

Faith, Family, Future Campaign – Ways to Give

This flyer outlines options for making a gift to the Faith, Family, Future (FFF) Campaign, with a brief explanation of each option. We hope you find this information helpful as you prayerfully consider how you can share your blessings with Christ the Lord Lutheran Church (CTL).

Gifts by Cash or Check:

To make a gift by cash or check, place your gift in either the special FFF envelopes provided in your campaign packet, or in the offering envelopes in your offering box labeled “Capital Campaign”. Gifts in envelopes with the Growing God’s Family (our previous capital campaign) logo will be directed to the FFF Campaign starting on December 1, 2018. Your financial institution can also issue and mail a check directly to CTL. If you choose this latter option, please ensure the check memo includes your name and the designation to FFF.

Online Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your bank account or credit card:

Make a one time or recurring gift by EFT from your bank account or credit card through the CTL online giving site at <https://christthelordbrookfield.org/offerings/>. This is a secure online giving site administered by Vanco Payments. Giving online is easy, safe, enables you to write fewer checks, and allows you to view your complete online giving history. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Choose the giving option “Capital Campaign - FFF” to make a gift to the campaign. If you have questions regarding this option, please contact Arianne Kannenberg, CTL Bookkeeper.

Gifts from Thrivent Choice:

The Thrivent Choice program gives eligible members of Thrivent Financial the ability to recommend where some of Thrivent’s charitable outreach funds are distributed annually, using a vehicle called Choice Dollars®. Members become eligible for Thrivent Choice Dollars based on their insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent volunteer leadership. As a result, not all Thrivent members may have Choice Dollars available to them. You can access your Thrivent account at thrivent.com/thriventchoice, call Thrivent at 800-847-4836, or contact your Thrivent financial representative to learn how many Choice Dollars you may have available. You can designate those dollars to one or more charities online or by phone. Both Christ the Lord Lutheran Church and Christ the Lord Lutheran School are eligible organizations to receive Thrivent Choice Dollars.

To direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to CTL and designate them for the FFF campaign, there is **one additional step** to take. Please notify Cory Moudry, CTL Financial Secretary, or Vickie Walther, Thrivent Choice Coordinator, and report the amount of your Choice Dollars for CTL and your designation for the FFF campaign. Please also provide a printout from your Thrivent Choice account (you can print while making your designation online) that shows how much you designated to CTL and when. If you are not able to get a printout, please provide that information in an email or written note for our records. CTL receives the Thrivent Choice deposit monthly in a lump sum, without any detail on how many Choice Dollars each member designated. We need to know the specific amount you directed to CTL so that we can designate it for FFF at your request. Choice Dollars not designated for a particular fund will be allocated to general operations.

Employer Matching Gifts:

If your employer has a matching gift program that matches gifts made to educational non-profit organizations, then your gifts made payable to Christ the Lord Lutheran School could be eligible for an employer match. The FFF campaign includes renovation of areas that are used by the school and/or support the ministry and activities of the school. This means you may support the FFF campaign through a gift payable to Christ the Lord Lutheran School and apply for an employer matching gift. Employer matching gifts are not applied directly to your personal campaign commitment but are a great way for you to multiply the impact of your gifts to the campaign.

If you will be requesting an employer match, please notify Cory Moudry, CTL Financial Secretary, or Vickie Walther, Matching Gifts Coordinator, at the time you make your gift to be matched. They can provide assistance with either your matching gift application or substantiation and will ensure that the matching gift check is allocated correctly.

Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA:

The IRA Charitable Rollover tax incentive allows individuals aged 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 annually from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to qualified charitable organizations like CTL, in place of their required minimum distributions (RMDs), and without having to count the distributions as taxable income. Donors must be 70½ years old or older when the distribution is made, and the distributions must be made directly from the IRA trustee payable to the charitable organization. The qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can be made in one lump sum annually, or as a recurring gift. Please contact Cory Moudry, Financial Secretary, if you plan to make a gift to CTL through a QCD. Please also request that the IRA trustee include your name and the designation to FFF when sending your gift.

Gifts of Stocks, Bonds, or Mutual Funds:

If you would like to make a gift of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds to CTL, please contact Cory Moudry, Financial Secretary, to make appropriate arrangements for the transfer.

Gifts from a Donor Advised Fund:

If you would like to make a gift to CTL from a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), please contact Cory Moudry, Financial Secretary, in advance of making that gift. Please also request that your fund administrator include your name and the designation to FFF when sending your gift. The IRS has recently published new guidance which outlines the circumstances in which a gift from a DAF may be used to pay a donor's personal pledge without a tax penalty. Contact your fund administrator for more information if you would like to use a DAF gift to fulfill your campaign pledge.

For questions or assistance in making a gift to the FFF campaign, you can contact our CTL Financial Secretary at financialsecretary@christthelordbrookfield.org or the church office at churchoffice@christthelordbrookfield.org and 262-782-3040.