

Invitation and Response

Through generous and faithful giving, we can continue the journey together – sharing God's grace, serving others through love, and creating opportunities for faith to flourish. As we Continue Our Spiritual Journey, we invite you to prayerfully consider how your gifts can help us care for one another, serve our neighbors, and sustain our ministry.

Sunday, October 25 will be Commitment Sunday. During worship, you will be invited to bring forward your enclosed Statement of Intent, indicating your generous commitment to continuing the spiritual journey at St. John's for 2027. You may also deliver/mail your intention to the church office or fill out an online intention card at:

www.SJBft.org/Intent2027

We will celebrate our thanks to God and our response to continuing the spiritual journey of the generosity of members and friends at our annual Oktoberfest Picnic following the 10:30 am service. Join us for fun and fellowship as we continue the journey.

We are excited about these opportunities to meet the needs of the church and community in 2027.

CONTINUING OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2027



Introduction

Sharing God's Grace, Serving Through Love is more than St. John's mission-it is the journey we are on and one we will continue together.

Over the summer, we helped our youth attend camp through scholarships and replaced the air conditioner using maintenance reserve funds. We support people mourning a loved one with benevolence boxes containing paper plates, paper towels, and other necessities. We help meet local needs by contributing food and financial gifts to area food pantries.

We invite you to continue walking this journey with us as we grow in faith, serve with compassion, and share God's love with those around us.



Needs

We are called to walk alongside one another in faith, fellowship, and service.

Our generosity opens doors and creates opportunities. Increased scholarship support will enable more adults and youth to participate in retreats, camps and mission trips – experiences that deepen faith, strengthen relationships, and build a stronger sense of community.

We are also called to love and serve our neighbors, especially those who are most vulnerable. Additional resources will allow St. John's to strengthen our support of organizations that serve our local community, our state, our country, and people around the world.

Faithful stewardship also helps us care for the gifts God has entrusted to us. Our giving enables us to maintain our buildings, support our staff, and sustain the ministries and programs that serve our congregation and community.



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"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Ministry Initiatives

Our goal this year is to increase our offerings by **\$40,000 Annually** or **\$769 Weekly** to:

- ▶ Care for one another by providing scholarships for people of all ages.
- ▶ Helping our neighbor by providing funds to our community, state, country, and world groups.
- ▶ Sharing our resources by rebuilding our maintenance reserve fund and sustaining ministry excellence.



Provide Scholarships For People of All Ages **\$288 weekly**

By increasing scholarship support, we will help adults and youth participate in retreats, camps, mission trips, strengthen relationships, and community. We can help ensure that financial barriers do not prevent our members from participating in these transformative experiences, strengthening faith and relationships across generations.



Helping our neighbor **\$38 weekly**

With additional resources, we will be able to expand on our core value; We serve and help our neighbors, community, and those who are in need. This increase will allow us to strengthen our support of organizations serving our community, state, country, and world.

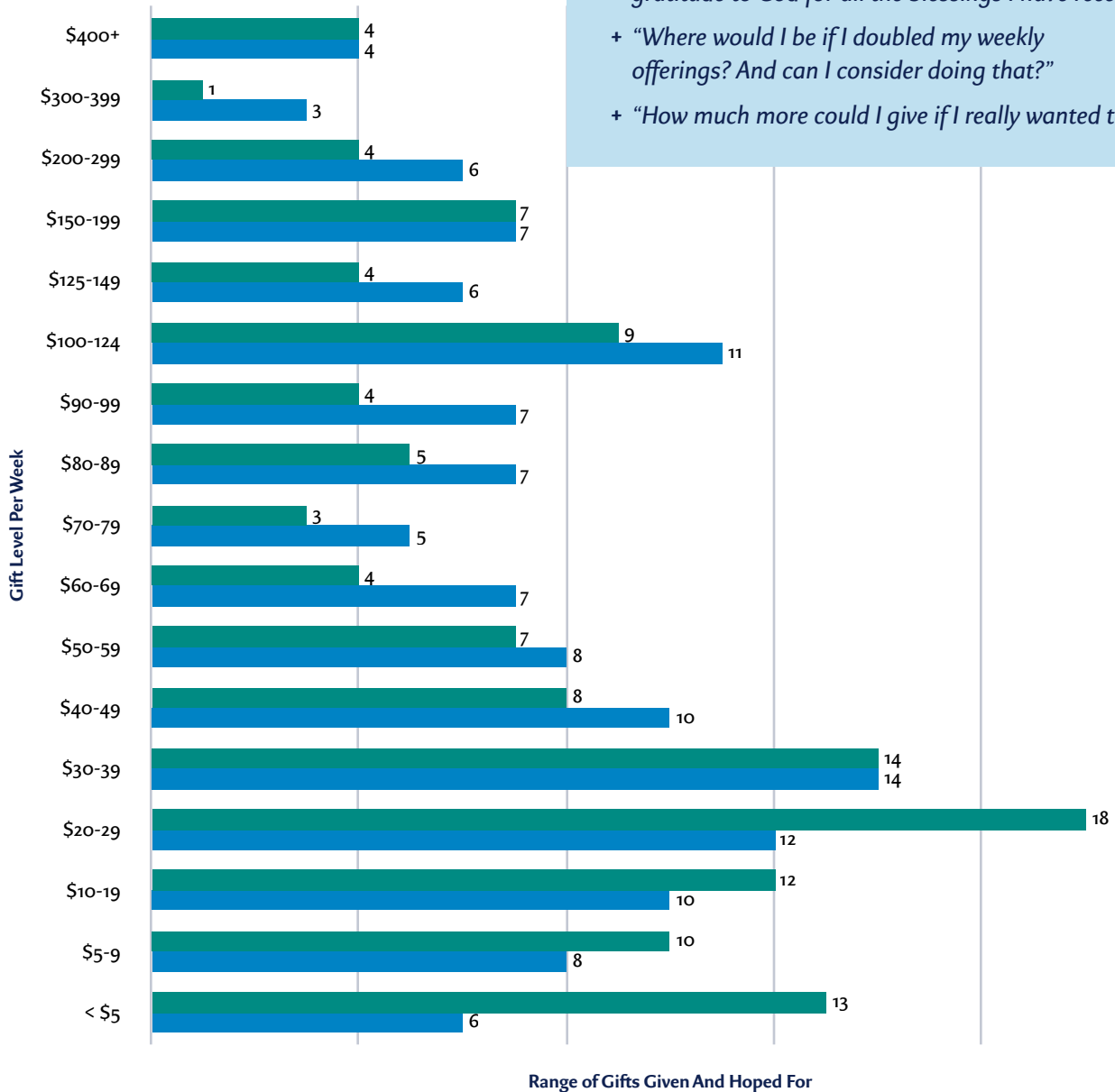


Sharing Our Resources & Sustaining Ministry **\$442 weekly**

Additional resources are needed to replenish our maintenance reserve fund, and maintain and care for our buildings. Our generosity will allow us to support our dedicated staff and sustain the ministries that make our mission possible, while helping to address the financial impact of members who have passed away or moved away.

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Current Number of Givers = 127
Hoped for Number of Givers = 131



This graph displays two charts of our giving. The green shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The blue shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal. As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:

- + “How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?”
- + “How adequately does my weekly giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?”
- + “Where would I be if I doubled my weekly offerings? And can I consider doing that?”
- + “How much more could I give if I really wanted to?”