Giving Through a Donor-Advised Fund

A thoughtful way to support ministry today and plan your generosity for tomorrow.

What is a donor-advised fund (DAF)?

A DAF is a charitable giving account maintained by a sponsoring public charity. You contribute assets to the account, and then recommend grants to eligible nonprofit organizations—such as Trinity Church—over time. The sponsoring organization retains legal control of the assets and approves grants.

Why consider a DAF?

- Simplify giving: organize charitable contributions and recommend grants from one account.
- Give strategically: contribute cash or, when accepted by the sponsor, appreciated investments or other assets.
- Support ministry over time: recommend grants to Trinity now or in future years, subject to the sponsor's rules.
- Potential tax benefits: an eligible contribution to the sponsoring charity may qualify for a charitable deduction in the year contributed, subject to applicable rules and limits.

How DAF giving works

1. Open or use an existing DAF with a sponsoring organization.
2. Contribute assets to the DAF. The contribution is generally irrevocable.
3. Recommend a grant to Trinity Church using the sponsor's grant-request process.
4. The sponsor reviews and, if approved, sends the grant to Trinity.

An important distinction

Your tax deduction, if available, generally relates to your contribution to the DAF—not to a later grant recommended from the DAF to Trinity. A DAF grant is not a second personal charitable deduction.

Who might benefit?

DAFs may be especially useful for households that give to multiple charities, wish to contribute appreciated securities, or want to make a larger charitable contribution in one year while recommending grants over time. A financial or tax advisor can help assess whether this fits your circumstances.

Recommend a DAF Grant to Trinity

If you already have a donor-advised fund, recommending a grant is often straightforward.

Steps to make a gift

1. Sign in to your DAF sponsor's website or contact your DAF advisor.
2. Choose "Recommend a Grant" (or similar) and search for Trinity Church.
3. Confirm the correct legal name, address, and tax identification number with Trinity before submitting your recommendation.
4. Select your grant amount and any available designation, such as general ministry support.
5. Submit the recommendation. The sponsoring organization will review and process it.

Trinity's giving details

Legal charitable name:Trinity Lutheran Church
Mailing address: 1101 Kimberly Way Lisle, IL 60532
Federal EIN:36-2664990
Giving office contact: Sally Heggeland - sally.heggeland@morelikejesus.church

Helpful reminders

- DAF grants generally cannot provide the donor or related parties with more than incidental benefits, such as event tickets, meals, or other goods and services.
- Ask your DAF sponsor about grants connected with pledges; rules and sponsor policies vary. Do not use a grant to satisfy a legally enforceable personal obligation.
- Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) from IRAs cannot be made to a donor-advised fund. A DAF grant and an IRA QCD are different giving methods.
- Grant processing takes time. For year-end gifts, check your sponsor's submission deadlines and allow time for Trinity to receive the funds.

A note about taxes

DAF contributions and grants are subject to federal tax rules, contribution limits, sponsor policies, and possible state tax considerations. Tax law changes affecting deductions in 2026 may matter to your situation. Consult your tax or financial advisor before making a significant gift.

Learn more

IRS: Donor-advised funds — irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/donor-advised-funds

IRS: Charitable contribution deductions — irs.gov/publications/p526

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