

Fun With the Endowment Fund

As you well know, our church is not just a sanctuary, not just a retreat for worship and prayer. Our church is the embodiment of the living Christ working within us and through us to serve God's world. One of the ways of service we have chosen is the Endowment Fund.

What is the Endowment Fund and how does it work? Laurie Wennes gave you a broad preview in the June 28th Sunday service and promised more to come. Our Endowment Fund needs to grow from an initial seedling (mustard, anyone?) of \$300 to \$10,000. When that goal is reached the money is placed in the hands of the Sonoma County Community Foundation, so that interest can begin to accumulate. That interest, once we have reached a principal of \$100,000 becomes the working capital for our good works.

What good works? Whatever we decide. Educational materials, music, scholarships for our youth, community projects, you name it. There will be an application process and a decision-making process and a send off, quiet probably, to the chosen work.

One hundred thousand dollars? You've got to be kidding. No, we're not. We know that, with God's help, Faith Lutheran can accomplish financial miracles. We are going to show you how we do that in a professional presentation on estates and giving on October 18. So, stop reading now and mark your calendars.

By the way, you don't have to die to share an estate. The experience just may be to your benefit, if not in tax write offs, then, perhaps in a new way of meeting living expenses. It's worth your attention to come right after church on October 18 and give a listen. Besides pastor is in charge of giving us nourishment, lunch, that is. You won't want to miss the food and fellowship.

In the meantime search your couch cushions for extra change and check your budget to see if there are any financial seeds you can spare. We've a long way to go, and we're going there together in a spirit of service and fun.

Your Endowment Committee