

PURPOSE/HISTORY

The St. Matthew's Lutheran Church *Mission Fund* was established in 1998 to support congregational and community projects that are not a part of St. Matthew's annual budget. Any confirmed member of St. Matthew's may put forward a project to be considered for funding. The church council allocates the funds at the end of the calendar year. Previously funds have been used to support: the Prince William County Drop-in Center (2005/2008), the Christus Victor Lutheran Church new building fund (2007), the Immigration and Law Center (2004); Roanoke College, Caroline Furnace, and an Eagle Scout project (2003). There is also a provision to provide support for members of St. Matthew's who attend Lutheran seminaries.

In 2009, the Fund's principal is over \$26,000 and the interest available for projects is about \$800.



Prince William Drop-in Center

BUILDING THE FUND

The *Mission Fund* is an opportunity to expand your stewardship by designating resources that will continue to advance the church's benevolent work in ways that reflect your love of the Lord.

The Fund's principal is not allocated. Your gift continues to give because it adds to the Fund's principal and only the interest earned is allocated to projects



Caroline Furnace

The Fund is built through a gift, bequest, or life insurance policy naming St. Matthew's Mission Fund as beneficiary. The Fund will also accept gifts of cash or securities designated to the Fund through third parties, and, with Church Council approval, gifts of real and personal property.

The Fund is administered by a committee elected by the congregation, and financial disbursements are approved by the Church Council.



Eagle Scout Project

TELL ME MORE

If you have an interest in donating or getting more information about the Fund, please contact a Pastor or a Fund Committee member through the church office. In addition, the Fund Committee will sponsor seminars by various endowment administrators and other long-term planning professionals, particularly those with affiliation to the ELCA or Lutheran fraternal organizations. These gatherings will provide information on a variety of giving opportunities as well as convey helpful information on subjects such as wills, powers-of-attorney, and medical directives. In addition, the Lutheran Planned Giving consortium, an arm of the Washington Metro Synod with offices in Alexandria, Virginia, offers planned giving assistance at no cost.

Please contact me about the *Mission Fund* at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Woodbridge, VA

Please drop this form off at the church office.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State _____

Zip _____

Home Phone _____

When completed mail to:

The Mission Fund
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
12351 All Saints Place
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3304

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*"We give thee thine own, what e're the gift
may be; all that we have is thine alone a trust,
O Lord from thee." LBW 410*