Generosity & Endowment Committee
July 2024

A Dream About The Future

It's July 2049—25 years from now. It's hot in Oro Valley, (surprise!) but it's relatively cool at Resurrection Lutheran Church because funding for the congregation's slate of ministries is backed up by good earnings from the RLC Endowment. These endowment earnings are dollars available to meet needs identified by pastors, the church council, and supporters of specific ministries within the church family, even outside the annual budget. Thanks to work done back in the early 2020's to begin a permanent endowment, gifts have come from those who, in accordance with our mission statement, wanted to ensure that many years later, "the presence of Christ" would still be central to our being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and around the world.

Now, back to 2024. It's hot (no change). Your Generosity and Endowment Committee is truly energized by the potential for an endowment fund to make a difference in the witness of the church many years into the future. This can happen by gathering gifts and investing them safely and carefully with professional management to produce earnings (without touching the principal) that can bolster our ministries decades hence, responding in Christ's name to needs that we cannot predict today. It's already happening, as gifts are being made to strengthen our future. Watch for an updated report soon.

Members who share the dream of a Resurrection Lutheran Church that reflects God's love in its future ministries and who want to make a current or legacy gift to help make it happen will find abundant ELCA Foundation resources, including free services from our regional gift planning expert, Lisa Higginbotham. Questions? Ask any member of the committee: Dave Amble, Bob Asbell, Craig Barker, Pam Brandt, Herman Haenert, Barry Robinson, or Stephanie Thompson.