

BUILDING OUR HOME

Cross of Christ is a busy place – and not just on Sunday mornings. Throughout the week, you can observe pre-school classes and activities, Music Academy lessons, Bible study groups, Confirmation and Youth ministries, and multiple choir and music group practices. These are just Cross of Christ related activities. We also host external groups like AA, the Korean Life Church, Scout Programs, Coin Club, and others. In fact, our Home hosts more than 30 meetings and groups each week. This building is truly a home for our congregation and a home for our community.

Over the years, many routine maintenance projects have been put off or left undone – primarily because we did not have funds dedicated to those projects. Since our last building drive, we have designated a Capital Improvement Fund for these routine maintenance needs. In 2018, however, we want to focus on Building Our Home – that is, we want to earmark 1.75% of annual pledges as a supplement to the Capital Improvement fund to ensure ongoing viability of our church home.

We've all heard the saying "Home is where the heart is," and our church home – this building – is the heart of all we do. Not because it's a building, but because of the work people do together here, the engagement we have with one another, and the ability to welcome others from our community.

In our mission, we "invite all to join in celebrating Christ's love as we Worship, Learn, and Serve." We start that right here, in our Home. We invite people into our Home; we worship together in

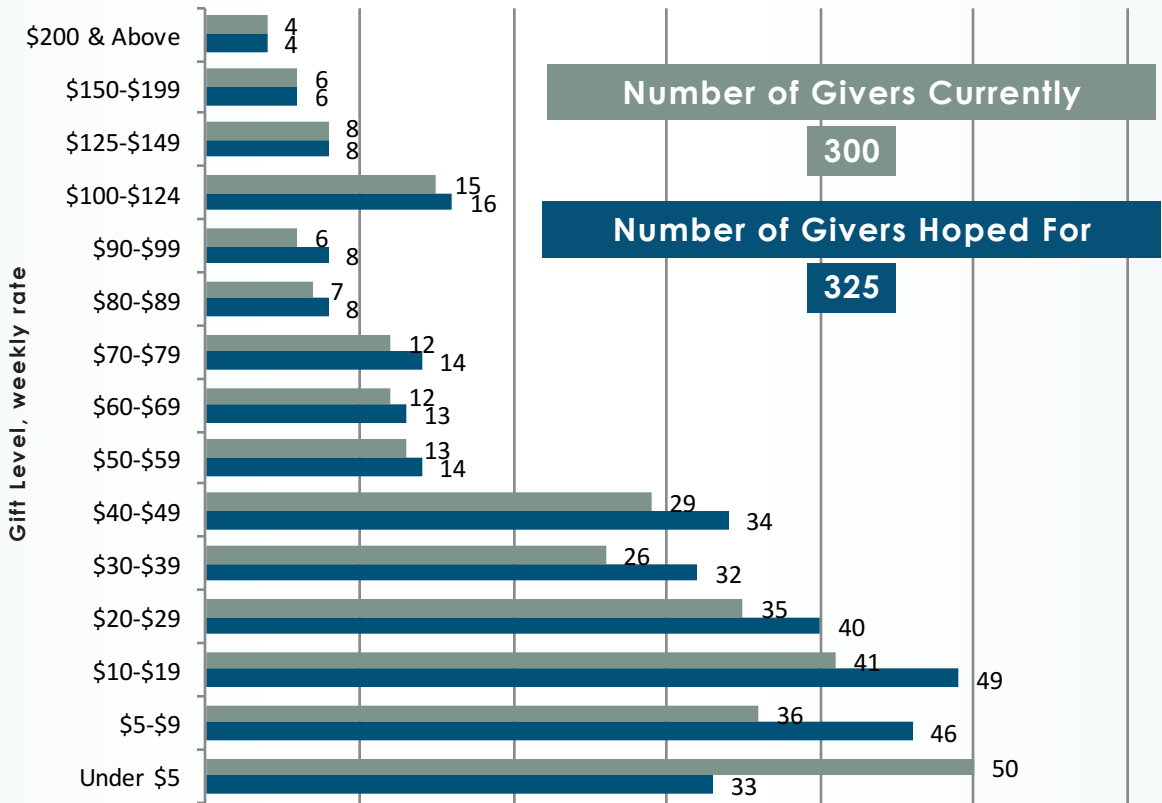


our Home; we learn about Christ in our Home; and we serve one another and our community in and through our Home.

In the coming year, increased giving will be needed to keep our Home functioning at peak performance and help us in Building God's Kingdom by providing a place for both our church activities and for activities in our community. The goal of our 2018 Stewardship Appeal 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.

Soon, you will receive a letter telling you about **Building God's Kingdom Sunday on November 12**. Be sure to read the letter and study the Stewardship brochure that will be included. Please pray for a generous response to this appeal. Consider prayerfully how you will respond to the invitation to increase your offering. The Lord will continue to bless our offerings as they are used in Building God's Kingdom here on Earth.

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