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A PLACE TO CONNECT:

WITH GOD, OTHERS, AND THE WORLD

STEWARDSHIP 2018

EXPANDING THE WELCOME

We love our communion rail. Each week, we gather together at Christ's table to share in the meal together. As we do, we are able to see one another. It's a whole new take on the phrase "see and be seen."

Whether it's the first time or a weekly worship service, many people comment on the circular and inviting space of our sanctuary. We love our clear windows that allow us to look outside to the flowers, trees, earth, and sky.

We value the open, spacious, and welcoming feeling we experience here. We seek to expand the welcome we feel around our communion rail in order to make our building even more of a place of connection.

We want to keep the doors that have welcomed us open, in order to invite others in as well. **In order to connect more deeply with others, we seek to care for our beloved sanctuary and look to the future to create flexible space in our building.**

At times this building limits us because of small spaces, a long hallway that divides our

sanctuary and fellowship hall, and a lack of adequate exterior lighting and accessible parking. Our central space, the sanctuary, needs attention to ensure that it continues to be an inviting, uplifting place. We want to deepen our connection to the outside world, both figuratively as we live out God's call to serve others, and literally as we find ways to integrate our inside and outside spaces.

We will care for our central sanctuary space by doing needed updates and maintenance. We will look to the future as we involve a building space use professional to advise us on a multi-year plan to help us shape flexible and inviting space for youth, education, meeting rooms, offices and community activities and events. We will take care of our present commitments and pay off the roof loan.

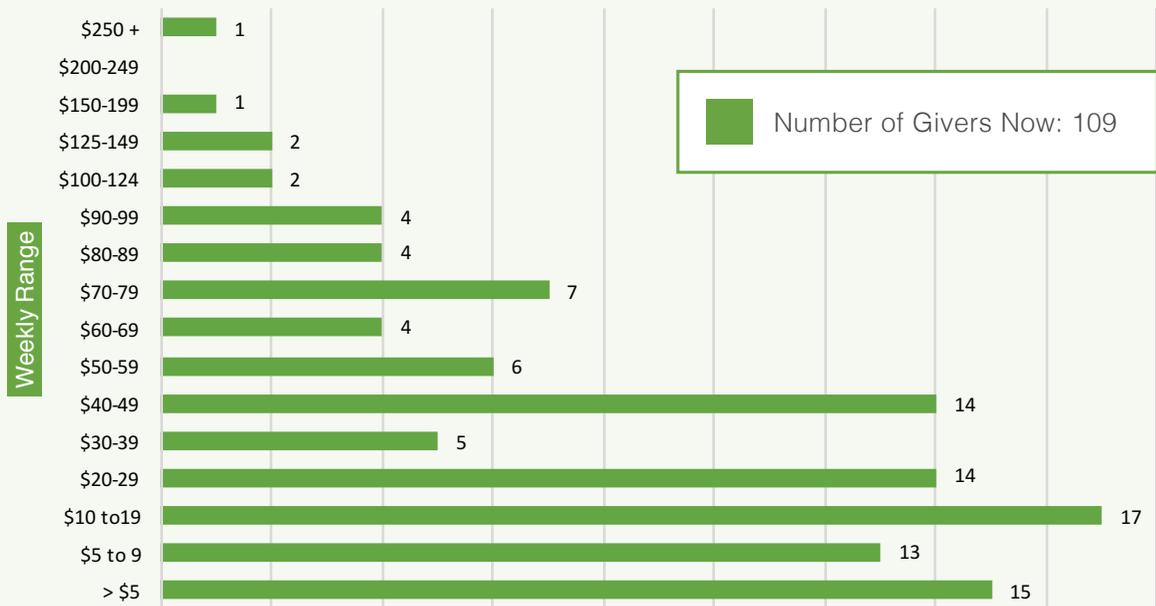
Pray for a generous response and please prayerfully consider increasing your giving in the coming year. With your engagement, we will invest in the mission life of Good Shepherd Lutheran as we connect with God, others, and the world.

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This chart shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts (if you give monthly, be sure to break that down to what you give weekly).

"How does my giving to Good Shepherd compare with other ways I use my money each week?"

"How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for what I have in my life?"



GOAL: \$85,000 INCREASE IN GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

An increase in giving in the next year will allow us to do the following:

- Update our sanctuary and make a plan to expand our ability to use our building for ministry with the wider Decorah community.
- Solidify and extend intergenerational ministries and social action by incorporating the assistant pastor position into the budget.
- Pay off our small roof project loan so we can put offerings towards enhancing our ministry.