## **CREATING JOY** 2024 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

## CREATING JOY IN THE COMMUNITY

# *"For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them" - Matthew 18:20*

We can create a church community in many ways through gathering opportunities at Joy Lutheran Church. Creating community in our church family is one of the initiative goals for 2024. The intention of this goal is simply to bring together our church family in ways that draw us closer to Christ and each other. These activities will be in addition to our weekly worship experiences. We will also use these activities to reach out to the greater community of Parker and beyond.

For instance, we can activate smaller groups such as 'Dinner for Eight', new Bible studies, or any other gathering that allows our community to get to know each other on a more personal level. The micro-grants can also be used for larger groups such as purely social, midweek Lent and Advent activities, church potlucks, and other social events that allow the Church community to celebrate our life together. The ultimate purpose is to build up the Body of Christ. This year our goal is to increase our giving by \$5,000 or more to support the following ministry:





#### GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES MICRO-GRANTS FOR FELLOWSHIP

### \$5,000

We ask you to pray for our church. Pray for a generous response to this appeal. Pray about your own response. Consider increasing your generosity as the Lord leads you. Be ready to make your commitment known on **Creating Joy Weekend on November 4-5.** In our generosity we will be returning to our God what already belongs to Him, and through our gifts, we can enhance our ministry through projects that promote fellowship.

#### JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN

This bar graph displays our giving. One bar shows the number of gifts that are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other bar shows the number of gifts that are needed in each level to reach our goal.

