



Growing Lives. Communicating Life. Maintaining Life.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2019



*I will
give thanks
to the Lord with my
whole heart.*

PSALM 111:1



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH
OF OUR
SAVIOUR**

FOCUS OF *Stewardship* 2019

Increased gifts and offerings will be used to help the following:

GROWING LIVES

By investing in the lives of the individuals within our community and strengthening the on-going ministries, we provide a foundation for growth through contribution. With the continued support of the Kaye Prox Food Bank and The Portico homeless ministry through expansion and the funding of future needs, we provide the opportunity to positively effect change for others. By being proactive, we can forecast additional needs that might present itself within our community; therefore, it is recommended that we work together to visit local schools and determine how we might further assist the students. For instance, we may find that the students need food over the weekend or clothing to wear to school; their needs are vast, and we have the humbling ability to pull resources together to help. It is proposed that a special team will further define how to best serve the interests of the community, through contribution, and present a plan to council for approval. Our goal is to impact an additional average of 300 lives through this initiative which will increase our current outreach by 56%. Presently, the targeted amount of funds needed to fulfill our goal is **\$7,500**.

He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

- Matthew 25:45



COMMUNICATING LIFE

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour has a genuine opportunity to reach our homebound members and traveling members by touching the lives in our community by broadcasting live feeds of portions of our services. Through this approach, we tell the story of God's redeeming grace and allow the spirit of God to move through social media and YouTube. This is truly an exciting, new ministry opportunity for our church and our community; it has a proven record of success for fellow ministries. Additionally, we will continue our effort to invite and share the life of our church community here, at Lutheran Church of

Our Saviour, through our website and targeted social media communications. It is intended that we continue to grow our on-line reach and post-engagement exponentially as we increase our social media following. Our current Facebook following is 305 and the goal is to develop a strong support of 1,000 followers by the end of 2019. Within the next year, we would like to envision a post-engagement level that is reaching 36,000 individuals locally. We all will benefit to practice to be evangelistic by sharing the word with your friends and family. The current target goal to further support the endeavor is **\$7,500**.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Matthew 5:14-16

MAINTAINING LIFE

It is known that the cost of expenses continues to increase year-over-year and executing necessary repairs are vital to sustain and improve conditions of church property. From air conditioning expenses to higher insurance costs, the list implies that we work together to raise the funds needed to contribute to this important endeavor. By having a well-maintained house of worship, we send a message to the surrounding community that we are a church that cares. It is pertinent, for all who visit, that they see God's gifts are alive within our community and that we genuinely care through the positive perception that a maintained building can provide. Let us take a bold step in faith to have facility-care dollars available to take care of these expenses and any issues that may arise. Our goal is to raise and allocate **\$15,000** for the continued care of our facility.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'

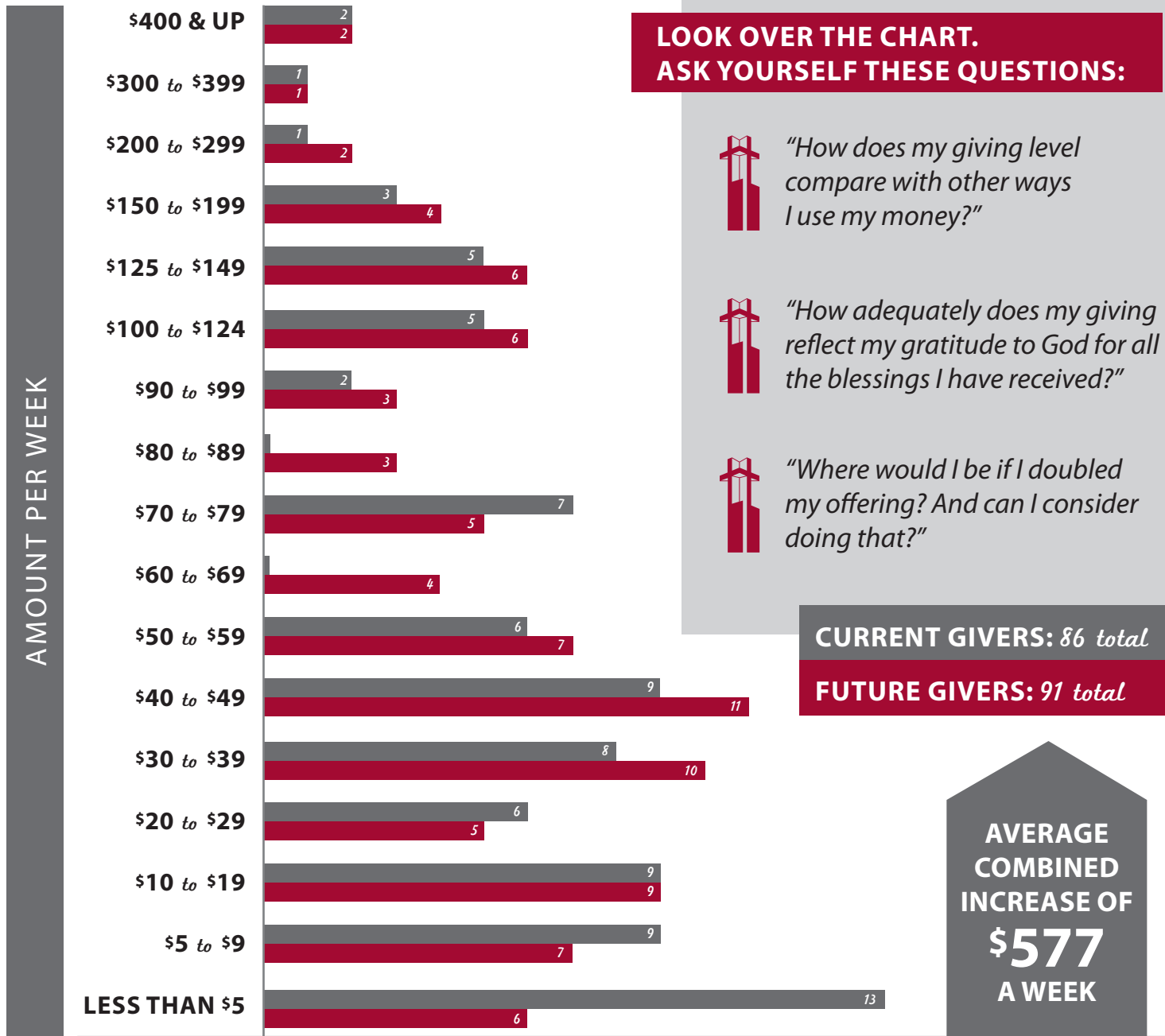
- Psalm 122:1



YOUR *Joyful Participation*

WILL HELP REACH OUR GOAL: **\$30,000** IN NEW GIFTS IN 2019

The chart below points out where we are now and how we can reach our goal to increase average giving.



PLEASE *pray*...

Please pray about our congregation's mission in ministry together. Pray about your offering for 2019. Pray about your response to the letter from the Stewardship Team which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for the coming year.

Be ready to complete your intent card and place it in the offering on November 11, or you can mail your response directly to the church office.

Together as we reach out with the Gospel to one another and to our greater community, the Lord will bring blessings to you, to Our Saviour and to the world. Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation.



BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO THE PEOPLE & People to the Gospel

As a congregation we're on a mission. It's a journey. And as we journey on this mission we're trusting God's Promise. This is nothing new. Generations before us, those who joined together as LCOS, heeded the same call, responded to the same promise, and committed themselves to be faithful.

LCOS has a long history and tradition of mission and ministry efforts, both here and abroad. Young people are a top priority and we invest in them. Those in their autumn years are honored, embraced, celebrated and cared for. We invest in them too.

Centered in the gospel, we are a caring people, offering healing, comfort, and hope to people from all walks of life. And we are generous. Grateful for the blessings the Lord has given us, we seek ways to reach out to our neighbors, wherever they are.

What is new for us, compared to people who have gone before us, is the world in which we live. It's a new day, with new challenges facing us, new opportunities calling us forward. Providing food for families, as well as the homeless, remains an opportunity and a challenge as we discover and implement improved methods to fulfill this need in our community.

Eager to move into the future we have taken the initiative to chart the course for LCOS and grow life by enriching relationships. Our key strategies are to:

- 1 Serve and touch all people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- 2 Intentionally reach out to younger generations with relevant and vibrant ministries; and
- 3 Deepen our commitment to biblical training, to be biblically-centered followers of Jesus Christ.

Now we look forward to generating the support through prayers, people and funding to put this plan into action. Together in Christ we are bringing the Gospel to people and people to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"I will give thanks to the **Lord** with my whole heart."

- Psalm 111:1

"For where your **treasure** is, there your heart will be also."

- Matthew 6:21

