

The Jean Bozeman Christian Formation Endowment Fund

We are seeking to create a \$2.5 million fund for Christian Formation in the life of our synod to endow lasting funds for synodical reinforcing our congregations and families in forming Ambassadors for Christ for children pre-natal-nine years old, ten year olds until leaving home for school, military service, employment, and adults and parents who are to be about learning the faith more deeply to be a mentor of the faith more profoundly for their children, their younger sisters and brothers of the congregation, and their neighbors.

This is a critical time in this 21st century where:

Make no mistake about it, we are in a vastly changing culture. Christian formation within the home is so important, not only to children but to their parents. Youth having a large community for sharing of faith and building relationships is a profound building block for their faith formation.

It is a time when parents need help in having a community that supports them and reinforces and equips them for what faith mainly is, a sharing of the story of the gospel and living in a way that gives integrity to that proclamation as true for their lives.

Families need reinforcing as they seek to raise children in the faith.

In recent Gallop Polls mothers were identified as the leading reason for being involved in the life of the church by active members. Fathers were number two.

Christian Formation, therefore, becomes a conversation between the generations of faith.

We are seeking to form Ambassadors for Christ with the Lutheran tradition of grace.

We don't know what we will be facing as a church in the future, but a financial base is critical for the ongoing life of congregations together seeking to reinforce the faith through Christian formation

We seek to enable even the smallest congregation access to what the strongest of congregations is offering and mentoring to its families.

It is our intent to establish a \$2.5 million fund for Christian Formation with these ongoing foundation stones.

ADULT EDUCATION

YOUNG PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS SHARING FAITH AT HOME.

FORMING YOUNG CHILDREN OF FAITH

YOUTH EVENTS & YOUTH SERVANT EVENTS

HEALTHY FAMILIES.

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Established through The Virginia Synod, ELCA

In recognition and honor of Pastor Bozeman's 50 years of service in the life of the Lutheran Church



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