

Your Gifts are Our Treasures

St. Peter Stewardship Update and Plans for Moving Forward

Throughout the past year St. Peter has been living out Jesus' call for the church, "You are the light of the world". We wanted to enhance what we feel called to do in serving others. Our crafted goal was a call to action: *Harness Volunteer Spirit and Desire to better do God's Work.*

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

-1st Peter 4:10

- We began by building a foundation of connections, linking volunteers with meaningful areas of service within the church and community.
- We identified leaders and christened our team *Treasures and Gifts!*
- We celebrated *Your Gifts Are Our Treasures* with a chancel display, giving thanks for the diverse ways that people willingly use their hands to do God's work!
- We shared a preaching and teaching series on "Wired to Make a Difference" lifting up the joy and impact of serving in line with individual gifts and passions.
- We challenged members to discern the gifts with which they are blessed and how these gifts can be best used in service to others.
- We learned better ways to do our work through a workshop, "Recruiting and Inspiring Volunteers"

As we head into 2023, we will build on our work of the past year to better develop and empower our volunteer base. We envision our next steps to include:

- Refine our systems to better match volunteer opportunities with individual passions and skill sets.
- Better define volunteer job descriptions with detailed information about the job scope, the time commitment required, and resources available. Contact people and available training will also be identified.
- Tighten our focus on individual invitations for specialized service opportunities while also maintaining an open door and a broad net. Truly the harvest is plenty and laborers are few!



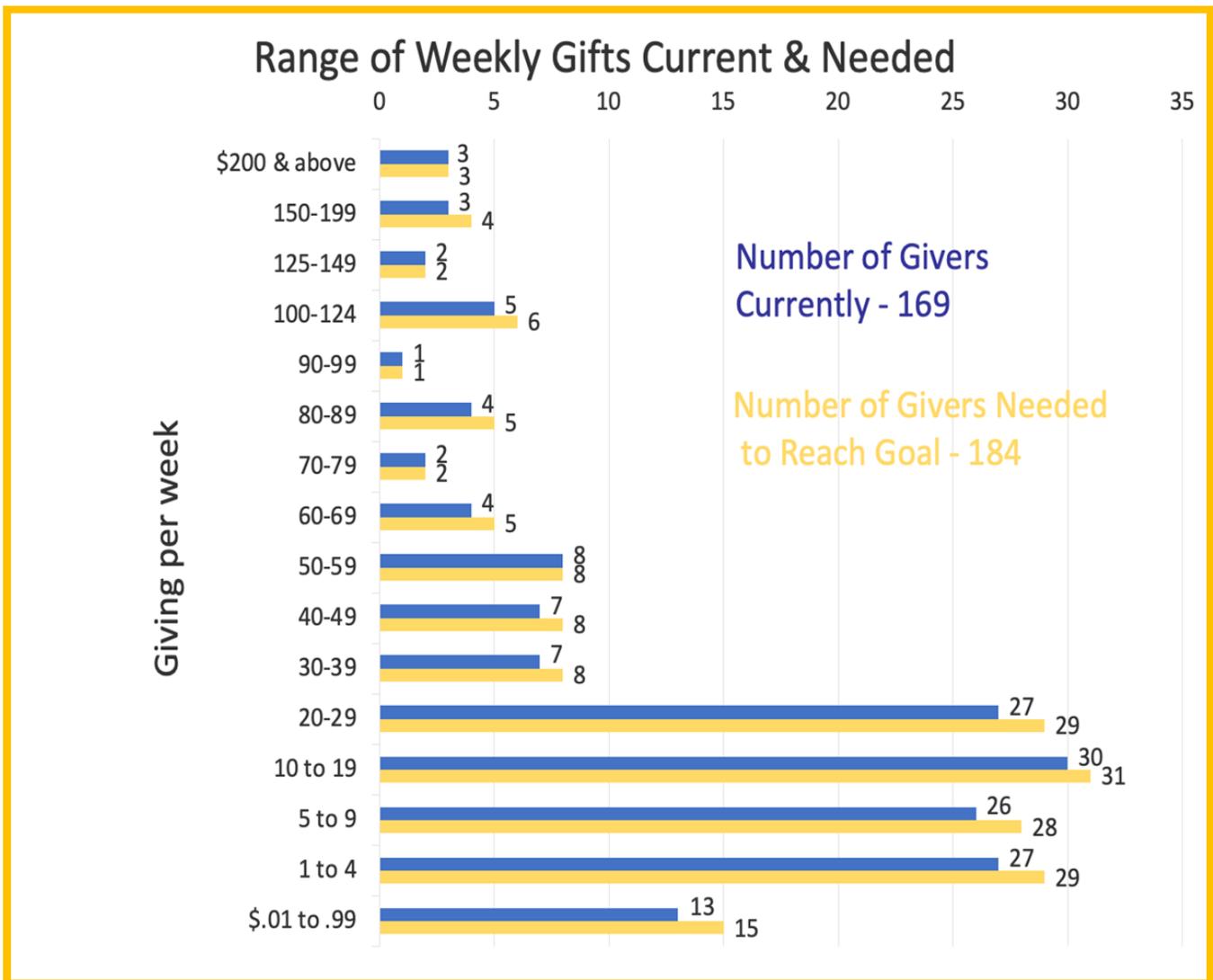
It has been an exciting journey of connecting the people of St. Peter to avenues of service that truly speak to their God given gifts and passions.

Grace Happens Here

Stewardship 2023

Here is a chart which gives a picture of our current giving. As you read 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 for all the blessings I have received?*
- *Where would I be if I doubled my offering? And would I consider that?*
- *How much more could I give if I really wanted to?*



An additional \$20,000 in 2023 giving will empower St. Peter Lutheran Church to continue on its mission journey.