

Plans for 2016

Our focus for the next year is to enhance and grow the ministries of our congregation. Our goal is to strengthen our financial foundation and increase giving by \$58,000 or more in new offerings throughout the year. Here is how these new offerings will be invested.

Enhance and grow our worship and music ministry

- Enrich our current worship services and music opportunities.
- Develop additional worship options for our faith community.

Our goal for this initiative: \$25,000

Provide ministry and programming for our upper elementary and junior high youth.

- Strengthen our ministry for our young people so they can build their relationship with the Lord as followers of Christ.
- Provide opportunities and experiences to help the students in 4th through 8th grade develop their strengths, gifts and faith life.

Our goal for this initiative: \$25,000

As part of the goal to end food insecurity in our community, provide a "free to the community" dinner 3 times in 2016.

- Strengthen our service to community, people in need and outreach to others.
- Serve our neighbors through a meal and time of fellowship.

Our goal for this initiative: \$8,000

Your generous and joyful participation will help reach our goal of \$58,000 in new gifts in 2016. The chart in this brochure points out where we are now and how we can reach our goal. Look over the chart. See where you are now.

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 to God for all the blessings I receive?"*

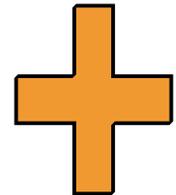
† *"Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my giving? And can I consider doing that?"*

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

Prayerfully consider our congregation's mission and ministry. Prayerfully consider your offering for the next year. Pray about your response to the Stewardship Team letter which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for the coming year.

Be ready to complete your Statement of Intent and place it in the basket on Commitment Sunday, November 15, 2015. Or you can mail your response directly to the church office.

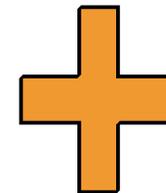
Together as we reach out with the Gospel to one another and to the community, the Lord will bring blessings to you, to our congregation and to the world. Thank you for being part of this exciting congregation.



Christ Centered



Community Caring



Committed to Discipleship

Stewardship Appeal
Fall 2015

Christ Centered. The faith community of Grace Lutheran Church understands their mission to be *Christ Centered, Community Caring, and Committed to Discipleship*. It is through this three-fold mission that we live out our call to serve God and his people in this time and in this place.

For more than 75 years the people of Grace Lutheran Church have been at the heart of the community of Waseca. Centered in Christ, Grace endeavors to be . . .

Community Caring, opening its doors to all who enter, welcoming folks of all walks of life, serving our neighbors in need, and providing support during various times of adversity.

As followers of Christ we are also . . .

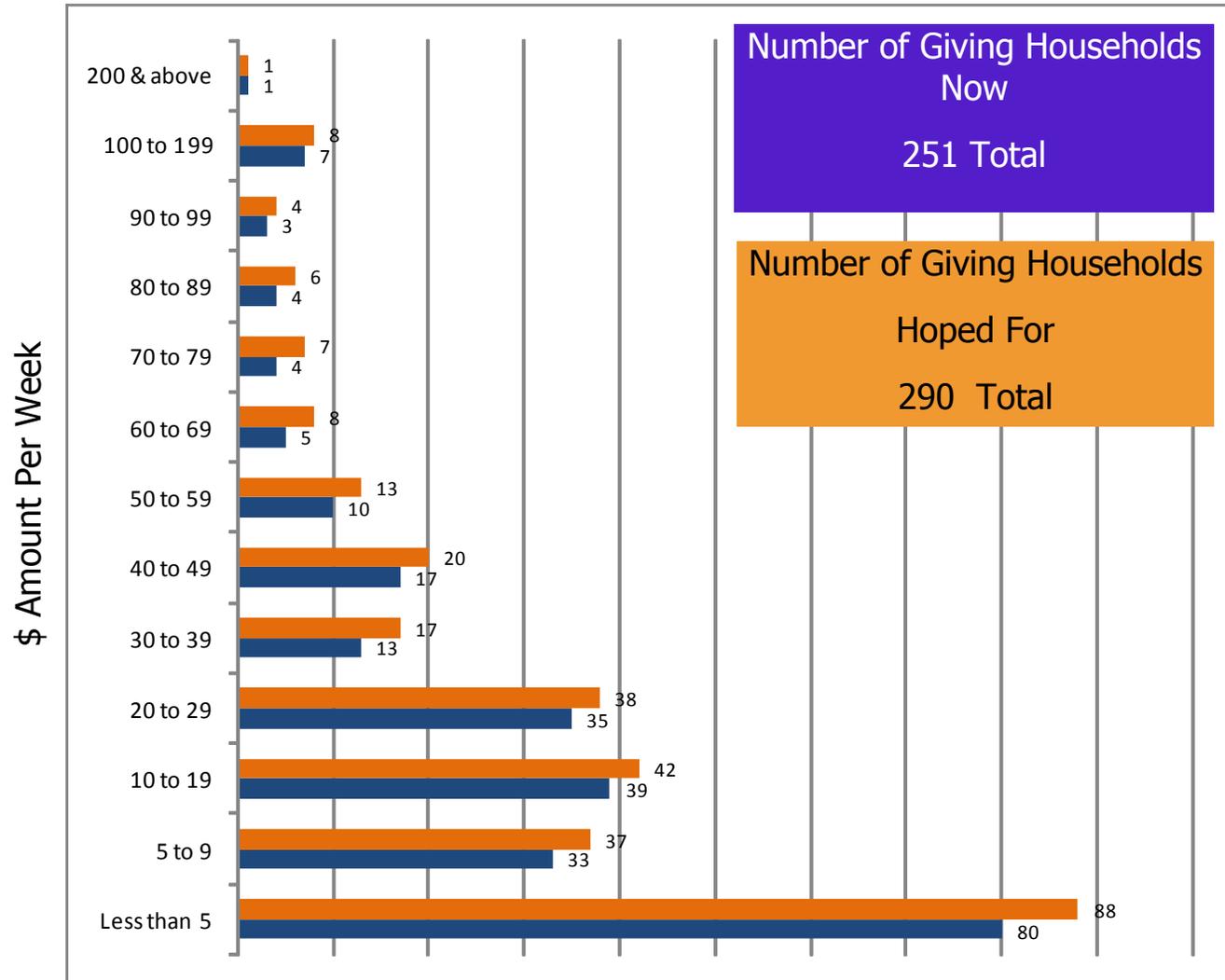
Committed to Discipleship, which calls us to continually discern what God is asking of us to be about today, at this time. Following Christ's ways, the people of Grace gather together in meaningful worship, learn about God's Word together, serve others through outreach and mission events, care for children and youth, and build faithful relationships with one another. People are engaged with each other here and with ministry.

We give thanks to God for all that he has given to each of us and to our congregation. In response to these gifts we look forward to the coming year and strive to prepare as best we can to follow our calling to be his servants in the world. We live in times of great opportunity for our church. Our congregation is called to meet these opportunities. Our challenge is to gather together sufficient financial resources to keep on kindling the flame of faith in our lives and in the lives of others in our community.

We have an excellent ministry foundation to build on and we are moving forward with our mission with the help of God.

Grace Lutheran Church 2015 Stewardship Appeal

Range of Gifts



Appeal Goal:

Increase Annual Offerings by \$58,000 in 2016