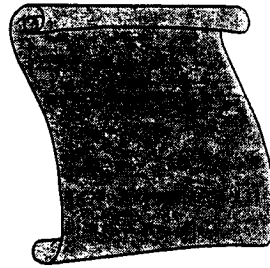


# Estate Planning

As a faithful child of God, we are to also take care of that which we will someday leave behind. Have you secured the future for you family and friends? Have you secured the future ministry at Peace Lutheran? A will or trust is the legal document used to manage the rest of what God has given. It is especially important when the custody of young children might be involved.



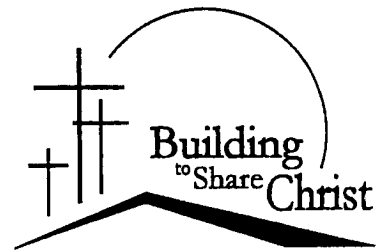
In addition to making plans to share your “stuff” it is important to consider sharing your faith. This can be done in a number of ways. What follows is referred to as a “Christian Preamble” and can accompany your will providing a testament as a part of your plans.

First, I commit myself to God’s care secure in His love for me and trusting in the salvation purchased for me through Christ’s suffering and death. I leave those who survive me the comfort of knowing that I have died in this faith and have now joined my Lord in eternal glory!

Second, I commend my loved ones to the protecting arms of God, knowing that He will continue to provide for them despite my absence; and I encourage them to place their faith and trust in Him alone!

It may be that we are not in a position to make a gift or a gift as large as we would like to make at this time. One way to make this happen is by including Peace church as a beneficiary of our will, trust, insurance policy, annuity, or retirement plan. Even though the church will likely not receive these funds for many years to come, the assurance of deferred gifts allows the church to make effective decisions for the future.

- ▶ Record your intentions in the “Estate Planning” box of the Personal Stewardship Plan



**Do you have will, or do you have a will and testament?**

*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord ... so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born.*  
Psalm 78