

We invite you to pray for St. John's as we work to build more small group relationships in our congregation, re-invigorate and expand our music ministry, and create new connections with God's Youth.

Sunday, November 21st 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, December 12th we will announce the current results of our commitments, including the number of Commitment Cards received and the faithful response of the congregation. We will celebrate the results together by sharing a fellowship and creating a special event! More details to follow! We invite you to celebrate with us.

We are excited about the opportunities to meet the needs of the church and community in 2022. We can't wait to stir up you, as you stir up us, in love and good works!

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FALL 2021 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works..." - Hebrews 10:24

At St. John's we share and celebrate the saving power of Jesus Christ. We want to **KNOW** Jesus and **GROW** in Jesus so that we **LOVE** one another and **LIVE** according to his will.

We at St. John's are so grateful for the many ways our members have celebrated all that makes us St. John's. Together we cheerfully and enthusiastically embrace new opportunities to reach out to each other.

We have persevered in finding new ways to share our time together with Christ. The love, energy and generosity of our members and friends have:

- Connected us to God and each other through indoor, outdoor and virtual worship.
- Expanded the faith for youth through Affirm, Sunday School, and Youth opportunities.
- Grown deep in faith through our Bible study opportunities.
- Reached well past the church building into Lakeville and beyond!

The Lord has taught us to stretch out our arms to reach more of God's creation. Your support and flexibility have helped St. John's to take our liturgical core and share it in new and inspiring ways across generations and without bounds.



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OUR GOAL: \$65,000 IN NEW GIFTS IN 2022

As we extend our reach, we will wrap those we reach in the loving embrace of Jesus. In 2022, we will not merely cast our nets, but Transform ourselves and Transform those we reach. Our St. John's staff and leadership dedicate ourselves to three important goals for 2022.

As we meet the growing needs of the community in 2022, an additional \$1,250 a week will allow us to:

Increase small group relationships, built on our shared faith, and our shared experiences.

In our new "virtual" world, God's people still thirst for safe places and friendships where we belong. In the coming year we will connect people with similar interests and life-moments in ways that create new opportunities for St. John's to express faith in their lives.

"I am so excited to have been called to St. John's and our new small group ministries! We hope it's a new chance to hear God by combining our lives, our church friends, and our faith, in a safe and loving place!"

- Pastor Kim Kyllö



Re-invigorate the preeminent place of music in our St. John's worship.

As we become better at expanding the availability of our worship options, we at St. John's still believe it is important to celebrate with joyful noise the glory of God! New, renewed, and exciting opportunities to sing, play and praise the Lord are in store!



"I have been singing in church choirs since I was 3 years old. Music and choir are so important to worshiping and praising God! I love choir and I can't imagine being without it!"

- Ginger Gustafson

Build the Love of Christ in our Youth!

While many Youth find their Christ-centered opportunities dwindling amid virtual experiences and time-demands, St. John's Youth programs and staff will continue to grow, with a variety of faith-based opportunities and connections. We feel uniquely poised to bring Christ to our Youth in their lives.

"I love coming to church because Amanda makes everything so fun and because the volunteer activities are very fun and you meet lots of new people."

- Lydia Paulson

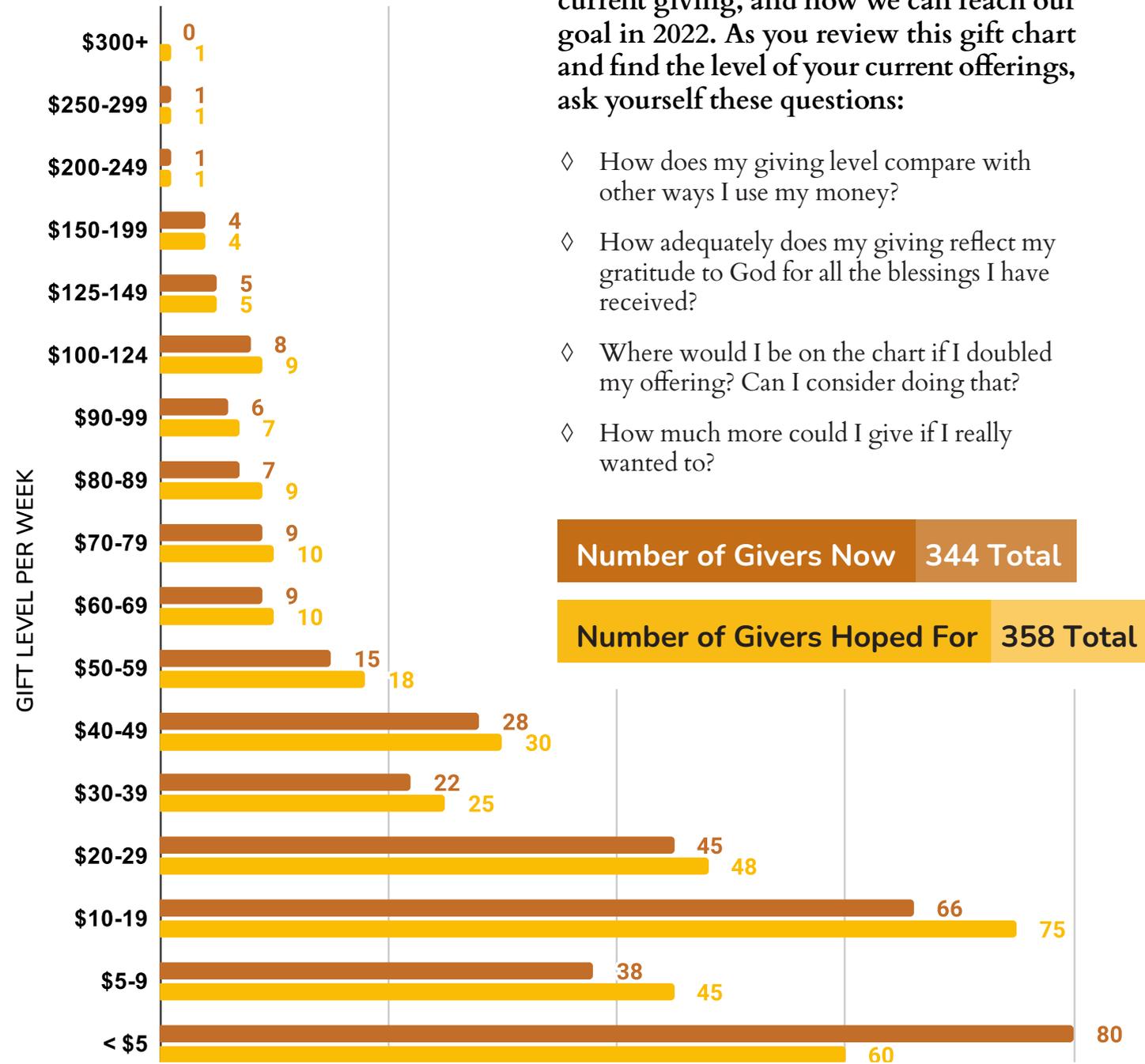
"Amanda makes it easy to find ways to help, bring my friends to St. John's, and volunteer. It's fun and awesome sauce!"

- Lissette Thurman



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LAKEVILLE

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR



This chart illustrates where we are with current giving, and how we can reach our goal in 2022. As you review 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 on the chart if I doubled my offering? Can I consider doing that?
- ◇ How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

Number of Givers Now 344 Total

Number of Givers Hoped For 358 Total

In addition to these three goals, St. John's will continue to provide excellent, loving and meaningful ministry for all of our members and the Lakeville area community, in all the ways we connect with Christ through St. John's.