

# Harrison County Community Foundation

## St. John's Lutheran Church Fund

In 2005 Mary Anna Reinhardt Mangeot established the St. John's Lutheran Church Fund with the desire to make a lasting gift to her church. The St. John's Lutheran Church Fund is to provide perpetual support to St. John's Lutheran Church in Lanesville, Indiana. Mary welcomes and encourages others to donate to this fund.

St. John's Lutheran Church was founded in 1846 by 30 immigrants from the province of Nassau in central Germany. The congregation has been affiliated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod since 1862. The founders built a plain log church and the current structure was built in 1870. St. John's is one of the oldest and largest parishes in Harrison County.

The St. John's Lutheran School was established in 1861. St. John's believes each child is a unique creation of God and their purpose is to provide a quality education, both academically and spiritually. The school educates pre-school through 8th grade students.

Mary was born in Lanesville on April 17, 1919, and was baptized at St. John's. Her great-grandfather acquired land in Lanesville in 1837 and was a founder of the church. Mary's grandparents and parents were married at St. John's. After living much of her life in Louisville, she and her husband, Adolph (Dick) Mangeot, returned to Lanesville and her home church in 1982. Mary became very active at her church, especially in its local mission work. She is the Human Care Chairman of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, participates in the St. John's Arts and Crafts club and the St. John's Joy Group. She has three children, Richard, Marcia and Bradley, and three granddaughters.

Mary's enthusiasm for helping others is evident through her work within her church and throughout many other endeavors as well. She has volunteered for countless area organizations. Whether delivering food for a food pantry or potting daylilies for a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser, Mary's volunteerism soars.

Mary's dedication to her church is certainly profound and she wished to make a meaningful, lasting gift. By creating this legacy, Mary has ensured that she can continue to support her church in perpetuity.

