

The Salem Legacy Society has been created to recognize members and friends of Salem who have given Estate gifts in the past, as well as current members and friends who have named Salem in their Will. Legacy and estate giving is crucial. These gifts allow Salem's ministries to continue with strength and vitality into the years and the generations to come. If you have named Salem in your will, and wish to be recognized as a member of the Salem Legacy Society, please contact Salem's Financial Secretary.



In June 2016, Salem also established the Salem Legacy Fund. This fund is for undesignated estate gifts received by Salem that will support strategic initiatives, special one-time projects, and certain mission work that is typically outside the scope of the general operating budget. Gifts to the Legacy Fund are intended to be used within a five-year period.

VISION

The mission of the Stewardship Ministry Team is to encourage the people of Salem Covenant Church in thoughtful, faithful stewardship of the gifts and talents that God has given them.

The team will support this vision by continuing to bring awareness to the spiritual act of stewardship as it relates to honoring God, serving as a part of our congregation, and living as a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ.

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And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
—2 Corinthians 9:8

Ways to Give

Online Giving

Go to Salem's website for a link to a secure giving site administered by PushPay. Giving can be done via credit/debit card, directly from your bank account through Automated Clearing House (ACH), and directly by texting SALEMCOV to 833-608-6888.* Both one-time and recurring gifts can be set up. A link for giving is also available on Salem's app found in Google Play and the Apple App Store (search for *Salem Covenant Church - MN*).



Cash Giving

Place cash or checks in the offering plates during worship services or mail in contributions to the Church Office. Using your assigned offering envelopes will assist our Cash Receipts Clerk in efficiently tracking and recording gifts into our contribution database. Offering envelopes are available in the Narthex in December. If you haven't been assigned an offering envelope box, and wish to request offering envelopes, please contact Salem's Cash Receipts Clerk.

* When you send 'SALEMCOV' to 833-608-6888 you will receive a one time reply containing a link to give to Salem Covenant Church (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. Reply HELP for assistance or STOP to cancel.

Stock/Mutual Fund Transfers

Donate stock or mutual funds directly to Salem. Donating appreciated stock directly to Salem can be a tax-planning strategy to avoid paying capital gains tax.

How Do I Donate Stock?

If your stock is held by your broker, it is as easy as a telephone call. Contact Salem's Business Administrator to receive Salem's broker account information. Then your broker transfers the stock directly to Salem's account.

Charitable IRA Distributions

Eligible individuals (people over the age of 70½) are allowed to make tax-free distributions from their IRA account for charitable purposes. The distribution must go directly from the IRA Account to the church or charity to qualify for a tax-free rollover. Because no tax is paid, a charitable tax deduction is not available for this type of contribution. Please consult your Financial Advisor, Tax Accountant, or Attorney for tax advice.

Charitable Grants

There are many Charitable Grant programs available (Covenant Trust, Schwab, Fidelity, InFaith Community Foundation, etc.). These programs work with individuals and families to set up Charitable Funds, and then donor-advised grants are made to Salem and other charitable organizations.

Covenant Trust Company is a unique resource that provides comprehensive legacy planning and financial management resources to all members, friends, and ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church. For more information on the services provided by Covenant Trust, visit their website, www.covenanttrust.com.

Salem is also now participating in the Thrivent Choice program, which allows Thrivent members to direct Choice Dollars to Salem. Thrivent is a financial services organization that helps Christians be wise with money and live generously. By directing Choice Dollars, eligible Thrivent members can recommend Salem to receive charitable grant funding from Thrivent. If you are an eligible Thrivent member, please consider Salem when directing Choice Dollars.

FAQs

What are offering envelopes for?

Offering envelopes serve two main purposes.

1. To help us track giving.
2. A reminder to think and pray about giving while at home. It's probably a good idea to keep them wherever you do your bookkeeping.

Do I need to use envelopes to have my contribution appear on the giving statement?

Not if giving with a check. All checks received are matched up with the giver. However, the envelopes allow us to efficiently track cash gifts. If you forgot your envelopes, blank ones are available at Salem. Simply write your name and either your envelope number or your current address so that credit is given to the right person.

I use the Online Giving Site or the Automatic Giving Plan, why am I still getting envelopes?

If you do not wish to receive offering envelopes, please contact Salem's Cash Receipts Clerk.

I use one of the electronic/online giving options. I wish I could place something in the offering stand during the worship service to recognize/bless the gift I have made.

Cards are available in the Sanctuary pews and at the Contemporary Worship Welcome Table that you can place in the offering plate. These cards indicate that you have made an online or electronic gift.

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