

 **LESA Named Endowment Program**

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The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) launched an intentional planned giving program as a component of our comprehensive resource development program. This initiative is designed to develop future gifts to ensure that need-based tuition assistance, educational resources, and instructional support will be available through LESA to serve students attending Lutheran elementary schools in the metropolitan St. Louis community now and for years to come.

As part of the planned giving program, LESA is offering “named endowments;” to donors interested in leaving a lasting legacy for future Lutheran elementary school students. These endowments are funded by individuals and foundations with a minimum gift of $25,000, the proceeds of which support student tuition assistance, educational programing, and LESA operations; their use may be designated by the donor. This $25,000 gift may be funded at one time or over a period of five year with a $5,000 annual donation.

To expedite establishment of new named endowments, the Lutheran Legacy Foundation has awarded LESA a matching grant which will provide the final $5,000 gift to establish a named endowment for the first twenty (20) donors who complete the first $20,000 in named endowment gifts.

**LESA’s Scholarship Endowments: LESA’s Operation & Programing
 Endowment:**

Named Endowments Include:

Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis Fund

John W. & Nancy Gerber Fund

Dancy Family Fund

Roland & Hilda Plantz Endowment Fund

John K. and Joan A. Komlos Fund

Niewald Family Fund

Dr. Richard Graul O&P Endowment

Steve & Sandy Siepman Fund

Named Endowments Include:

Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis Fund

John W. & Nancy Gerber Scholarship Fund

The Clara & Spencer Werner Foundation Fund

Dorian & Bernice Magwitz Scholarship Fund

Bradley Bunte Scholarship Endowment Fund

Alan & Linda Vogt Fund

Robert & Lorraine Duesenberg Scholarship Fund

John & Marilyn Brickler Fund

John and Joan Komlos Fund

Dr. Richard Graul Scholarship Fund

Vernon & Joann Schroeder Fund

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LESA Investment Committee Members:

* **Dan Quinn**, Board Treasurer, Manager, Portfolio Management, Nestle Purina Pet Care R&D
* **William Bunte**, Retired Board Chair, Retired Business Owner, Bunte & Brammeier Traffic & Transportation Engineers
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* **Dennis Kemper**, Board Vice Chair, Senior Wealth Advisor, Frontier Wealth Management

The Investment Committee strives for the best possible stewardship of gifts LESA receives by:

* + Investing pursuant to a written investment policy, which is periodically reviewed
	+ Regularly reviewing the Association’s investments
	+ Prudent allocation of funds from endowments to LESA programs

*We hope you will prayerfully consider establishing a named endowment in honor of your family or to remember a special loved one or friend that will live on to bless children with the gift of a Lutheran elementary school education. Thank you!*

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA) is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church – Misouri Synod and is a registered Missouri not-for-profit corporation that holds 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service; LESA’s federal EIN is 43-1853158.