



Thanks-Giving

During their thanksgiving dinner, Harvey and Doris told their three children and their spouses that they had recently updated their wills. They went on to reiterate how they have supported ministries of the church throughout their lives – their congregation, social ministry organizations, agencies and institutions – and in a more significant way, they wanted to give through our wills.

“Ultimately,” Harvey said, “this means you will receive less. But look at it this way – instead of receiving exactly 1/3, you’ll receive 30%. 10% will be directed to ministries of the church.”

With tongue in cheek, Doris added, “We hope you will support this idea.”

The three sons and wives chimed in with positive responses.

Doris continued, “We’re glad you’re in agreement.” As she winked at Harvey, she said, “If any one of you had disagreed, we would have taken your portion and given it to the church, too.”

They all had a good laugh. Doris always had a way of putting things in perspective.

More seriously, Harvey noted, “We also hope you will share with others and find the joy Mom and I have found in supporting ministries that help those who may have no chance except through the help of others. We will continue to share with you; and we also want you to know that our love for you does not diminish as we share beyond our family.”

“There was a time,” Doris said, “when I worried about loving another as much as I loved each of you. I thought about that before each of you were born. Somehow, I believed, I would have to divide my love and care between you, but I discovered in God’s economy love doesn’t divide; it multiplies. I hope you discover the same in your living and giving.”

For additional information, a presentation, or a consultation on integrating faith, family, and finances, please contact Jim Schade or Kurt Osborne. They work on behalf of the church and its ministries through Lutheran Planned Giving of South Dakota (1-800-653-9620) or visit Lutheran Planned Giving’s web site at www.lpgsd.org.