St. John’s Eagle Foundation

For centuries, the eagle has been the symbol of St. John the Evangelist after whom this congregation is named.

St. John’s EAGLE FOUNDATION has been established to support and provide for the long-term continuation of the ministry of God’s Word and Sacrament here at St. John’s in Topeka.

This pamphlet offers a brief overview of the endowed funds that constitute the St. John’s EAGLE FOUNDATION. Individually, they each have a specific area of focus. Yet, taken together, they encompass a wide spectrum of needs and opportunities to support the ministry of the Gospel.

Please give prayerful consideration to supporting the St. John’s EAGLE FOUNDATION.

Professional Education Scholarship Fund
Payments to the appropriate academic institutions from the Professional Education Scholarship Fund shall be made on behalf of a member of St. John’s, who is preparing to serve the Lord in the capacity of pastor, Lutheran school teacher, DCE, or other full-time work in the Church. Recipients must be enrolled in a synodical college, university, or seminary as a full time student.

Ephesians 4:11-12

Capital Improvement Fund
Earnings from the Capital Improvement Fund are used by the congregation for capital improvements or repairs to the building. Typically, the Board of Trustees will make a recommendation to the Church Council, who may approve or deny the request. The Capital Improvement Fund is particularly valuable to the congregation for its support in funding items in need of repair or improvement that are not part of the congregation’s operating budget.

Psalm 26:8

The Lutheran School Fund
Earnings from the Lutheran School Fund supplement the cost of attendance for congregational children, ages Kindergarten and above, at a Lutheran school in the greater Topeka, Kansas metro area. Families who send their children to Topeka Lutheran School benefit from the support this fund provides.

Psalm 78:5b-6a
Options for Supporting St. John’s Eagle Foundation

The St. John’s Lutheran Church Endowment Board is responsible for administering St. John’s Eagle Foundation’s funds. In doing so, the board has established various methods of support, which have been approved by the congregation’s voting membership.

The funds listed in this brochure accept contributions of any amount, at any time. If you decide to contribute to an existing fund, please designate which fund your contribution should be directed to. If no such designation is made, then your contributions will be credited to the Legacy-Memorial Fund, which features the broadest scope of needs to be addressed at St. John’s.

Another option available for supporting St. John’s Eagle Foundation is through the establishment of a new, endowed fund. For a minimum commitment of $5,000, you will have the ability to give your fund a specific name, and designate a specific purpose for the non-endowed earnings from the fund. If you prefer to contribute over a period of time, rather than in one lump-sum, this option allows you to attain the $5,000 threshold over a three-year period, and still retain the ability to name your fund and designate its purpose. In addition, others may contribute to the endowed fund at any time, which will increase the amount of funds available for use by the congregation.

How Do I Contribute?

If, after reviewing these existing fund options, you choose to contribute to an existing fund, you may do so by writing a check to:

St. John’s Lutheran Church

In the memo line, please reference the fund that you wish to support. Contributions without specific designations will be placed in the Legacy-Memorial Fund, which supports a broad range of projects and missions at St. John’s.

If you are interested in establishing a new fund with a designated purpose, you are encouraged to contact the church office about your contribution, and work with the pastor to identify areas where your support could be most desirable for you and most effective for the congregation.

Finally, if you would like to learn more about any of the funds in this brochure, or if you would like to visit in greater detail about your options, please contact the church office at the phone number or address below.

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The Rev. Kantor Roger M. Goetz Music Endowment

Earnings from the Rev. Kantor Roger M. Goetz Music Endowment help fund the music program connected with liturgical worship at St. John’s.

Psalm 96:1-2

The Rev. J. G. Jacobsen Organ Recital Fund

Earnings from the J.G. Jacobsen Organ Recital Fund support organ recitals in St. John’s. Since 1979, St. John’s has hosted more than 30 organ recitals as part of the congregation’s continued ministry.

Job 21:12

Luther Hall Enhancement Fund

Earnings from the Luther Hall Enhancement Fund are used to purchase equipment and supplies in the multi-purpose facility, including the kitchen area. Expenditures from this fund supply Luther Hall with items that enhance and improve activities hosted in the facility.

1 John 1:7

The Legacy-Memorial Fund

Earnings from the Legacy-Memorial Fund may serve a broad range of activities and/or enhancements, at the discretion of the Church Council.

1 Peter 4:1