

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM



OUR GROUND FLOOR: YOUTH MINISTRY

The future. Think of your children, grandchildren and friends, all whose lives start with the need for a solid foundation. How can you build and strengthen that foundation for life through belief in Jesus Christ?

Those of us who come to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church are here to build our lives on a better foundation, which is the love and grace that God brings when we:

**“INVITE ALL TO JOIN IN
CELEBRATING CHRIST’S LOVE AS
WE WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE.”**

Jesus told a parable about two people. One builds his house on sand, the other on a rock. When the rain and floods come, the house on the sand is easily washed away, while the house on the rock stands firm.

When we follow the life and teachings of Jesus, the foundation of the lives of our children and grandchildren becomes strong and solid – built on a rock!. As parents and grandparents, it helps for us to keep them coming to church, grow in their faith so they can build their house on the rock.

Investing in our Youth Ministry builds a strong ground floor for our life together.

This year, our youth were energized by the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, giving them a rock solid faith. Community experiences like the ELCA gathering and their service trips help them stand firm in a challenging world.

The goal of our Stewardship Appeal is to increase offerings by \$26,000, some of which will be dedicated for Youth Ministry. This includes:

- Scholarships for students attending ELCA colleges.
- Enhanced confirmation ministry and increased youth ministry activities.
- Retreat opportunities for all students.

This Autumn reflect on your foundation, your blessings, and how you might respond to the gifts and bounty God has given you. We thank everyone who gives of their time and financial gifts and ask that you prayerfully consider how you will respond to the invitation to increase your gifts in 2019. Your generous contributions keep the energy, passion and commitment to youth involvement.



Joined together, our gifts and offerings, help build a ground floor rooted in our young people today. 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:

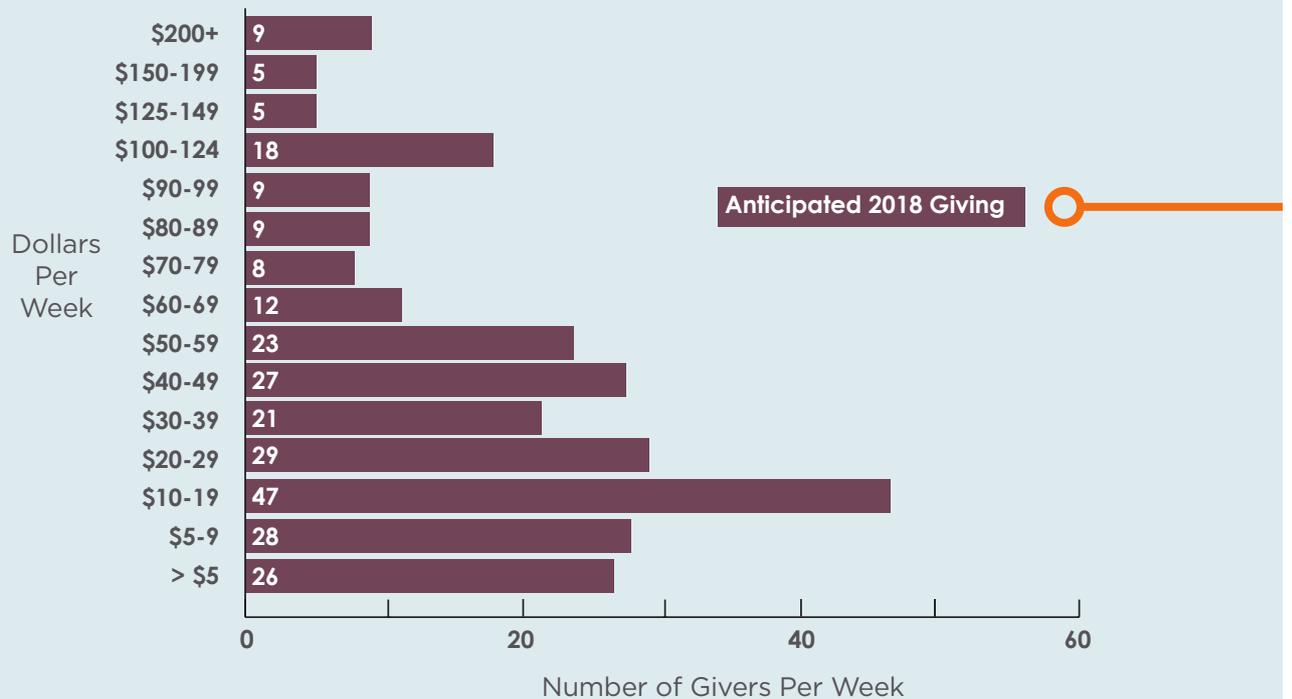
How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?

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

On Sunday, November 11, we will ask you to fill out a card with your Statement of Intent for giving for next year, 2019.

Building God's Kingdom - 2018 Stewardship Appeal
 Goal: \$26,000 increase in offerings over 2018's pledges

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