

BUILDING OUR CONGREGATION

As Lutherans, we are not good at “tooting our own horns.” Instead, we quietly go about our business – outreach to the community, donating to food pantries, sewing quilts for the needy, making sandwiches for the homeless, and so on.

If we do these things not for our own glory, but because we are filled with love for Him and each other and believe in the blessings of the Spirit and the grace of God, we should be able to share freely how we Build God’s Kingdom. Psalm 96:3 even tells us “Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people.”

This year, we want to provide a focus on sharing Cross of Christ with the larger community, specifically, we want to:

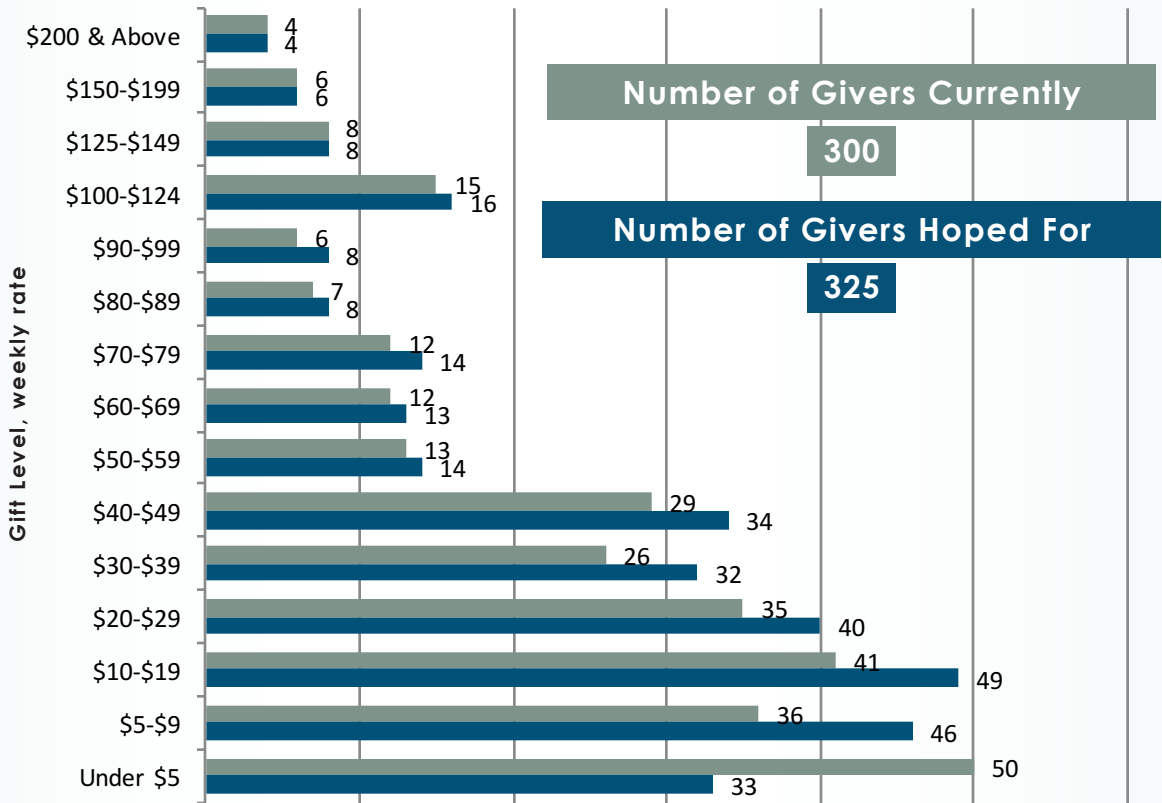
- Increase our outreach with Growing Home by having a space for donations that can be used at the time of need.
- Build recognition of Cross of Christ in our community by wisely investing in those things that promote Cross of Christ in our neighborhoods. Car stickers anyone?
- Capitalize on the interest in Wednesday 360 by expanding and enhancing worship opportunities that grow our congregation and increase our outreach into the community.



We believe that by Building Our Congregation – investing in ongoing stewardship, promoting Cross of Christ and expanding worship opportunities – we can grow Cross of Christ and continue Building God’s Kingdom. Our goal is to increase the number of statements of intent from 207 in 2016 to 240 in 2017, with the hope to increase pledged giving by \$71,000.

Pray for a generous response to our Stewardship appeal this year. Pray about your own response; for our increased commitment as a community; and consider increasing your giving as the Lord leads you. Be ready to make your commitment known on **Building God’s Kingdom Sunday, November 12**. Our giving is our way of saying thank you to the Lord for the blessings he has given us, and it will give us the opportunity to Build God’s Kingdom by sharing His love through the actions of our church.

NUMBER OF GIVERS CURRENTLY - PLEDGED AND UN-PLEDGED



Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish ministry which is blessed by the Lord. Here is a chart which gives a picture of our current giving. As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, ask yourself these questions:

How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?

How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?

Did I complete a statement of intent last year, reflecting my intent to recognize my thankfulness?

Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my giving? And can I consider doing that?

How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

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Stewardship Appeal 2018

Goal: \$71,000 increase in offerings

\$21,000 Building our Ministries

\$38,800 Building our Congregation

\$11,200 Building our Home