

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM



OUR FRAMEWORK : FAITH FORMATION AND OUTREACH MINISTRY

The future. Think of your children, What are some of the foundations that we build on these days? Our culture might say that a good foundation for life is to be successful, own a nice house, live in a good neighborhood, wear nice clothes, own the latest electronics and outdoor equipment.

What if those of us who follow Jesus reach out to neighbors and friends to share our faith and help them to have a better foundation? The Mission of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church encourages us to help others feel the love and grace that God brings when we:

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

We know that nothing is greater than His love for us, and nothing can ever separate us from that love. When we trust in that foundation, we are freed to share all that we are and all that we have with the world.



Your generous offerings touch many people in many places. Our goal of our Stewardship Appeal is to increase offerings by \$26,000, a portion will be for faith formation and outreach ministry.

Our faith formation and outreach ministry helps to build the framework of our faith that spreads the Good News of God's grace. In 2019 we will:

- Grow small group ministries, which will better engage each member and help nurture their faith life.
- Expand vacation bible school ministry, which is our biggest outreach into the community.
- Encourage students to attend summer camp by providing scholarships.

Outreach ministry is a way we help others in need. This last year we expanded our ministry with *Growing Home* to:

- Help homeless families get into their first apartment. This is done through collecting and storing mattresses and household items.
- Give food to hungry families.
- Provide backpacks to students who need school supplies.

In 2019 we want to increase these ministries to help many more families. These are just a few ways which those that need support may hear the good news that Jesus loves them. Thank you!

In these Autumn days, we invite you to reflect on what's important to you, how you might respond to God's blessings and how you can share what God has given you. We thank everyone who gives of their time and financial gifts. Please prayerfully consider how you will respond to the invitation to increase your gifts in 2019. If you did not pledge last year, please consider to make a pledge for 2019.



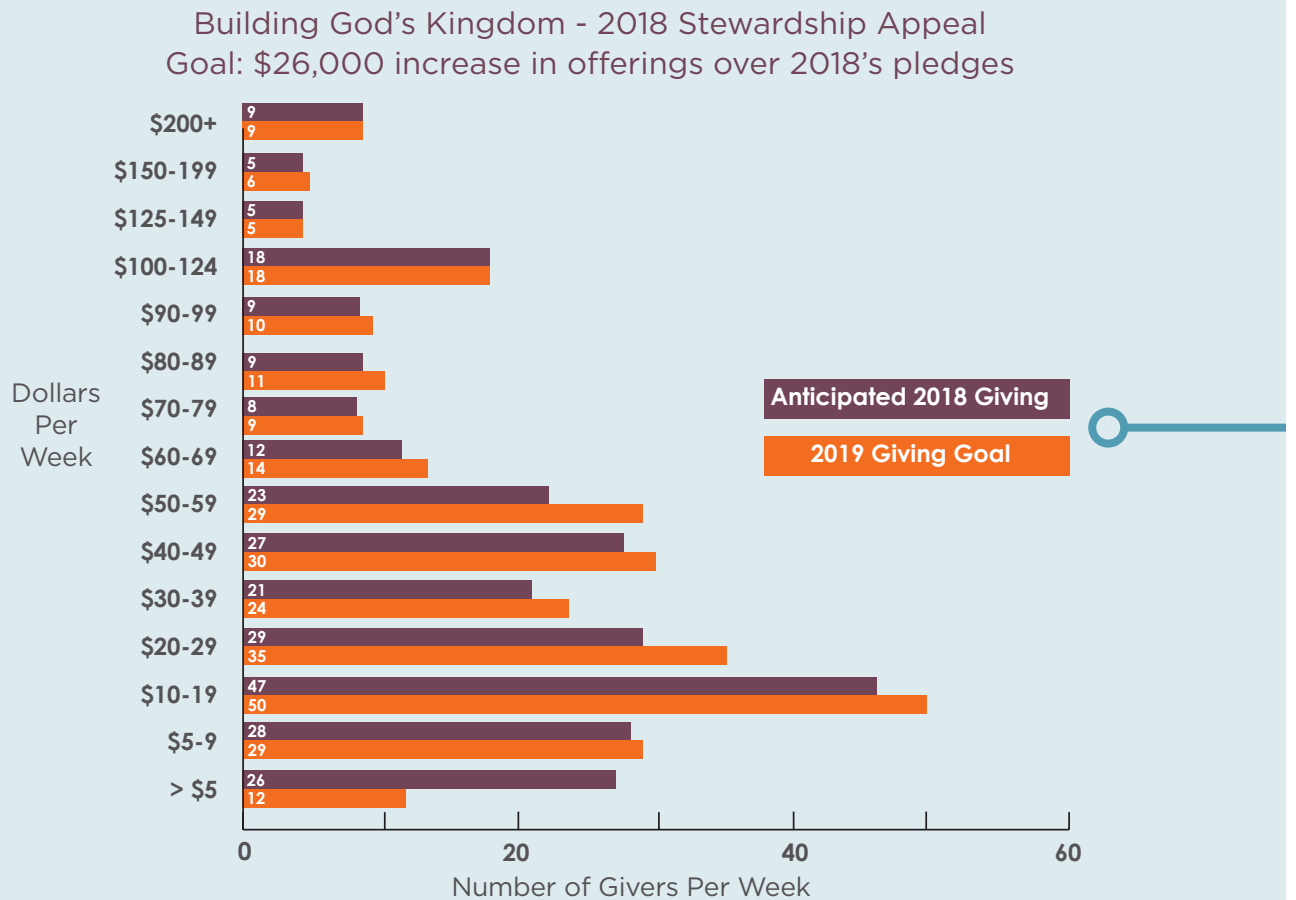
Our gifts and offerings help build a framework which sustains faith formation and outreach. This bar graph displays two charts of our giving. One bar shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other bar shows how many gifts are needed in these levels to reach our goal. 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?

Where would I be if I doubled my offering? And can I consider doing that?

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



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