

Remembering the Lord's Work in your will or trust through the Final Tithe – Part 3

The last two Sundays, you had the opportunity to read about the Final Tithe in your bulletin. Just think if every Christian would leave a final tithe to their Lord in their will – what potential there would be to spread the Gospel and to bring more souls to Christ! Remember, everything we have is a gift from God to be enjoyed during our lifetime – it only seems right that we give some back to Him when we are through.

There are so many organizations within the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that could benefit from your final tithe. Just as an example, there is Lutheran Hour Ministries – to help continue the spread of the Gospel around the world through radio, television, and the internet. We have 2 Concordia Seminaries – where the monies could go to prepare men and women for the ministry to become pastors and deaconesses. We have a Concordia University system where people can not only get a great education, but they learn about Jesus! There is the Lutheran Heritage Foundation that translates Lutheran doctrine books into many different languages. Closer to home, there is Hope High School – which is growing and God willing will continue to grow – you can help make that happen!

Of course, our largest mission here at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, is our Immanuel Lutheran Church and School!! We have a wonderful opportunity to spread the Gospel through our parochial school – an opportunity to spread like no other! Teaching children about Christ in this world that tries so hard to get those ideas of religion out of their heads, is more important than ever. By remembering our church and school in your will or trust, you can help to preserve them for future generations.

By leaving a final tithe, you are showing your love for Christ, your thankfulness for all that he has blessed you with during your lifetime, and you are making a faith statement to your family about the importance of Christ in your life. What joy there is in that!

You don't have to have a big estate to leave something to the Lord. All amounts are welcome! Don't forget how the widow's mites were worth more to Jesus than the rich man's offerings, because she gave it from her heart out of love for her Lord.

This Saturday, November 23 at 11:00 in the church basement, you will have the opportunity to learn about how the LCMS Foundation can help with end-of-life gift planning. Kurt Fuhr, a gift planning counselor from the LCMS Foundation, will be giving a presentation of all the different ways you can remember the Lord, along with your family, in your estate planning. With proper gift plan structuring, you can leave assets in a way that may minimize the taxes on your estate and allow an opportunity to do more with the blessings God has provided for you in your lifetime. Please plan to attend. The LCMS Foundation is not "selling" anything – they are just here to help you.

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