregation's general operating fund and general operating purposes, with the following exceptions.

- a. If the intention of the donor is to benefit a special fund or a special purpose is clearly expressed, the gift is credited to that fund or purpose. In such cases, the Church Council must be approve the creation of such a memorial prior to any gift for its creation being received. The Church Council must conclude that such a memorial is reasonable and in support of the Galilean's overall ability and mission.
- b. Gifts of tangible property, creation of a physical memorial in the Church or on its grounds, or a restricted gift of cash for a specific purpose or program. In such cases, the proposed gift must be approved by the Church Council prior to acceptance. The Church Council must conclude that such a memorial is reasonable and in support of the Galilean's overall ability and mission.
- c. Any proposal for building alterations or additions, interior or exterior fixtures, renovations or decorations must be considered for their effect on the building and its grounds. When a proposed gift would involve building alterations or additions, interior or exterior fixtures, renovations or decorations, the Church Council shall must approve the proposal prior to acceptance.

Once given, the disposition of all Memorials is at the sole discretion of the Church Council. In all cases, the Church Council will consider the donor's original intent when utilizing any memorial funds. The Church Council, at its sole discretion, may also approve the liquidation of any memorial fund.