

## **AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST** **First Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas**

*“So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us...”*  
--II Corinthians 5:20a

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.”*  
--Hebrews 13:2

### **Objective:**

- To identify, recruit, train and encourage more congregational members to use their God-given gifts to serve as “*ambassadors for Christ*,” as they “*show hospitality*” to those who are guests at First Lutheran Church, Topeka, Kansas.

### **What is Expected?**

Ambassadors for Christ are expected to:

- Meet and introduce themselves to people who come onto the church grounds.
- Strategically position themselves to be on the lookout for first-time guests and intentionally welcome them to First Lutheran Church. After welcoming guests, introduce them to other people in close proximity.
- After the worship service (or other congregational events), stand in the nave lounge to welcome those whom they have already met as they entered the church and to say “Thank you” to them for coming.
- Make follow-up phone calls, send an email or a card/letter thanking them for visiting the congregation and inviting them to return.
- Make a brief visit (3-5 minutes) to drop off a “Thank You for visiting us” gift, to see if they have any questions about the congregation, and to invite them to return. (The ambassadors are **not** expected to enter the home).
- SMILE!

### **Characteristics of Ambassadors:**

- Friendly, outgoing
- Hospitable: ability to graciously welcome newcomers and guests
- Sensitive to the needs of others, caring and compassionate
- Positive, cheerful/hopeful
- Respectful, kind
- Interact well with different types of people
- Faithful
- Knowledgeable about the congregation, its members and its ministries
- Able to connect well with new people
- Good social skills
- Generally interested in the welfare and concerns of others

Ambassadors for Christ “*show hospitality to strangers*”  
accurately representing the love that Christ has for each one of us!

If this is a ministry in which you would like to become involved, please contact Pastor Bob Dealey at [Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net) or call the church office at (785) 272-5302. Thank you.

## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

The First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund operates as follows:

- to enhance the mission outreach and capital improvements of First Lutheran Church apart from the general operation of the congregation;
- that no portion of the income generated by the Fund shall be used for the annual operating budget of the congregation; and
- that, except where authorized otherwise in the terms of the gift, all principal amounts will be retained and only the income expended.

Income from the fund is distributed to accomplish the following purposes:

**Capital Improvement Fund:** One-fourth for Capital Improvement Fund, debt reduction, or building program of First Lutheran Church.

**Scholarships or Grants Fund:** One-fourth for scholarships or grants to members of First Lutheran Church for the purpose of attending college, seminary, nursing, or medical school; for church-related camping or leadership conferences; or such other training which enables members to grow in Christ faith and service.

**Outreach Fund:** One-fourth for outreach into the community, including, but not limited to: grants to ELCA colleges, seminaries, social service agencies, institutions and agencies to which the congregation relates, and to special programs designed for those persons in the parish area who are in spiritual or economic need.

**Lutheran Church Mission Development Fund:** One-fourth for missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at home and overseas, including, but not limited to: grants to the ELCA for new mission development in North America, professional leadership, educational ministries, world mission and ecumenism, TV evangelism, and capital financing.

The Endowment Fund provides resources that create a lasting legacy. The Endowment Fund is also one way that we steward the gifts that God has given us in order to advance God's mission. In 2018, two students were awarded a \$500 college scholarship. In 2019, the Sibberson Fund helped underwrite the cost of the Richetta Manager concert that was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Endowment Fund, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Jenny, me, or a member of the Endowment Committee. By pooling our gifts together, we can make a greater impact on the lives of others. Thank you for your interest and your support!

Gratefully yours,  
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