

**St. John Lutheran Church
Freedom Twp. ♦ Napoleon, Ohio**

Rev. George Maassel Memorial Community Outreach Grant

In 2013 our congregation received a \$10,000 gift in memory of Rev. George Maassel. The family expressed no preference as to how this gift should be used. The Church Council turned the matter over to the Stewardship Board to determine how we might best use this generous gift.

The Stewardship Board proposed, and council agreed, that this gift would be given away in the form of grants to groups and organizations within the church to help them fund community outreach events and programs. The goal is to foster creative thinking and strategizing by people and organizations in our church as we seek to fulfill the *witness* component of our “Witness, Mercy, Life Together” emphasis. We are confident that this use of the gift would have pleased Pastor Maassel and will serve as a fitting memorial to him as a much beloved pastor of our congregation.

The following is the mission/purpose statement for these grants.

The **Rev. George Maassel Memorial Community Outreach Grant** will provide funds to help groups and organizations associated with St. John Lutheran Church and School to implement events or programs designed specifically to reach out to local non-churched people. Events and programs that qualify for this grant will seek to share the Gospel of Christ through visitation or invitation, and should include a plan to gather enough contact information so that some form of follow-up can take place.

It is not intended that this grant cover the entire cost of qualifying events. Grants are made to assist in making events possible, but groups and organizations should still expect to pay some of the expenses.

This grant is offered from a fund given in memory of the late Rev. George Maassel, beloved pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, 1931-1965.



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**Rev. George Maassel
Memorial Community Outreach Grant Application**

Date of Application: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

Event or Program being planned for which your group requests a grant:

Event or Program Date(s): _____

Estimated total cost of the event to your organization: \$_____

Dollar amount of requested grant: \$_____

How does your group intend to use this grant? _____

Please briefly describe how your group plans to use your event or program to reach out to unchurched people in the local community, how your event will communicate Christ's Gospel, and any plans you have to follow up on people identified as prospective members of our congregation.

Attach an additional page if necessary...

Return this completed form to the Stewardship Board as far in advance of your event as practical.

Office Use:

Amount Granted: \$_____ Date: _____ Check No.: _____