

## **Report of the Swanson Trust Gift Task Force – December 2, 2024**

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Thank you, everyone, for your input and suggestions on how the monetary gift from the Swanson Trust could be used. So far, we have received 45 responses from members of the congregation with a large variety of good ideas. The list below is by no means a comprehensive list nor are we limited to the items on the list. It is simply a summary of the most often mentioned or popular items that we have received so far.

### **Benevolence & Charity**

- Tithing to the Northern Illinois Synod and/or ELCA
- ELCA World Hunger & Lutheran Disaster Response
- Geneseo-Atkinson Food Pantry
- LSSI
- Backpack Blessings

### **Investing**

- Contribute to the Mission Investment Fund or another financial instrument to create a fund from which money can be distributed for future needs encompassing capital improvements and FLC programs

### **Capital Improvements**

- New roof or roof repair
- Repair or replacement of heating and air conditioning systems
- Future building projects

### **Current and Future FLC Programs**

- Youth, Sunday school & Godly Play
- Worship & music
- Outreach to young families

### **Outdoor**

- Landscaping
- Roof over the front entryway
- A new electronic sign in front of the church with message board
- Enhancements to our green space including a gazebo or shelter that could be used for outdoor worship, retreats, fellowship, etc.
- Improvements to the garage

### **Indoor**

- Hiring a consultant to evaluate our space and analyze our needs
- Fellowship Room enhancements including new tables, chairs, and other furniture
- Preschool
- Updating and reconfiguring children's education area
- Updates to technology

### **Other**

- Financing of service project trips
- Construction of a columbarium on church property
- Purchase of a church bus or van
- A stained glass memorial to Charlotte Swanson