

INVITATION

Please pray about our congregation's mission and ministry together. Pray about your offering for the next year. Pray about your response to the letter from the Stewardship team which will ask you to consider increasing your offering for the coming year.

Complete your Statement of Intent and place it in the offering on Sunday, November 8th, or mail it to the church office before November 8th.

Together we can reach out with Christ's love to one another and to our greater community. The Lord will bring blessings to you, to Advent and to the world.

Thank you for being a part of this exciting congregation and contributing to do God's work in the world.



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Presently Hopeful, Presently Grace Filled, Presently Grateful

FULFILLING OUR MISSION
SO ALL MAY KNOW CHRIST'S LOVE



ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Last year, we moved "Forward in Faith" together. At that time, we never could have predicted the challenges that 2020 would bring. We are so thankful to still be present and functioning together as a congregation during this tumultuous year, albeit not as smoothly as before all the upheaval. Many of the normal things we did together as a church family had to be put on hold to cope with the world's pandemic. But here we are, supporting each other as best we can, getting through day by day.

This year, we are **presently hopeful** that we can endure until times are better - when we can gather without concern that being close will make us or those around us ill or worse. We look to the future! What needs to change now in order for us to thrive? How can we emerge stronger than we were before?

We are **presently grace filled**. God loves us all and He always will. He gives us that grace every minute, every day. We can lean this grace to support each other and strengthen ourselves so that we can not only endure but flourish under these unusual conditions.

We are **presently grateful** to be finding new ways to stay in community while looking for better ways to connect with those who are searching for the comfort and support a church home can bring. We can't do things the way we did before, and the world will never go back precisely to the way it was. Communal life now is less about being physically together and more about being present with each other. We need to be more effective virtually, both internally with our church family and externally with our neighbors and community. That's why



we need to expand our online ministries and change our methods of inviting, welcoming, and supporting those who feel left behind and alone during these confusing and unusual times.

Now is the time when we must look forward to contributing generous support - prayers, people and dollars - to put these plans into action. We trust God's promise announced in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." That power comes through your generosity, your grace, your hope, and your presence.

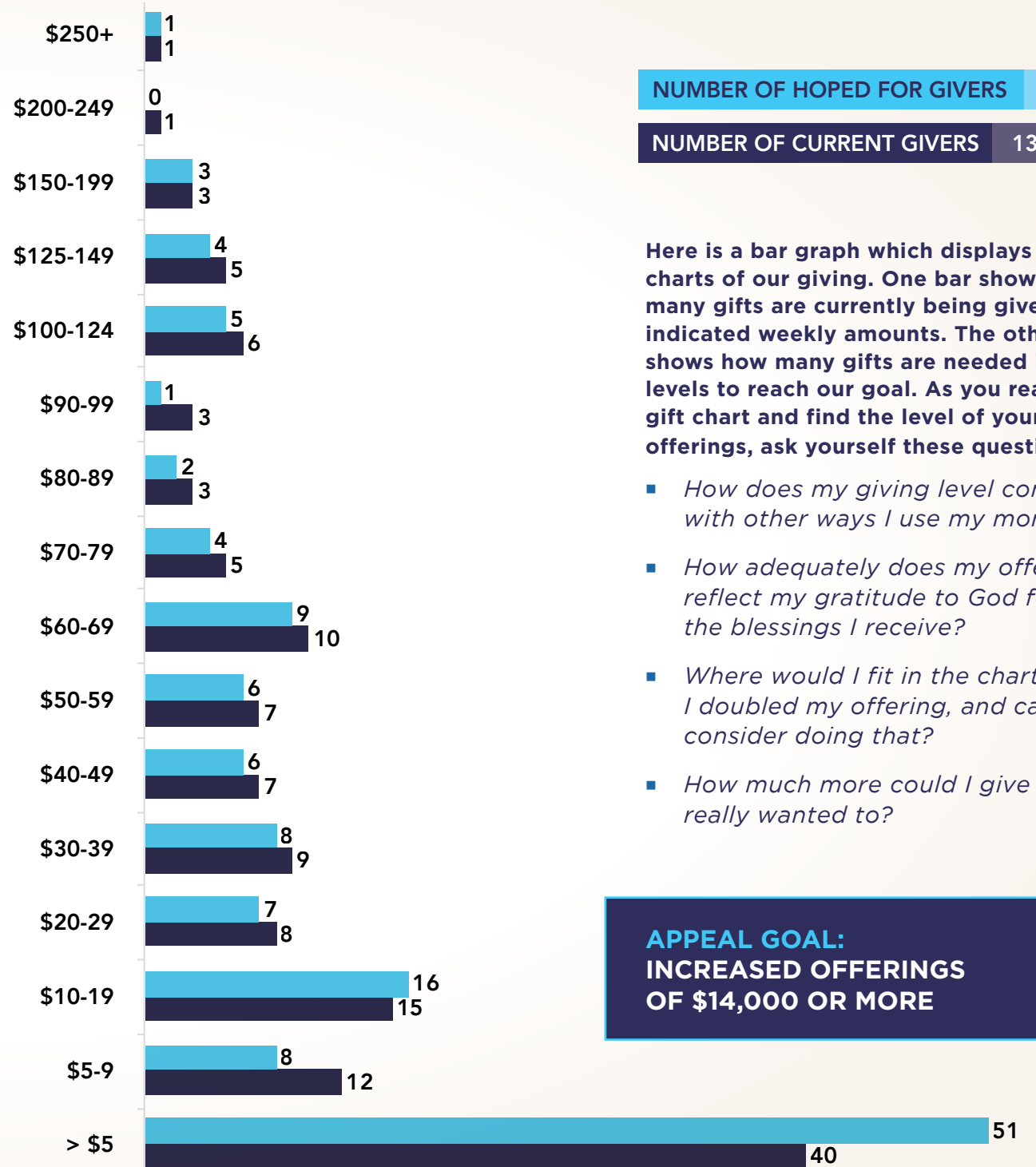
NEEDS

Our focus for the coming year is to improve our online communications and media presence as well as add outreach to persons who are not comfortable with traditional religious experiences. Our goal is to increase generosity by \$14,000 or more in new offerings throughout 2021. Inside you will find some of the ways those new offerings could be used to further our mission and strengthen our ministries.



YOUR JOYOUS AND GENEROUS RESPONSE IS WELCOMED

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR



NUMBER OF HOPED FOR GIVERS 135

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS 131

Here is a bar graph which displays two charts of our giving. One bar shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other bar shows how many gifts are needed in these levels to reach our goal. 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 offering reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- Where would I fit in the chart if I doubled my offering, and can I consider doing that?
- How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

APPEAL GOAL:
INCREASED OFFERINGS
OF \$14,000 OR MORE

GIFT LEVEL WEEKLY RATE

MINISTRY INITIATIVES

PUTTING OUR BEST FACE FORWARD

Hire a part time coordinator to:

- Maintain, organize, and update Advent's internet website, Facebook page, and other social media for better communication with both congregation members and others
- Organize recording of worship services and events, download the recordings, post for Facebook, and burn DVDs for members unable to attend in person and without internet
- Recommend and implement online marketing tactics and strategy to increase visibility of our website

REACHING OUT TO HUNGRY SPIRITS

- Fund a part time person to connect and build community that will be a safe space for all persons, diverse in all ways, who are searching for God but are not comfortable in our traditional worship setting
- Build and implement a meaningful worship experience for the non-traditional community that relates to our Lutheran theology of God's saving grace.



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