# WELS Lutherans for Life Funding Opportunities

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Donate Online

# 1 - Monthly Support

Monthly giving can be extremely convenient for you and helpful for us! Help build the foundation of our support.

You can set up gifts to be automatically charged to your credit card or deducted from your bank account to support our mission. There's no easier way to make giving to the WELS Lutherans for Life a regular part of your life, and no better way to ensure we'll continue to be there in the months and years to come for the women and children of our community.

Click *Friend of Life* to learn more about becoming a sustaining monthly donor through electronic payments!

#### 2 - One-Time Gifts

Whether you can contribute on a regular monthly basis or bless us with a one-time gift or occasional gifts throughout the year, we welcome your financial support. Because you support us, we can provide the support the women of our community need for the challenges they're facing. Thank you for giving to benefit them and their little ones!

## 3 - Planned Giving

Create your <u>Legacy of Life</u>. WELS Lutherans for Life's <u>Legacy of Life</u> program was established to build a foundation of financial stability so we can continue to provide the services and programs to meet the changing needs of our community.

Please consider including WELS Lutherans for Life in your long-range financial plans. By doing this now, you may find tax advantages that can increase the value of your estate, enabling you to do more than you might ever dreamed possible. This will ensure that we can continue our dedication to promoting life through education and action.

Click here **Legacy of Life** to learn more.

# 4 - Fundraising Events

Our <u>benefit events</u> bring in a significant amount of the support needed to continue serving our community and the promote LIFE and how God is at work through our pregnancy centers!

These annual events rely on you, the friends of the WELS Lutherans for Life, to introduce others to our work in order to broaden our base of support.

Please consider taking an active role in one of this year's benefit events; the <u>Life-A-Thon</u> run/walk, the <u>SOUL</u> <u>Ride</u> motorcycle ride, or the <u>Evening for Life</u> fundraising banquet. It's a great way to make a real difference in the lives of women and children...to spread the word about our work to people who may not know about us...and to enjoy the company of other friends of WELS Lutherans for Life. Hope to see you there!

## 5- Workplace Giving

- United Way WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee is an eligible recipient of United Way donations through the "Donor Choice" option. Ask your employer for a "Donor Choice" form and designate WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee. For details, , please <u>contact us</u>. Click <u>United Way</u> to see more specific information.
- Matching Gifts You may work for a company that has a matching gift program. Contact your human resources department or benefits administrator to find out if your employer matches charitable gifts and what their requirements are.
- **Payroll Deductions** -Many companies provide employees with the ability to designate a portion of their income to a charity of their choice. The deduction is taken directly from a paycheck, and the donation can be made each pay period or one time for a pre-determined amount.
- Corporate Partners Corporate partners could range from family-owned companies, to small
  businesses, to large corporations. There are many ways corporate partners can help WELS Lutherans for
  Life. Corporate support could include sponsorships, workplace giving, matching gifts, and the donation
  of your products and services. For more information on how your company can join forces with WELS
  Lutherans for Life, please contact us.

# 6 - Mother's Day Cards

Honor a loved one with a greeting card and give a gift of life to unborn children at the same time. Send a contribution to support our life-saving work and we'll send a <u>Mother's Day card</u> to your special person to honor.

When you send a donation for Mother's Day you are helping to provide free counseling, maternity and baby supplies, and a hand of friendship to a woman in crisis. In return for your gift, we will send the person that you wish to honor a beautiful Mother's Day card telling them you made a gift in their honor. These unique cards were designed exclusively for WELS Lutherans for Life.

# 7 - Baby Bottle Blessing & Church Offering Envelopes

These funding options are designed for congregational or school participation. Yet, they may be conducted on a small scale or by an individual or family. If you are interested in either possibility contact our office and we'll make it happen. Thanks!

#### • Baby Bottle Blessing:

Save your change and save lives. WELS Lutherans for Life partners have been filling baby bottles with spare coins, currency, and checks for years now. A <u>Baby Bottle Blessing</u> campaign is one of the easiest (and most fun!) ways to support WELS Lutherans for Life.

Starting your own <u>Baby Bottle Blessing</u> campaign can be as easy as keeping a baby bottle where you dump spare change at night or as large as getting your whole congregation to join in and get rid of all that spare change for a good cause! Represent your Church, Woman's Group, or Service Club to introduce this fundraiser. It's so easy to do!

We provide the bottles and materials to promote and explain the program and a little about what we do. Folks choosing to participate pick up a bottle, take it home, and fill it with change, currency, or a check over a predetermined period of time. The bottles are then returned to the church (or other central organization) where

the representative collects them and delivers them to us or we can make arrangements to pick the filled bottles up. Then we'll use them again for another <u>Baby Bottle Blessing</u>.

## • Offering Envelopes:

Most churches provide offering envelopes for their members. WELS Lutherans for Life has <u>special offering</u> <u>envelopes</u> to be inserted directly into the boxed sets provided through Northwestern Publishing House. This is a great way to ensure that your congregation members have the opportunity to support this ministry.

As an alternative to insertion in the boxed set, bulk copies of this free <u>offering envelope</u> are also available. They can be included in mailings, newsletters, or handed out to members at a service of your choice. Bulk quantities can be ordered through the NPH Customer Service Center by calling (800) 662-6022.

#### 8 - Tribute and Celebration Gifts

Contributing to honor or memorialize a much loved friend or family member is a wonderful and thoughtful way to remember. We can let you know who responded in your loved one's name, and send thank you cards on your behalf.

Also, consider celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, graduations, births, or baptisms with a tribute gift. We will gladly send an acknowledgement to whomever you wish to honor in this way.

We list both who the gift was for and the donor in a following Sacred Trust newsletter issue.

#### 9 - Thrivent "Choice Dollars"

Thrivent Financial eligible benefit members can participate in the Choice Dollars® program recommending where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable grant funds. WELS Lutherans for Life is eligible for these funds.

If you are a Thrivent Financial member you can learn more at <u>Thrivent.com/thriventchoice</u>. You'll get helpful information about the Thrivent Choice program—including whether you qualify for the Choice Dollars component of the program and the estimated number of Choice Dollars available for you to direct. Find out how you can direct Choice Dollars quickly and easily online or by phone.

## 10 - Corporate Sponsorships

A great way to show your support of the efforts of WELS Lutherans for Life is through corporate sponsorship. As a sign of appreciation, we are happy to recognize our sponsors at our events and through our printed materials. If your company is interested in pursuing corporate sponsorship opportunities, please <u>contact us</u>.

Click **Donate Online** to set up a monthly contribution online or to make one-time donation.

To **Donate By Mail**, download, print, complete, and mail a *Friend of Life* authorization form to:

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Thank you for your consideration and partnership!