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Creative estate planning can benefit you, your family, and Bethel.

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Create a Legacy

ESTATE PLANNING NEWS

Hi –

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. ‘Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” (Jeremiah 29:11)

As Christ-followers, we take comfort in the abundant future we know God has in store for us. We know we cannot take the blessings of this life with us, and so we invest in and make plans to benefit our family, our churches, and other organizations that are important to us.



In this Planned Giving newsletter, we provide information about leaving a lasting legacy. We have additional information [on our website](#) as well. You can [watch a video](#) about how to leave a will or [see examples of bequest language](#). There is also a form to [request a free brochure](#) about wills and bequests.

As always, if you would like to [contact us](#) directly for more information, we are happy to help you as you consider naming Bethel University in your estate plans.

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The Future is What You Make of It



Do you ever wonder what the future holds?

While it's impossible to know or control what will happen in the future, planning is one way to create a secure financial future for you and your loved ones. With a good plan, you can rest easy knowing that your family will be well cared for and your property will pass to your intended beneficiaries.

Why do I need a plan?

Failure to plan may result in accidental disinheritance. Accidental disinheritance occurs when you have no will or your will doesn't function properly. Because failure to plan means you risk harming those you love and subjecting your estate to needless tax, most people need to make a plan for the future.

What are some options for planning my future?

A Will—A will is a written document that permits you to state how you want your property or estate distributed, name an Executor (also called a Personal Representative) to distribute your property, pay debts and taxes, and handle other business affairs to settle your estate.

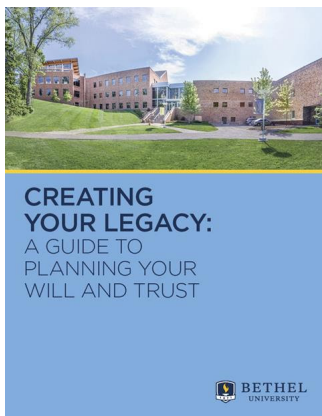
Living Trust—If you own property, you may wish to set up a living trust. A living trust may be set up during life and directs where your assets go. Unlike a will, a trust will not subject your estate to probate, which is often a lengthy and costly process that requires a court to settle your estate.

A bequest may also help your family save on estate taxes, benefit your favorite charitable organizations, and leave a lasting legacy.

Learn more about [wills and bequests](#), request a free [Wills Guide](#), or [watch a video](#) on various planned giving topics at bethel.edu/planned-giving.

Bethel's estate planning experts are also available to answer questions and help you with sample bequest language to include in your will. For specific questions, please call [Dan Wiersum](#) or contact the Planned Giving office at 651.635.8053 or planned-giving@bethel.edu.

Planned Giving Resources



Free Wills Guide—Benefit Your Family and Impact Bethel's Future

We are offering a [FREE Wills Guide](#), *Creating Your Legacy: A Guide to Planning Your Will and Trust*, to our friends and alumni. This guide walks you through the information gathering steps as you begin to think through your will, estate, and passing assets to family members.

Eunice Singfeldt's Legacy Lives on in Bethel Students



Eunice Singfeldt

In 2014, Bethel University was in the midst of a fundraising project to build the Wellness Center. In June of that year, Eunice Singfeldt died in Chicago. In her estate plan, she had left \$3 million to Bethel. The gift was a direct answer to prayer. Bethel finished the funding for the Wellness Center with Eunice's gift and was able to break ground in October 2014.

However, Singfeldt's biggest impact at Bethel continues to this day through student scholarships. This year, 29 students were able to attend Bethel thanks to Singfeldt. The former Chicago public elementary school teacher's legacy lives on through the education she's providing Bethel students.

[Read more](#) about Singfeldt and her legacy at Bethel.

Personal Planner

Family Business—Sell and Retire

Bill and Alice started their family business many years ago. The early years were very challenging. Both worked without salary and it was a great struggle to finally get the business on a solid financial base. [Read More](#)

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Savvy Living

How to Replace Vital Documents that are Lost or Stolen

Can you tell me how to go about replacing important lost documents? My wife and I recently downsized and at some point during the move we lost our Social Security and Medicare cards, birth certificates, marriage license, and passports. [Read More](#)

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