

For Everyone A Place At God's Table

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2021



ST. ANDREW'S
Lutheran Church



Worship: Where everyone truly has a place at God's Table!

Here at St. Andrew's Lutheran, worship is indeed the center of our life together. In worship we hear strongly, clearly, and emphatically about God's mercy and grace for all people of God, no matter what. In our broken world, how many other people need to hear this word, and long to know that they too are cherished children of God?

Ironically, due to Covid, we were forced to begin one of the goals of the Strategic Vision for St. Andrew's Lutheran quicker than we expected. Your church has offered a recorded worship experience every Sunday. Thanks to the gifts and talents already present in the church we were able to do so with great quality. People stayed connected to the worship they loved through this offering and there were others who "clicked onto" our services who might never have entered our sanctuary. The on-line worship service is a wonderful evangelism tool.

During the 2021 year it is the goal of the church to improve and expand the online and virtual presence of the church in terms of worship and other offerings. Should we offer a podcast? A live Facebook service? In what ways can we invite people to our "electronic table" so that they too can taste of God's grace? Yes, it is our hope that they will eventually come in person to the table. However, no matter what,



this is a way of communicating the love and goodness of God to all through this community of grace.

Let's covenant together to provide the financial resources needed to expand our worship and other online offerings. Our annual appeal is now underway asking you to commit to join others to fully fund our vision.

The goal of the "For Everyone A Place at God's Table" 2020 Stewardship Appeal is to increase gifts and offerings by \$1,000 per week. Approximately \$200 per week will go toward this ministry focus. We are being encouraged through the Stewardship For All Seasons program to have an attitude of abundance and not scarcity. God has given to us abundantly. How can we give thanks?

Pray for a generous response and please prayerfully consider increasing your gift for the coming year.

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- » How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- » Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my giving? Can I consider doing that?
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Let's care for Our Table

Let's face it, our facilities have a few years on them. We have deferred some maintenance issues. You have faithfully given to maintain them as good as they are but we have a long "punch list" of projects that need attention.

Years ago, when times and schedules were different, the church could count on volunteers to take care of a lot of these things. That is not the case anymore. Just like many of us at home, we now hire someone to do a task that our fathers and mothers probably would have done themselves.

This requires money.

There will be a special appeal in the new year asking you to consider a gift to the refurbishing of the Narthex and Parlor, and the repair of the Educational Building's HVAC.

For now, we seek an additional \$500 per week for operating revenue to better care for our facility and to begin bringing it to the level of excellence that our community deserves. Projects in the near future will likely include smaller yet critical repairs and ongoing maintenance. There are bathrooms that need upgrading, ceiling tiles that need replacing, landscaping that needs reworking, lighting that needs repair, and much more. Even our lawn care requires



us to hire help from time to time in ways we never had to before.

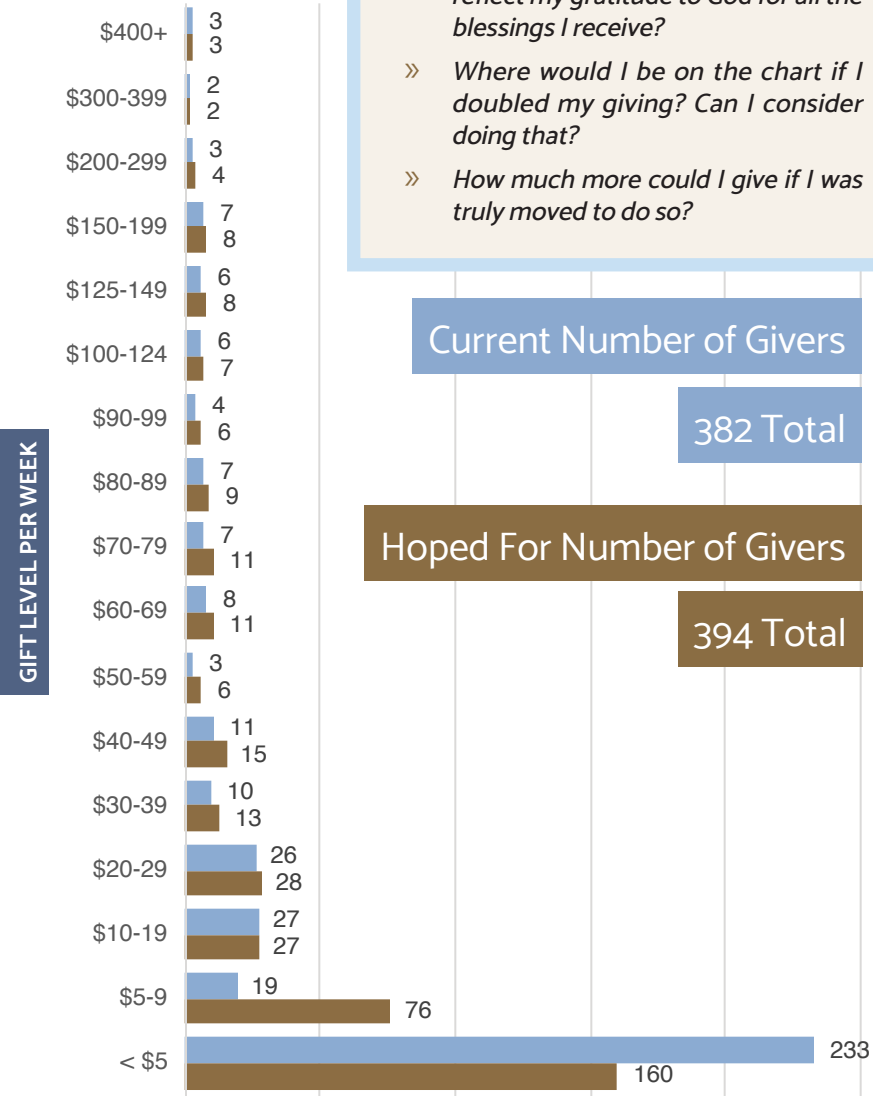
Your gifts can make all this possible, and thereby make this place a more welcoming and attractive place for all. Your gifts can help prepare the table, if you will. What can you do? We are being encouraged through the Stewardship For All Seasons program to have an attitude of abundance and not scarcity. God has given to us abundantly. How can we give thanks?

Think what God could do with these gifts.

Pray for a generous response to this appeal. Pray about your own response. Consider increasing your giving if your situation allows, as the Lord leads you.

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Current Number of Givers

382 Total

Hoped For Number of Givers

394 Total

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Help us "Set the Table"

Our ministry is strong and vibrant and we seek to keep it that way. Some activities cost more each year such as buying new music and keeping the facility clean. Most of our ministry happens through the work of our excellent staff thus, keeping up with payroll and healthcare costs are very important to continue our focus on ministry excellence.

We are adding the services of a videographer this year to facilitate our recorded worship services. St. Andrew's benefits from being a part of the Stewardship For All Seasons program offered by the South Carolina Synod and that requires support. We are committed to our benevolent giving to the ELCA through the South Carolina Synod. St. Andrew's is deeply respected for its faithful and unswerving participation in the ministry of the larger church through your giving. We do not always agree with every position of the national church, but we are one body together.

Your gifts make ministry happen. We anticipate an approximate increase of \$300 per week for all of this in 2021. Remember in the feeding of the 5,000 how the disciples thought there wasn't enough to feed the group, but once Jesus got involved it was discovered that there wasn't only enough, but there was



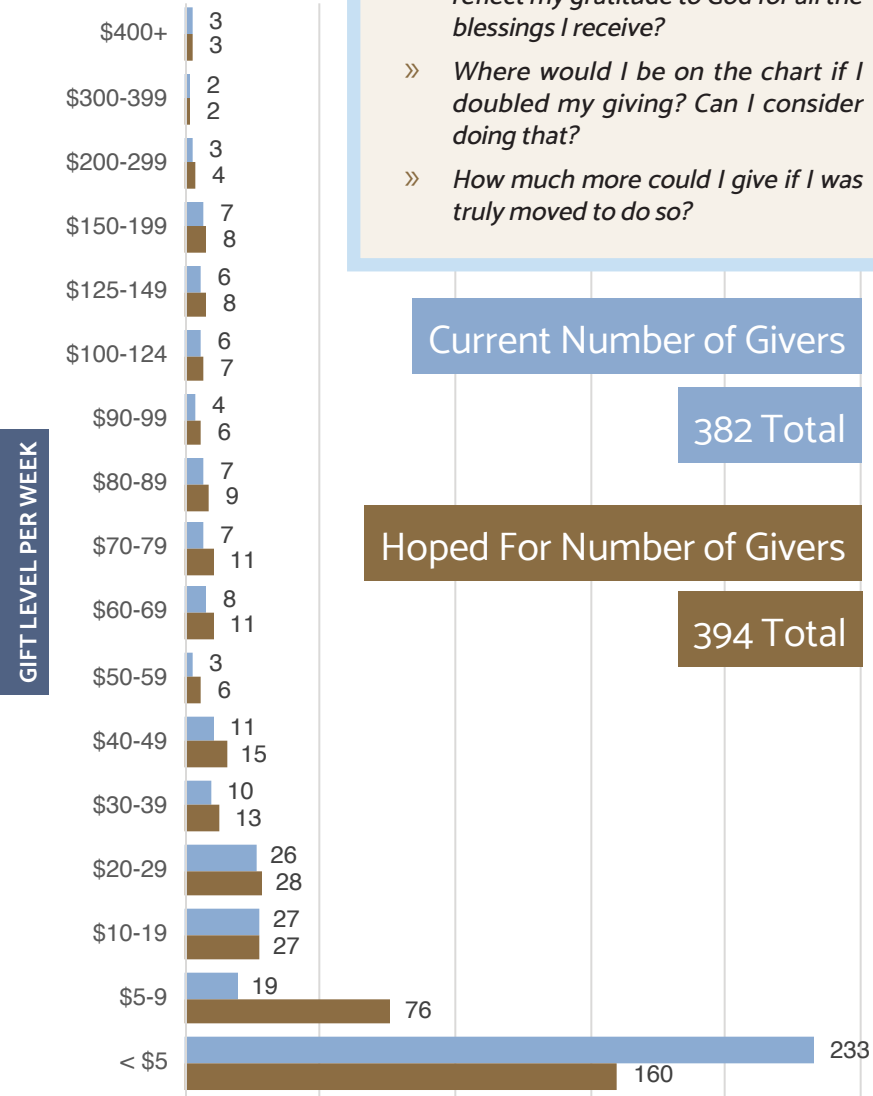
enough to share. God has given to us abundantly. We give thanks by sharing that generosity.

With your help we will make sure that ministry continues to matter and that all people have a place at God's table!

Thanks be to God.

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