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**Connecting mission through generosity**

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## Meet Liz Polanzke, Regional Gift Planner, ELCA Foundation



Pastor Liz Polanzke came to her position as Regional Gift Planner with a background in camping ministry, campus ministry and congregational service. Liz attended Kutztown University and Wartburg

Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Liz assists individuals in planning the wise distribution of their assets as they prepare for their legacy. It's important to her that one's legacy is a reflection of the love and priorities of one's life. If you want to know more, call **717.654.2334** or e-mail her at [elizabeth.polanzke@elca.org](mailto:elizabeth.polanzke@elca.org).

The ELCA Foundation is a service of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which offers investment opportunities to both congregations and individuals. Those services include a network of Gift Planners, Endowment investing, Gift development programs and Planned Giving tools. LutherCare places its Gift Planning instruments, including Charitable Gift Annuities, with the Foundation.

As you think about a blended gift or blended giving in your life, please consider Liz Polanzke as part of our team. She can help you think about Planned Giving options as part of your giving plan, and if you have multiple ministries you wish to support, Liz can be very helpful, working with you and with us to find the best strategy for you.

Dear Friends,

I am enthusiastic about our relationship with the ELCA Foundation. Together we can help you accomplish your goals through giving-changing lives and creating a legacy.



- *William C. Snyder*  
Vice President, Philanthropy and  
Community Engagement

### Interested in Learning More?

LutherCare's Office for Philanthropy is a valuable resource as you explore ways to structure your financial legacy. Our Philanthropy team is available to work with you to identify gift planning options that fit your situation and meet your needs. To schedule an informational visit, please contact us:

Office for Philanthropy:  
**717.626.1171 ext. 1624**

Our Mission:



**LutherCare reflects Christ's love  
through service to others.**



## Twice Blessed!

She goes about her charitable giving without fanfare and with a definite plan. She has been establishing Charitable Gift Annuities at regular intervals and has a number of them. She currently does not need the income, but knows that should she need it in the future, it will be there. And so, she gives the income from the CGA routinely to Luthercare for the Caring Fund. It is a remarkable example of generosity and care for others. Thereby she magnifies the impact of her giving. It's twice blessed.

When I visit her I am always moved by this determined, effective and generous pattern of giving. She may not consider herself a philanthropist, but I know she is truly a "lover of humankind." And with her gifts she makes possible the continuing care of her neighbors. Gifts from the heart indeed. It is a beautiful thing.

Where  
potential is  
Ageless!

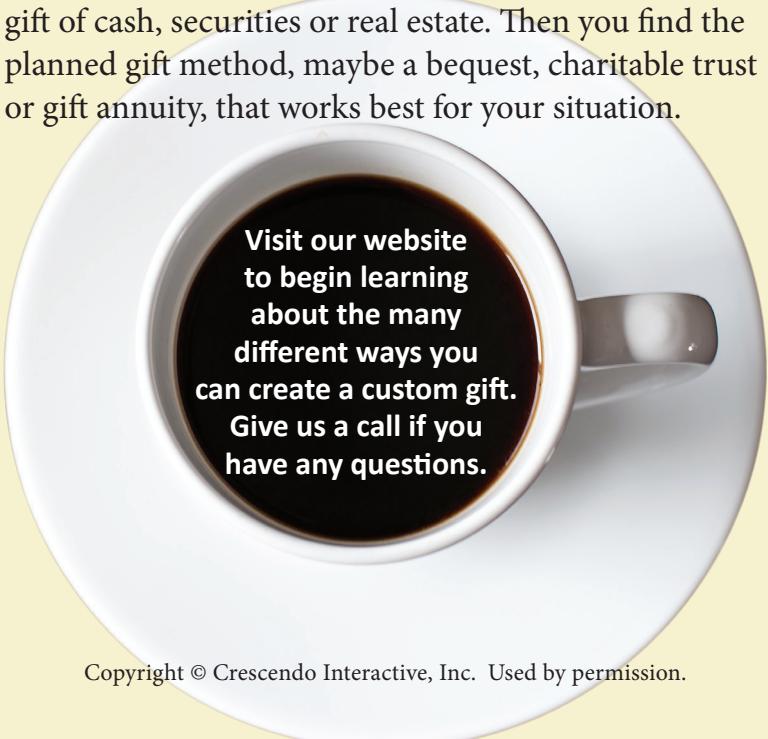
Make a gift today.  
Leave a legacy for tomorrow

# Blended Giving

So many times in life we think we must choose between two alternatives, like two different cups of coffee. When making a gift to support the causes they care about, many people feel like they either have to choose between making a sizable gift today, so they can receive any up-front tax benefits and see firsthand the result of their gift, or holding off on making their intended gift until much later, when they know they won't need that particular asset or money during life. With the first option, they would receive up-front tax benefits and see their gift at work. With the second, they maintain the flexibility in the event of unanticipated needs.

**Similar to finding your perfect coffee blend, there is a way to blend your personal philanthropy that this right for you.**

The idea is that you make a starting gift with a current gift of cash, securities or real estate. Then you find the planned gift method, maybe a bequest, charitable trust or gift annuity, that works best for your situation.



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