

## **Trinity Lutheran Church**

### **Policy for Second Sunday Offering Proceeds and Bequest Match**

“Connect, Grow and Serve with the love of Jesus Christ”

1. The Witness and Outreach Committee is responsible for identifying entities/projects to receive Second Sunday Offerings.
  - a. The congregation and staff will be consulted on a regular basis for project/entity ideas
    - i. Outreach to congregation will be deliberate and frequent.
    - ii. A variety of methods will be used to gather ideas; such as temple talks, bulletin inserts, posting on TLC website, Chimes, etc.
    - iii. Ideas will be submitted in writing to Trinity’s Office Administrator, who will compile and give to the Outreach Coordinator to share with the W&O committee
  - b. Projects/entities that align with Trinity’s Mission Statement and Vision 2020 will receive priority
  - c. The Witness and Outreach Committee will categorize projects/entities into one of three categories:
    - i. Local benevolence (Chisago Lakes area, including project/entities within Trinity Lutheran Church)
    - ii. Synod/regional benevolence (East Central MN; St. Paul Area Synod)
    - iii. National/International Benevolence
  - d. The goal is to have the categories represented equally during a year. Each category will be fairly represented based on project requests received. All-requests will be reviewed to ensure fairness and balance.
2. The Witness and Outreach Committee via Committee minutes will notify the Trinity Council of its decisions regarding Second Sunday offering recipients.
3. When presenting projects/entities for Second Sunday offerings for Council approval, W & O will give priority consideration to new projects. Projects/entities that may have previously received Second Sunday offerings may again be considered depending upon the number of applications received and the priority of the project within the mission of Trinity congregation.
4. Funds set aside from the Pearl Nelson Bequest will be used to match the Second Sunday offerings on a dollar-for-dollar basis until the funds are exhausted, not to exceed \$2, 000 per month.
5. Witness and Outreach Committee will work with the recipients of Second Sunday offerings to get data/information about the use of funds and document the results of Trinity’s stewardship in this manner.
6. The Second Sunday offering will take place on the Second Sunday of each month. Donations can be made during the worship service on the second Sunday of each month, online or by mail. Donations toward the designated offering must be received by the Friday after the Second Sunday offering. Donations will be accepted after Friday but not receive the 1-1 match.
7. A six-month calendar will be posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall as well as the TLC website to provide visibility to the congregation.
8. A full calendar recap will be included in the TLC Annual report.
9. This policy will be reviewed annually and updated as needed.

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