

LIVING INTO OUR MISSION

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STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH
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At LCGS we truly embrace this mission! Planted in the Upper Westside Neighborhood 67 years ago, we now navigate how the understanding of neighborhood in the 21st century has changed. In this evolving world we live as a faith community where EACH person experiences being KNOWN - SEEN - LOVED by God and by us.

Our wonderful worship experience embraces people of all ages. We encourage every generation and people of all abilities to take on leadership and serving roles in our worship. Those with more experience accompany those just stepping forward.

Eau Claire knows LCGS for the ways God works through us in the larger community. We house many outreach ministries - Shepherd's Closet, Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, Ruby's Pantry, and Stand in the Light Memory Choir - of/within the walls of our building, that reach far beyond into the larger community.

Together, over the last three years, we weathered the difficulty of a pandemic and come out strong on the other side. Many new families and individuals become a part of what God is up to here. We ask difficult questions and dream of what God might be up to for demographics that we could better serve.

We give thanks for how the members of our congregation respond to the difficulties we have faced. It is because of the generosity of God's people here at Good Shepherd that we look so eagerly to the future of what God is doing in this place for the world around us.



God has great plans for Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd this year. An additional \$X,000 in giving per week (over 2022 levels) will allow us to solidify our ministry in some important ways.

GROW IN FAITH

At LCGS we are committed to lifelong faith formation, and that starts with our children.

- Our young people will experience God's love as we join the Calvary Partner Network for Faith Formation Curriculum
- Our Middle/High School Students will know they belong as we provide a space for them to call their own at Good Shepherd



BECOME A 21ST CENTURY NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH, CONNECTING WITH NEIGHBORS

It is in our DNA to be a church FOR this neighborhood, and we continue to explore what that means.

- People will hear the story of the God's work at Good Shepherd through a new position of Digital Ministries Director
- Expand our capacity for "hospitality," discerning what changes will have an impact
- Live into the flexibility of our building
- Determine/Address varying needs in our Worship/Music department



REINVEST IN OUR FUTURE

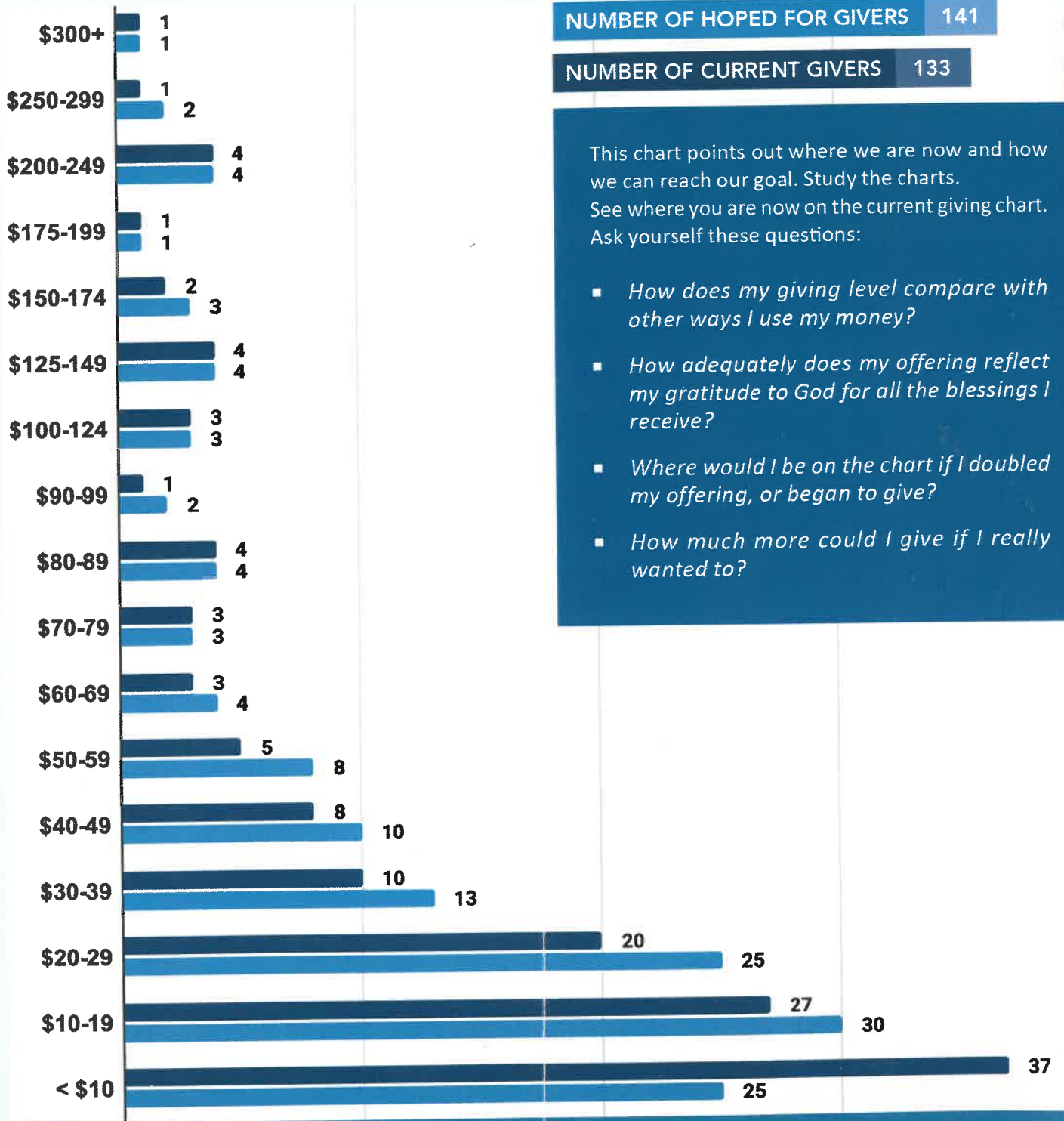
As we feel confident that the future at LCGS is bright, we will ensure that our building is around to see it through!

- Care for the space God gives us as we reinstate the 3% Fund in our budget for Property Reserve
- Provide for Building Maintenance as needed



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RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR



NUMBER OF HOPED FOR GIVERS 141

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS 133

This chart points out where we are now and how we can reach our goal. Study the charts. See where you are now on the current giving chart. Ask yourself these questions:

- How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- How adequately does my offering reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my offering, or began to give?
- How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

GIFT LEVEL WEEKLY RATE

We invite you to pray for Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and for the ways that we ensure that each is known – seen – loved. Pray for generosity to make this possible.

Sunday, January 29th 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 fill out an online commitment card.

Then on Sunday, February 13th we will announce the current results of our Revitalize + Reinvest + Reach Out Commitments, including the number of Commitment Cards received and the faithful response of the congregation. We will celebrate the results together with a Fellowship Brunch. We invite you to celebrate with us.

We are excited about the opportunities to meet the needs of the church and community in 2023. We are grateful to be your neighborhood church, where each is KNOWN – SEEN – LOVED.



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