

Christ Lutheran Church Highlands Ranch, CO

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VISUALIZE

What do you “Visualize?”

As we explore the weekly themes during our capital campaign, **Visualize** what God could do through CLC when we move beyond our annual debt service of \$152,772 per year. *Dream* about what ministry and mission would look like then. *Envision* the ways our ministry and congregation will grow in Highlands Ranch and far beyond Colorado. *Have hope* for what will happen when we go beyond our fears and take risks to share God’s love with each other and strangers in exciting new ways. **Visualize** about what lies beyond today. Can you see it?

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future

Step 3: Place God First in Your Budgeting and Spending

The Ten Commandments stress that God must be first in our lives. And Jesus said, “Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be yours as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

Many experience difficulty, giving generously despite the desire and pledge to do so, because they attempt to give from what is left over at the end of the week or month rather than from first fruits, from all they have received.

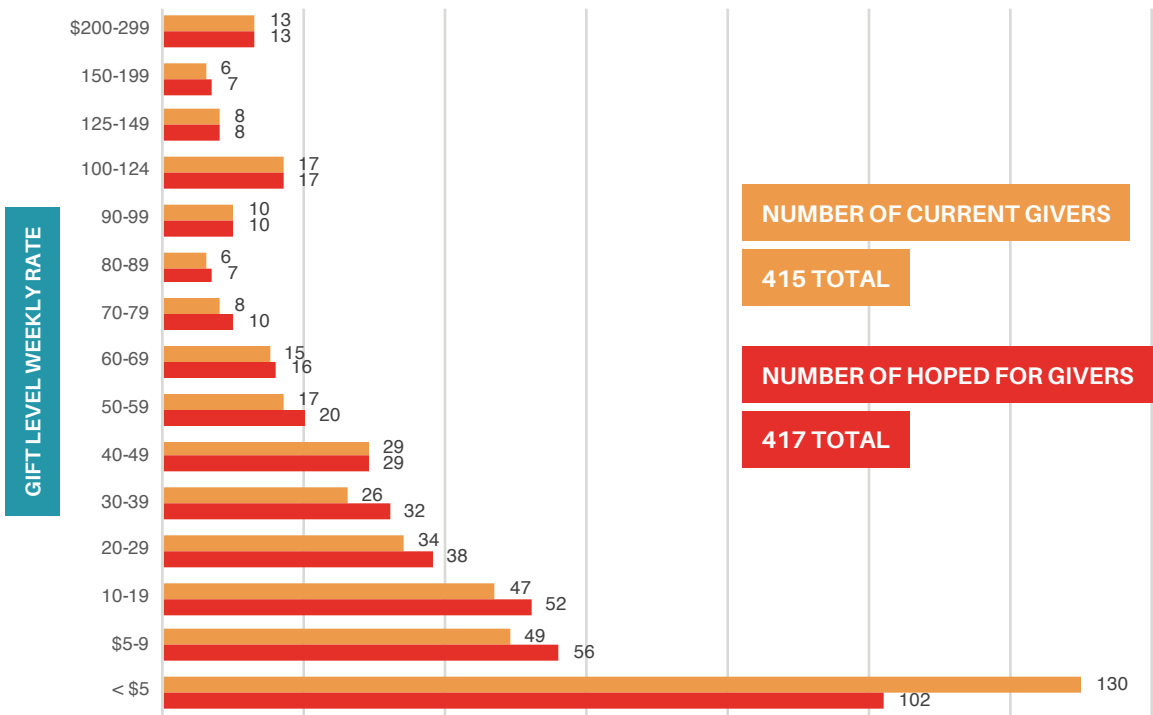
The simple practice of placing God and The Church first in budgeting and spending has helped many to experience joy in their giving. When you do this you are giving from all that a good and loving God has provided. And you are practicing stewardship, understanding that you are but a temporary trustee of what God has entrusted to you.



Stewardship is not about keeping the lights on at Christ Lutheran Church, or making sure there is coffee to perk on Sunday morning. Stewardship is a **spiritual exercise** that draws us into a closer relationship with God, in thanksgiving for the blessings God has bestowed upon us. Our gifts celebrate the love of God and fulfill our **need to give**, through prayer and Bible study.

As you consider your giving to both our annual ministry, and a special above and beyond gift to the Visualize campaign 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 receive?
- » Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my giving? And can I consider doing that?
- » How much more could I give if I really wanted to?



During this campaign we are talking about our need to give, the role of prayer in our giving, the concept of first fruits, the reality of abundance as opposed to scarcity, generosity in sharing the gifts God has given to us, and our joyfulness in giving.

We will Visualize the future God is calling us to at Christ Lutheran and imagine the ministry and outreach possible with every family involved - basking in the glow of a living, daring faith in God's grace!