

transform life

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2018 Stewardship Appeal

Children



Elders



Church &
Ministry
Excellence



*Our
Savior's*
Lutheran Church
Albany, Minnesota

A blue dove with its wings spread, positioned above the church name.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:12

transform your life and the lives of others



Children

We are a church that loves children. That love is demonstrated in our Sunday School, outdoor ministry, Vacation Bible School, confirmation, scouting, and youth programs. Now we have started a nursery for our youngest children and an alternative worship for children up through fourth grade.

Elders

We are a church that loves our elders. As people reach this stage of their life, we want to be there for them with education to challenge them and pastoral care to support them.



Church & Ministry Excellence

We are a church that loves people and are committed to making God's love known through our words and deeds. Here are a few things we are doing right now:

- Sponsor a blood drive for those injured in the hurricanes

- Sponsor a benefit for our young person who had a heart transplant this summer
- Host a Fall Harvest Dinner to raise funds for hurricane victims and other local ministries
- Collect food for the food shelf
- Be a site for the *Fare for All* program to promote food security in our community
- Support development of a shelter for women breaking free of sex trafficking



Transforming the Future

In gratitude for God continuing to bless us, let us lift our sights high. As we look forward, we have set three immediate ministry goals for the coming year:

- to invest in our **children**
- to honor our **elders**
- to pursue **excellence** in carrying out our mission and **ministries**

Thanks to the generosity of Vern Radtke, who left a generous bequest to Our Savior's, we got a good start in expanding these ministries in 2017. Now let us build on that foundation by increasing our offerings in 2018.

opportunities abound

Albany is growing. Children and their families are moving into our community. As elders retire, they will soon follow, to be close to their families. We need to be ready to welcome them as they arrive.

One-third of our neighbors, coworkers and friends do not have a church home. We need to get serious about reaching out to all the people who will be blessed by being part of our loving congregation.

We could sit back and let people trickle into our church, but that is not our calling. Our calling is to make disciples of all nations, to transform lives, ours and others, by making Christ's love known.

To respond to our calling and this great opportunity before us, we need resources of staff and materials to guide, equip and empower us for this outreach ministry.

Elders

Home Visits
Communion
Bible Studies
Worship
Recordings & Broadcasts
Home Helpers
Hospital Ministry
Pastoral Care

Children

Sunday School
Nursery
Children's Church
Vacation Bible School
Confirmation
Youth Mission
Youth Fellowship
Scouting

building on a strong foundation

Thanks to the generosity of the Vern Radtke bequest, we were able to jump-start a number of ministry initiatives in 2017:

- Added a nursery and alternative worship service
- Added the Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University and Alpha Course to our Adult Education program
- Established a sixth grade to our confirmation program
- Launching a Mothers of Preschoolers for our family ministry programs
- Gearing up to strengthen our education programs and pastoral care for our elders.

To continue this growth in ministry we intend to replace the seed monies received from the Vern Radtke Estate and also gather more ongoing gifts to strengthen our staff support for youth ministries and the support of all our ministries.

Church & Ministry Excellence

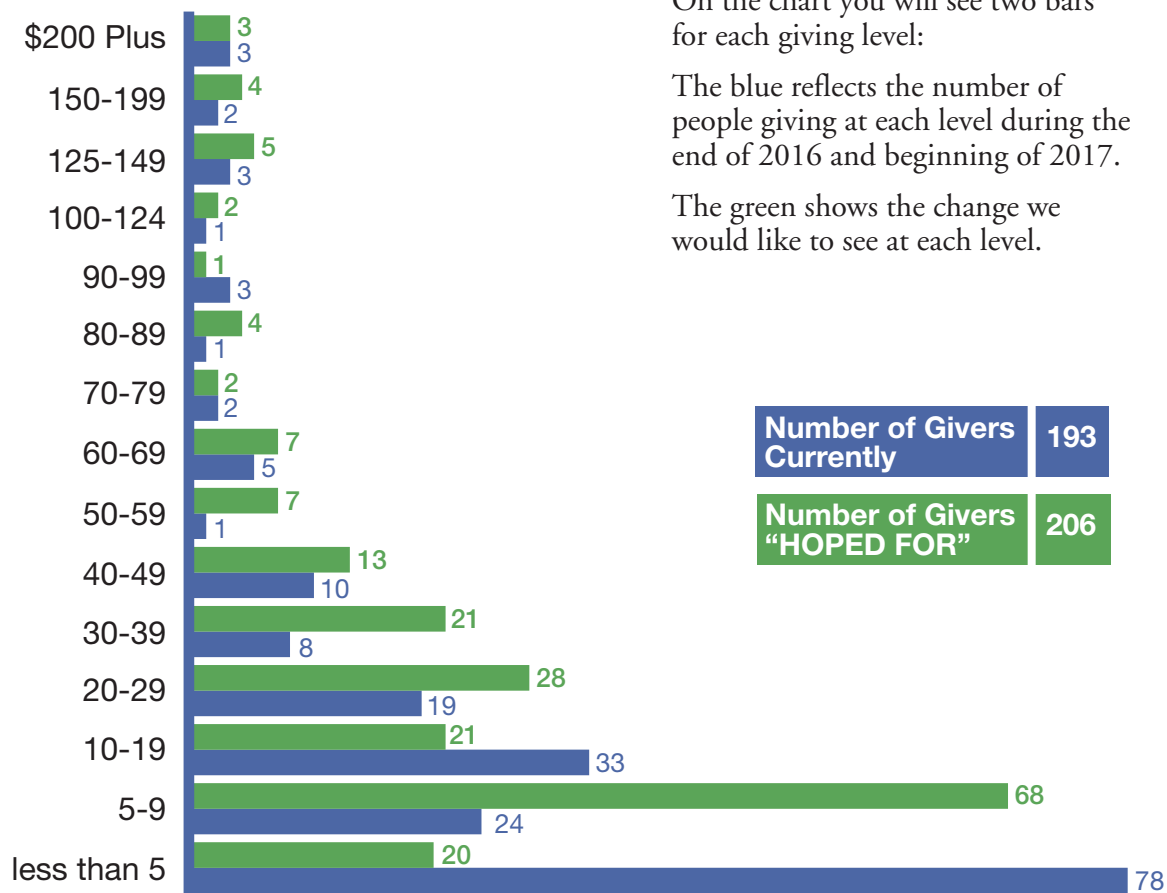
Worship
Adult Education
Pastoral Care
Spiritual Opportunities
Local Missions
Global Missions
Administration
Property Maintenance
General Operations

Appeal Goal:

Increase offerings by \$40,000

Range of Gifts

WEEKLY GIFT LEVEL



On the chart you will see two bars for each giving level:

The blue reflects the number of people giving at each level during the end of 2016 and beginning of 2017.

The green shows the change we would like to see at each level.

Number of Givers Currently 193

Number of Givers "HOPED FOR" 206

As you review this chart, consider 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 this chart if I doubled my giving? And, can I consider doing that?"

"How much more could I give if I really wanted to?"

Together as we work to embrace God's work with our hands, we will **transform lives**, ours and others, and the Lord will bring blessings to you, to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and to the world.

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Please pray about our congregation's mission and ministry together. Please pray about your offering for the next year. Pray about your response to the letter from the stewardship team, which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for the coming year.

Then be ready to complete your intention card and place it in the offering plate on November 19th, or you can mail your response directly to the church office.

Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation!



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