

**Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church
Richboro, PA 18954**

Getting Started: Estate Planning and Bequest Intentions

As part of the Estate Planning process for you and your family, please consider making Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church a beneficiary in your will. To do so, you can state your intentions in your will and or meet with your attorney to discuss and update your will, whichever is appropriate for you.

Here are four generally accepted ways to make a bequest. Each option is enacted by an update to your will.

1. Unrestricted Bequest

This is a gift for our general purposes, to be used at the discretion of our church council. A gift like this—without conditions attached—is frequently the most useful, as it allows us to determine the wisest and most pressing need for the funds at the time of receipt.

2. Restricted Bequest

This type of gift allows you to specify how the funds are to be used. Perhaps you have a special purpose or project in mind. If so, it's best to consult us when you make your will to be certain your intent can be carried out.

3. Honorary or Memorial Bequest

This is a gift given "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. We are pleased to honor your request and will provide ways to grant appropriate recognition, if so desired.

4. Endowed Bequest

This bequest allows you to restrict the principal of your gift, requiring us to hold the funds permanently and use only the investment income generated. Creating an endowment in this manner means that your gift can continue giving indefinitely.

Bequest Language – Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Richboro, PA

The official bequest language for Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church is: *"I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."*

Let Us Know

We hope you'll tell us when you have named Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church in your will. We would very much like the opportunity to thank you for your generosity.

If you prefer to remain anonymous, your gift will be kept completely confidential. But at the same time, recognition of your gift can encourage others to do the same. Whatever the case, we will honor your wishes, because we appreciate your support immensely.

Please Allow Us To Answer Your Questions

Please feel free to contact Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church with any questions that you may have concerning estate planning and bequest giving.