

## Invitation and Response

We invite you to pray for Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, that we might be a bold community willing to respond faithfully to God's generosity with our own for the sake of the kingdom of God.

Sunday, October 20 is Commitment Sunday. During worship, you will be invited to bring forward your enclosed Commitment Card, offering your gifts to God. You may also mail your Commitment Card to the church office or complete an online Commitment Card.

Then, on Sunday, November 24, we will announce the current results of our commitments, including the number of Statements of Intent received and the faithful response of the congregation. We will celebrate the results together with a church New Years' party and fellowship after worship.

We are excited about the opportunities to meet the needs of the church and our community in 2025. We know God is calling us to something big and are excited to invite you to be a part of this journey of faith!



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# Faithful Foundations

2025 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



## Introduction

The mission of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is to love God, love people, and make disciples.

We seek to be a congregation where all people can discover belonging, be generous towards their neighbors and seek justice for those on the margins.

Together, we have rebuilt our community after the pandemic, revitalized our excitement for the future, and have discerned new ways of being church in our neighborhood.

We give thanks for how the members of our congregation have remained dedicated and passionate to the needs of the church, our neighbors, and the world!

## Needs

With Christ the Servant Lutheran Church located in the heart of the Hunters Woods Plaza, we have a unique opportunity to directly impact the lives of our surrounding community every day. Our congregation must be bold to act and to risk our comfortability in order to live into cultural shifts and meet the needs of an evolving neighborhood.

We are called to find new ways of being church together for the glory of God. Your generosity of time and financial gifts over the next year will allow Christ the Servant to:

- Enhance hospitality and engagement with whomever the Holy Spirit calls in our midst
- Support and advocate for those whose voices are typically ignored
- Develop more ministries to grow beyond just these immediate needs
- Create more opportunities for connections with all people
- Directly impact the most vulnerable people in the heart of our neighborhood

Our community will continue to grow as our relationships with each other and our own discipleship grows, helping people feel seen, heard, and find a place they belong.



# Ministry Initiatives

To meet the growing needs of the community in 2025, we need an additional \$1,500 a week. By meeting this financial goal, Christ the Servant can:



**ENHANCE OUR HOSPITALITY AND CONNECTIONS TO ALL PEOPLE** by bringing Heather Whitman on full-time as our Minister of Congregational Life. In addition to her current responsibilities, this expanded role will allow for better connections with visitors/guests, dedicated volunteer coordination and deployment, and the development of deeper congregational connections among all members. **To meet this need, an additional \$480 each week is needed.**



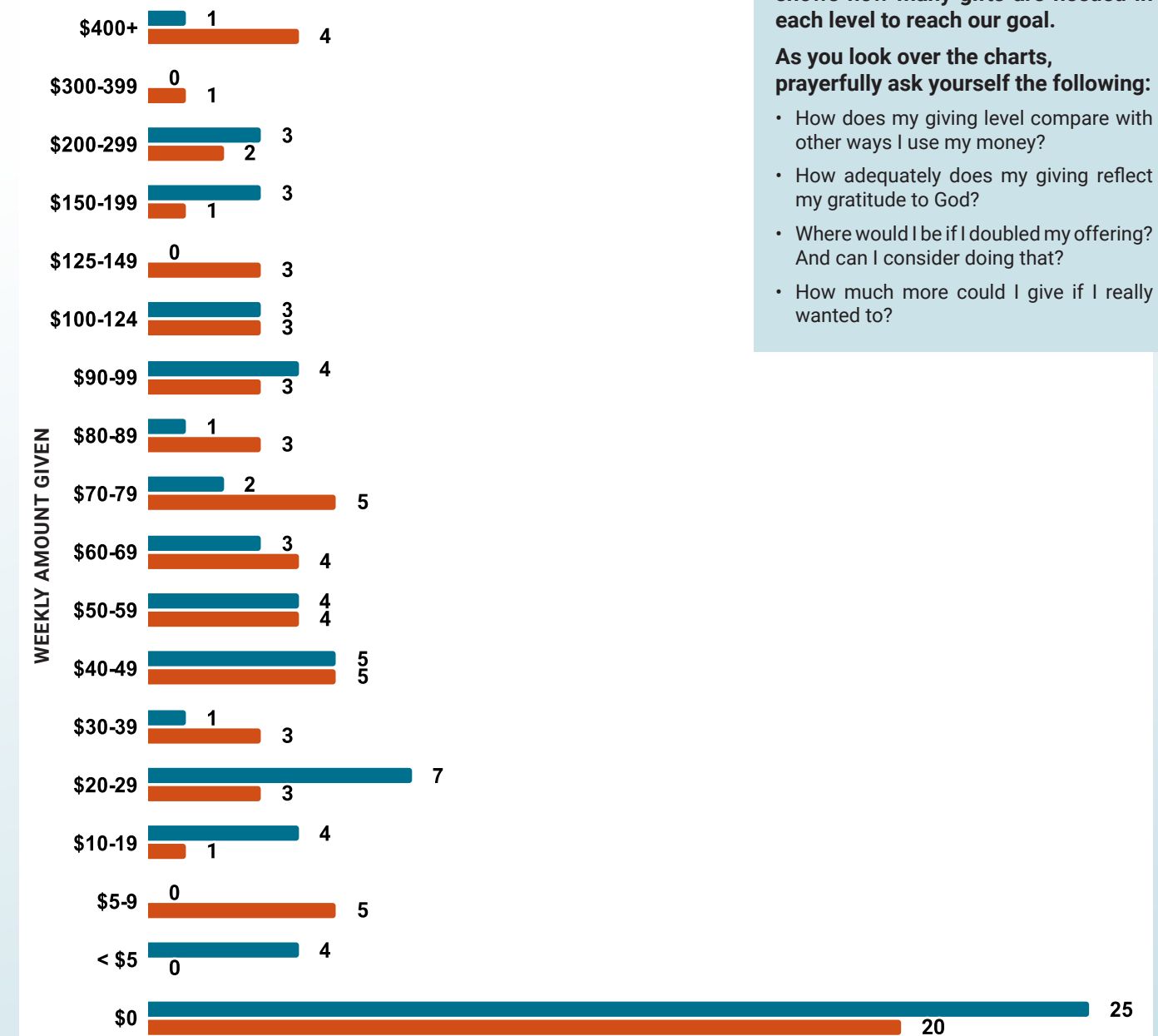
**MAKE A GREATER IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY** by increasing our benevolence and outreach budget to \$25,000 or 9% of our income. This additional budget will allow for the full support of ministries that began in 2024 such as the CTS market, supply kits, and other feeding ministries that currently rely on ad-hoc funding from the Pastor's discretionary fund. The Pastor's discretionary fund will then be freed up to support new and experimental ministries. **To meet this need, an additional \$100 each week is needed.**



**BUILD GREATER FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR FUTURE MINISTRY** by becoming less dependent on rental income. Fully funding our mission allows for more access to the spaces in our building for mission and ministry as well as, frees up ways to creatively utilize rental income for expanding ministry, rather than sustaining it. **To meet this need, an additional \$920 each week is needed.**

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## RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR



NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS: 70

NUMBER OF HOPED FOR GIVERS: 70

This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal.

As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:

- How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God?
- Where would I be if I doubled my offering? And can I consider doing that?
- How much more could I give if I really wanted to?