



## **Notice Regarding Proposed Repurposing of Restricted Scholarship Funds**

At the conclusion of the 2022–2023 academic year, Gethsemane Lutheran School permanently ceased operations. At the time of closure, a remaining balance existed in the Gethsemane Lutheran School Scholarship Fund. These funds have remained restricted and undistributed pending appropriate legal review and authorization.

Upon the advice of legal counsel experienced in church and nonprofit law, Gethsemane Lutheran Church intends to submit a formal request to the Minnesota Attorney General's Office seeking approval to modify the restriction on the remaining funds in a manner consistent with the original charitable purpose of supporting Christian education.

### **Proposed Fund Name**

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Christian Education Scholarship Fund

### **Proposed Charitable Purpose**

The Gethsemane Lutheran Church Christian Education Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to members and/or staff of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, and their children, who are pursuing a Christian education at the kindergarten through twelfth-grade level or at an accredited post-secondary institution.

The proposed modification is intended to honor the original donor intent by continuing to support Christian education, notwithstanding the closure of Gethsemane Lutheran School.

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### **Donor Notice and Right to Object**

Any individual who made a donation after January 1, 2018, specifically designated for the Gethsemane Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, and who objects to the proposed modification of the fund's purpose, may request that their designated contribution be redirected to another ministry or fund of Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

To exercise this right, the donor must:

1. Submit written notice by email to [finance@geth.org](mailto:finance@geth.org) no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2026 (or such later date as may be formally established by the Church); and

2. Provide reasonable documentation evidencing the designated nature of the original contribution, such as a contribution receipt issued by Gethsemane Lutheran Church or a copy of a cancelled check clearly reflecting the designation “Gethsemane Lutheran School Scholarship Fund.”

Absent timely receipt of such written objection and supporting documentation, the Church will proceed with the proposed request to the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office and, upon approval, will apply the remaining funds in accordance with the modified charitable purpose described above.

Please note that funds received through grants, endowments, or Qualified Charitable Distributions (including distributions from Bank of America or other financial institutions) have already been distributed in accordance with their governing restrictions and are not subject to this notice.