

# UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMORIAL ACCOUNT POLICY

## MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Memorial Committee is to encourage members of the congregation to make financial contributions to the United Lutheran Church Memorial Fund and to oversee those items that qualify as appropriate memorials.

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Memorial Committee will have a minimum of four members and will consist of the members of the Mutual Ministry Board, including the Pastor with voice and vote. The committee will meet as needed

## MEMORIALS/IN HONOR OF

A monetary donation may be given to the Glory of God in memory of a deceased loved one, in honor of a member, or in honor of a special occasion may be placed in the Memorial or Endowment Fund.

When a monetary donation is given to the Memorial Fund, it is to be used to purchase any item that the Memorial Committee feels will enhance or promote worship and faithfulness of the congregation in its commitment to proclaim the Good News of Salvation to our faith community.

The Memorial Committee will establish a list of appropriate memorial requests (*see list below - ideas may be suggested by the congregation or community members*) and review the list at least once each year and make necessary changes which the committee feels are appropriate memorials. The committee may give its input on the item, style, cost, etc. **Only committee members decide if a request is appropriate, needed, and the amount. If the memorial items under consideration are appropriate, and meet the criteria for a memorial as stated in this guideline policy, the request will then go to the Church Council for final approval.**

All former memorial restricted fund accounts (eg. hymnals, organ, music, kitchen, garden etc.) no longer exist. It is now the Memorial Account.

None of the Memorial Account funds will be used or borrowed from for General Expenses.

## APPROPRIATE ITEMS FOR DESIGNATION AS MEMORIALS

**WORSHIP:** Candles, hymnals, altar ware, Bibles, devotional materials, and all types of vestments.

**PROPERTY:** Worship furnishings, musical instruments, sound equipment, paintings, windows, elevator maintenance, and plants. This includes all other property items for the church building facility and its property that the Memorial Committee considers acceptable replacement, or an additional new item. (*eg. These do not include consumable property items, such as replacing a furnace, roof, light bulbs, door knobs, garbage bags, etc., that would come out of the general budget account.*)

**EQUIPMENT:** Office equipment such as typewriters, phones, computers, printers, copiers, faxes, etc.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** To Christian camps, Christian congregation events, and workshops.

All memorials are to be used for the glory of God for the ministries of United Lutheran Church. A memorial book will be kept to record items given. No inscriptions or placards will be placed on memorial items. "Given to the Glory of God in Memory of " labels will continue to be placed in hymnals. A congregation member or donor may pay for the entire cost of an approved memorial item as stated in the policy guidelines.