

From the Senior Pastor

Holy Cross Lutheran Church has been called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to share its resources to make a difference in our world, nation, and local community. The Legacy Circle allows us to intentionally plan how our financial blessings can make a difference in the life of the ministry and mission of Holy Cross beyond our lifetime.

It is possible to give beyond our regular yearly offerings to support Holy Cross' ministries. In fact, giving of this kind has always been a part of achieving our long-term mission of growing in faith and serving the Lord.

Planned giving can help us support these ministries that we love, while eliminating our worries about the unknown expenses of the future, especially if we give a percentage of our assets.

Perhaps you're wondering about the logo of the Legacy Circle--a fish. Early Christians used the fish as a symbol of their faith, remembering Jesus' promises to make us fishers of people and his miracle of feeding thousands with just five loaves and two fish.



A fish reminds us of God's generosity and abundance. When you join the Legacy Circle, we engrave your name on a stained glass fish and hang it in our atrium. We also give you an identical fish as a reminder of your gift. (You can also give a gift anonymously).

When my time comes to rest in the Lord, I will be able to share of what God has given to me--to those closest to me, and to the colleges, seminary and congregations that have shaped my faith. Please join Paul and me by joining the Legacy Circle.

God has blessed me,
Pastor Meredith

Any and All Gifts Make A
Difference!



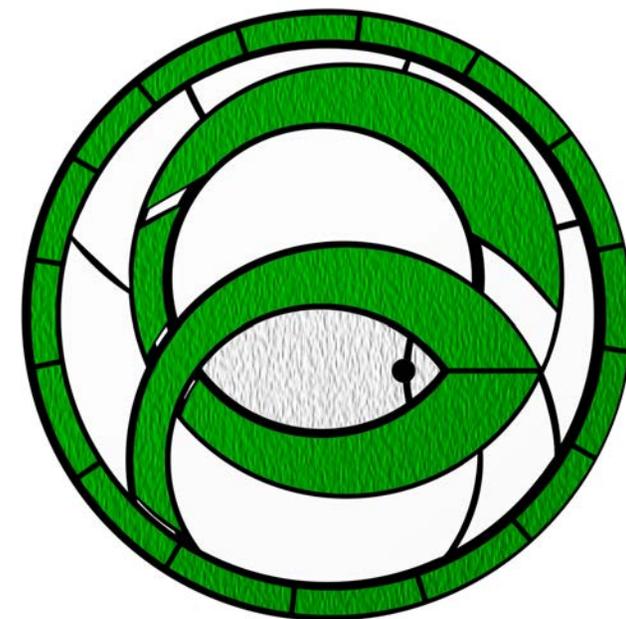
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Continuing God's
work through our
gifts beyond
our lifetime

Joe and Jean were always passionate about making Holy Cross a welcoming place for children and their families to know Christ's love. So they decided to give a MINISTRY GIFT to Holy Cross through the Legacy Circle.

A Ministry Gift allows Holy Cross to enhance an area of special importance to the giver. Because of Joe and Jean's gift, we were able to upgrade our AV system and create new, welcoming areas: the Family Place and the Worship Corner.

Joe & Jean



Frank & Bitsy



God's house has a mortgage, too. Yes, really! Our 2002 addition, which has allowed us to expand our ministries so much, still has a mortgage balance of 1.9 million dollars, down from 4.5 million.

This seems like a lot of money, and it is. But it would be a lot more without the generous gifts of people like Frank and Bitsy to the MORTGAGE DEBT REDUCTION FUND. Gifts to this fund help Holy Cross use more of our weekly offering for ministry.

Virginia loved her church, and she wanted its ministries to continue beyond the limits of her earthly life. She knew that, just as Holy Cross had changed during her lifetime, it would continue to change.

For that reason, she named Holy Cross' MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND in her will. The Mission Endowment Fund invests for the long-term needs of Holy Cross. Income earned is distributed annually, but the principal is maintained in perpetuity.

Virginia



How can we contribute to Holy Cross' legacy?

About Legacy Circle

Legacy Circle is composed of people who have made a designated gift to Holy Cross in their estate plan, like those above.

This simple act can continue God's work at Holy Cross Lutheran Church beyond your lifetime, guaranteeing that the good news of Jesus will always be proclaimed in this place.

Holy Cross' legacy

It all started in 1951, when Holy Cross began meeting for worship in the American Legion Hall in Menomonee Falls. The congregation was organized on Palm Sunday in 1952.

On that day, who could have imagined the legacy that these people would leave through their faith, prayers, and gifts of time and money?

What's my legacy?

Our legacy begins in faith and gratefulness to our Lord and for this congregation.

You can contribute to Holy Cross' legacy through a planned gift, including gifts from a will or trust, a life insurance policy, stocks, bonds and mutual funds, retirement accounts (401k, IRA) and savings accounts.