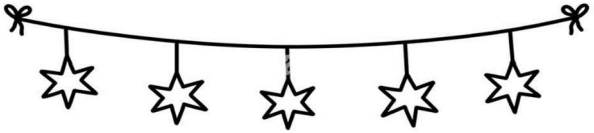
Year End Giving to the Church

ELCA Foundation



Would you like to finish this year with a gift to our congregation or other areas of the church that will maximize your impact and reduce your taxes? Consider the following options to make the best gift for you and the ministries you care about.

MAKE AN IMMEDIATE DIFFERENCE:

When you support the ministries of the ELCA by simply writing a check, you make great things happen, and you may receive a federal income tax charitable deduction. If you itemize, you can write off the amount you're donating, resulting in lower taxable income. Unsure of whether your gift is tax-deductible? Contact your financial advisor or tax consultant.

Did you know? Your envelope must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year.

USE APPRECIATED SECURITIES:

By donating appreciated securities that you have owned for longer than one year, you receive the same income tax savings as you would by making a gift of cash. You also eliminate any tax on the appreciation. The ELCA Foundation can assist congregations in receiving gifts of securities.

Did you know? If the securities are electronically transferred, the gift date is the day the securities enter our account — *not* the date you ask your broker to make the transfer.

MAKE A GIFT FROM YOUR IRA:

If you are 70½ or older, you can give any amount up to $100,000 from your IRA to the ELCA ministries of your choosing through the ELCA Foundation. (Note: This amount will be higher in subsequent years to adjust for inflation.) If you are required to take minimum distributions (RMDs), you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your obligation. Your IRA administrator must remove the funds from your account by Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year.

Did you know? If you have check-writing features on your IRA, your check must clear your account by Dec. 31 to count toward your required minimum distribution for the calendar year.

THE COUNTDOWN IS ON

As we approach the end of the year, the ELCA Foundation is happy to help ensure that you realize the greatest benefit for your kindness. Your regional gift planner, Marianne Brock, is ready to assist you with this. Contact Marianne at Marianne.Brock@elca.org or 717-574-9066 to get started. You can also visit the ELCA Foundation website at giftplanning.elca.org.



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