

Please pray for our congregation's ministry and consider what it means to you, your family and your community. We ask that you prayerfully consider your response to this Stewardship appeal for 2019.

Please be prepared to complete your Statement of Intent card and place it in the offering plate on Sunday, November 11th. Or you may mail this card directly to OSLC office.

"We are called to proclaim God's love and grace through Christ as we relate to each other and the world." Thank you for being a part of our innovative, welcoming and caring congregation!



# FAITH FORMATION STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2019



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH



Visitors and new members often comment on the welcome they receive and the hospitality they feel when engaging with our congregation.

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Our church family welcomes all, regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-

incorporates worship, learning, service, and sharing economic status, marital in a way that helps older and status, abilities, challenges, or younger generations grow in faith history. faith together. Looking to 2019, we are As we move forward, let seeking to generate additional us remember what St. Paul support - prayers, people, wrote to the church in and finances - as we live into Ephesus, "I therefore, the this heritage of our faith prisoner in the Lord, beg you community. to lead a life worthy of the We have been confronted calling to which you have with new challenges in been called, with all humility our call to share this faithand gentleness, with patience, journey with others; among bearing with one another them are the losses of longin love, making every effort term members due to death to maintain the unity of the or significant life changes. Spirit in the bond of peace." But we also have new (Ephesians 4:1-3) Mindful of opportunities, namely the this, we are excited to take new model of faith formation new steps in living out this we launched in 2017. GIFT calling to which we have been (Growing In Faith Together) called, in 2019 and beyond!



# PLANS FOR 2019

## APPEAL GOAL INCREASE GIVING BY \$50,000 OR MORE IN NEW OFFERINGS IN 2019

Our focus for the next year is to strengthen the ongoing ministries of our congregation. Our goal is to increase giving by \$50,000 (\$1,000/week) or more in new offerings throughout the year. Here is how these new offerings will be invested.

### MINISTRY INITIATIVE 1 \$30,000 (\$600/week)

To reflect God's love through the activities that nurture and strengthen our community by fully funding our existing ministries.

- Close the gap between our ministry expenses and giving in 2018, thus fulfilling our current ministry commitments
- Ensure adequate compensation for current staff positions, including the increasing costs of health care



#### MINISTRY INITIATIVE 2 \$20,000 (\$400/week)

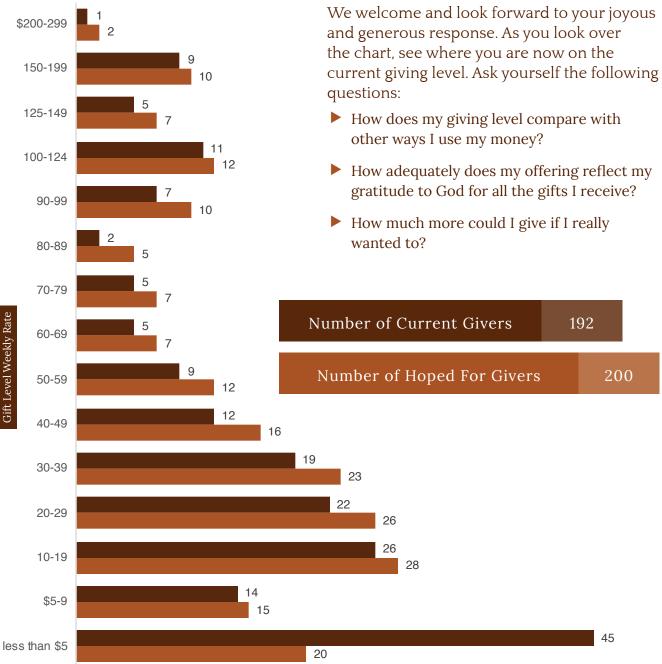
To promote the ministry activities that support and sustain faith formation across all generations in our congregation.

- Continue to promote and encourage participation in GIFT worship service
- Fully fund all materials used in various book studies and/or bible studies
- Host a guest speaker for presentation on growing in faith and provide meal with this event
- Host periodic mid-day meals following the GIFT worship service

- Provide financial support for youth camp scholarships
- Increase financial support for youth mission trips and ELCA youth gatherings
- Support and expand youth weekly/monthly activities
- Explore the option for additional Family Ministry staff support
- Purchase supplies for GIFT service

Supply bibles for children and youth





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