## **Endowment Fund**

If you looked for a definition of an Endowment Fund you might find something like this: "An endowment fund is a special account that is established in order to generate revenue that will be used for a specific purpose ... An endowment fund is designed to function in perpetuity, making it possible to provide financial support over the long term."

Immanuel has established such a fund. Its purpose is to supply financial help or gifts which will help further the mission of our congregation. Every year requests are made to the Endowment Committee as to where such gifts can be used. As the Fund grows, and with the Lord's blessing, more proceeds are made available. Therefore, we encourage members of Immanuel to consider making financial gifts to this fund over and above their regular contributions. These gifts will make it possible as the definition states, "to provide financial support" to Immanuel "over the long term." Anyone interested in making a contribution to the Endowment Fund can pick up one of the Endowment Fund contribution envelopes at the Welcome/Information Center in the Gathering Room at church, or simply place your gift into a plain envelope, write "Endowment Fund" on the outside, and place it into the offering plate.

Our motivation for this kind of giving, as with all of our giving, is stated by the Apostle Paul so well in I Timothy 4:8: "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearing." By his perfect life and his innocent death on the cross the Lord Jesus has deposited "into a spiritual bank, so to speak" the forgiveness of sins and life eternal for each one of us and for all people of all time. Daily we can go to our gracious God, asking for forgiveness, knowing that it is there for us and knowing that we have the "crown of righteousness" laid up for us in heaven.

May our gracious God continue to bless the gifts that we bring in our Savior's name!

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