



THE FOUNDATION OF ST. ANDREW'S

WHAT IS THE FOUNDATION OF ST. ANDREW'S?

The Foundation of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church was established in 2000 to support transformational ministry, separate from the ongoing operations or capital needs of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church. It is a separate 501(c)(3) charitable organization and is classified by the IRS as a public charity (Tax ID #41-2001369).



The Mission of The Foundation of St. Andrew's

GOD CALLS THE FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT ST. ANDREW'S MISSIONAL EFFORTS



Serve in Christ's name through careful stewardship of donor assets.



Inform all about generosity as an extension of faith and witness to God's mission.



Connect donors with appropriate resources to help them translate their heartfelt intentions into charitable legacies.

PRAY, LEARN, PLAN

We seek to match donor intentions with ministries that serve the needs of people in Christ's name in the community, the nation, and around the world.

Whether you're actively involved in estate planning, have already included St. Andrew's in your will, or are interested in transforming your faith into a legacy, we invite you to pray, learn, and plan.

Pray about the gifts God has given you; learn how to use those gifts in God's kingdom, both now and in the future; and make a financial estate plan that works for you and your family. Let us help you achieve your charitable dreams!

"I never thought I would be able to do something like leave a bequest that would allow my gift to live on after I'm gone. It's an unexpected joy as I do my estate planning..."

T.M., ST. ANDREW'S MEMBER

Financial Impact

The Foundation's first donation of \$14,383 created the first endowed fund: Youth Ministry and Community Outreach. Today, The Foundation oversees 14 endowed funds with more than \$1 million in assets! The really good news about The Foundation's growth is in the impact that the annual distributions make on its missions. In 2024, The Foundation was able to award \$45,000 in grants!

2024 GRANT AWARDS

FUND	AMOUNT
Mission Jamaica	\$16,100
Pastoral Care	\$300
Spark Bibles	\$1,400
Community Resource Center	\$1,900
Seminary Scholarships	\$4,600
Jan Gilbertson Music Ministry	\$1,200
Habitat for Humanity	\$3,900
Youth Ministry	\$3,200
Vision Slovakia	\$500
Mighty Organ	\$1,600
Environmental Stewardship	\$700
Mental Health	\$800
Bega Kwa Bega	\$0
General Church Operations	\$2,200
Undesignated Fund to General Operations for Pat Miles Event	\$5,000
Undesignated Fund to Seminary - multiple candidates	\$600
Undesignated Fund to Bega Kwa Bega	\$1,000
TOTAL ALL GRANTS	\$45,000

Since its inception, The Foundation has awarded \$321,000 in grants to supported ministries.

Gifts to the Church vs. The Foundation



Gifts to St. Andrew's Lutheran Church support the annual operations, ongoing program needs or special building projects of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.



Gifts to The Foundation of St. Andrew's are separate and distinct from your donations to pay for day-to-day operations. Both gifts are important, impactful, and are made to independently registered charitable 501(c)(3) organizations. The Foundation is a separate organization, classified by the IRS as a public charity (Tax ID #41-2001369). More missions and funds are added every year, and we encourage donors to create their own funds.

Gifts to The Foundation of St. Andrew's support missional programs of The Foundation, including support for certain church operations and programs beyond the annual congregational budget if designated by donors. Gifts to The Foundation have long-term benefits that continue beyond one's death and leave a legacy of giving.

Foundation Focus Areas

BEGA KWA BEGA

Through the generosity of 13 donors, the Bega Kwa Bega (BKB) Fund (shoulder-to-shoulder in Swahili) was established to provide annual grants to support our partners in The Kipanga Parish, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. The parish, together with St. Andrew's BKB team, will prioritize annual distributions from The Foundation to provide student scholarships, educational and construction supplies, medical assistance, agricultural projects, emergency response with families, and other areas of need.



COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

The Community Resource Center (CRC) has been part of our local ministry since it opened in March 2011, after St. Andrew's learned about the extent of homelessness in the area. The family emergency shelter—the only one in Washington County—serves families with minor children in Washington County and part of Ramsey County.

Rental assistance, advocacy, and emergency hotel stays also help to combat homelessness. Grants from The Foundation supports case management, clothing assistance, weekly choice-based food pickup, employment mentoring, computer access for employment and housing searches, childcare, free meals, the use of laundry appliances and showers, free personal hygiene and basic household items.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

A group of environmentally conscious members collaborated to establish this fund to honor a St. Andrew's member, who, for 60 years, actively demonstrated our Lord's calling us to be reasonable stewards of the world graciously provided to us. The Environmental Stewardship Team (EST) will receive grant monies to be used for a variety of activities including education, outreach and networking, special worship services, and stewardship awards and scholarships.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

St. Andrew's has built and restored homes for more than 30 years under the umbrella of the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity program, which strives to makes decent, affordable housing available for all people. Grants from The Foundation provide additional support.

MISSION JAMAICA

Mission Jamaica (MJ) is a short-term “vacation with a purpose” mission that began at St. Andrew's in 1990. It combines a service project with time for reflection and spiritual rest, and allows people with varied skills and talents to participate. Projects may include home construction; maintenance, construction, and care for people at schools and orphanages; and providing free medical care to those in need while sharing the Good News of Jesus. MJ currently hosts trips to Montego Bay and Kingston. The Foundation provides grants to support the MJ projects.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Congregational surveys tell us that preaching and music are the two main reasons people choose St. Andrew's. Music is not only a hallmark of St. Andrew's, but also helps us strengthen and sustain the worship experience. The Foundation stewards two endowed funds to support the St. Andrew's Music Ministry.

- **Jan Gilbertson Music Ministry Fund**

The Music Ministry fund was renamed to honor Jan Gilbertson, former St. Andrew's Music Director who served St. Andrew's with great joy and dedication for 34 years. Much of the music acclaim this church has received over the years is to her credit.

- **The Mighty Organ Fund**

Generosity and vision brought the iconic Casavant Organ to St. Andrew's in 2001. A generous donor with a lifelong passion for playing and teaching the organ established the Mighty Organ endowed fund in 2022 to help maintain it and ensure we will enjoy it for years to come.



PASTORAL CARE

Life can be challenging, but you don't have to walk through it alone. This fund supports efforts by St. Andrew's pastors and care ministry team to reach out and share Christ's love with people going through a difficult time. In addition to a ministry team, referrals to a licensed counselor, resources, and prayer are offered.

ST. ANDREW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH GENERAL OPERATIONS

This fund supports the ongoing operational costs and missions of the church, augmenting the annual budget.

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

Proclaiming Jesus into the next century will require dynamic, appealing and relevant leaders. The Foundation nurtures the next generation of leaders in the church by funding barrier-free advanced degree seminary education as a show of support and demonstration of God's grace.

SPARK BIBLES

Children are formally presented their Spark Story Bibles by their parents during a worship service, symbolizing the baptismal promise to “place into their hands the holy scriptures.” Families are then encouraged to use their Bible regularly at home as part of family devotions and at special celebrations (such as Christmas or Easter). Children are also invited to bring their Bibles to church, where they are regularly used in our Sunday School classes. The Bibles are a gift made possible by this fund.

VISION SLOVAKIA

St. Andrew’s has been involved in The Center for Christian Education (CCE) in Slovakia for over two decades. Paul and Mary Ellen Berge have been part of leading this mission for nearly that long. In honor of the Center’s 25th anniversary and to help our partners there achieve their vision, the Berges established an endowed fund.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Anonymous donors recognized the increasing need for youth mental health services and established this fund out of a desire to help youth and their affected family members receive basic guidance and support as they encounter mental health challenges and needs. Grant monies are likely to be used to fund a variety of resources, including educational materials, program supplies, books, scholarships, and small group therapy sessions. The goal is to assist as many youth and families as possible.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Funding is intended to reach children of all ages to build their faith, help them engage with each other, and participate in experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime.

UNDESIGNATED FUNDS ALLOCATION

The Foundation’s Board of Directors determines where funds will be allocated every year, sometimes to a focus area that doesn’t receive grants from an endowed fund, sometimes to cover expenses of The Foundation, sometimes to fund a special project. The fund has the flexibility to support existing and unnamed missions that may arise in the future.

The Foundation of St. Andrew's Welcomes Your Gifts and Support

The Foundation has more than 20 years of history supporting its donors, funds, and grantees. Our portfolio is professionally managed by Guardian Wealth Management. Your gifts to The Foundation of St. Andrew's allow us to make an even greater impact on our missional focus areas—so that everyone may know Christ's healing power.

Ways to Give

As a donor, you have multiple options for contributing to The Foundation, including cash and non-cash gifts, or both.

CASH GIFTS

Make a one-time or recurring gift of cash, a cash gift as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) as part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), or a grant from a donor-advised fund (DAF). Donate "goods to gifts" through donations of real estate, precious art, or other assets. Give while you're living and see your gift at work!

NON-CASH GIFTS

There are many ways to donate non-cash gifts or assets to The Foundation, including:

- **Stocks, bonds, or other appreciated assets**, which may provide significant tax benefit to you while funding your missional interest.
- **An end-of-life gift** through your will or trust by designating a specific dollar amount or percentage of assets to The Foundation of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.
- **Beneficiary designations** allow donors to name The Foundation as a beneficiary or partial beneficiary of an IRA, 401(k), 403(b), insurance policy or annuity contract.
- **Create a Charitable Gift Annuity** or Charitable Remainder Trust that benefits The Foundation.



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