

## INVITATION AND RESPONSE

Please pray about our congregation's mission and ministry together. Pray about your offering for 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.

Be ready to complete your statement of intent card and place it in the offering on **Creating Joy** Saturday and Sunday, November 4th and 5th, or you can mail your response directly to the church office.

Together, as we reach out with the Gospel to one another and to our greater community, the Lord will bring blessings to you, to Joy Lutheran Church, and to the world. Thank you for being a part of this amazing congregation as we proudly proclaim **Creating Joy** in 2024!

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*



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# CREATING JOY

## 2024

### STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



## INTRODUCTION

Can you create Joy? It's an interesting question. Often, we think that Joy is something that just happens to us. It's circumstantial. Joy breaks into our lives in unexpected and wonderful ways. That is true. But if we are created in the image of God and if we have the desire to create in God's name, then why wouldn't we try our very best to create Joy in the world in which we live? Why wouldn't we do our part to fill our hearts, our community, and our world with that same Joy we have first received from Christ? Why wouldn't we be about the business of **Creating Joy**?

That simple question is the origin of this year's Stewardship Appeal theme, **Creating Joy**. We have been a church family for over 50 years. But longevity was never the ultimate goal of our community. We were created to be a place where the name of God is proclaimed, where Jesus is held as our example and Savior, and where we could live together in the love of God and the Joy of Christ. Now is an excellent time to recommit to those ideals by supporting the mission of Joy through your gifts. Together we can move forward and continue to create a place of grace and hope in our church family and in the community in which we live.



Our 2024 Stewardship appeal is a call for us to be actively involved in God's holy work of creation. We are called to rejoice and respond. It's a pattern. It's right there in God's Word. So let's do what the Word proclaims. Let's turn our hearts and minds toward these two activities: acknowledging that God is the Creator of all Joy and participating in that creation of Joy.

This is your invitation to participate in and carry on the good creative work of our God!

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*The LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! Psalm 95: 1-3*



# MINISTRY INITIATIVES

We celebrated our 50th anniversary as a church in 2022. As we continue our strong ministries in 2024, we will look forward to **Creating Joy** by providing opportunities for fellowship and service projects among our members and through improvements to our worship space. Our goal is to increase giving by \$35,000 or more in new offerings throughout the year. Here are how these new offerings will be invested:

## CREATING JOY IN THE COMMUNITY

**\$5,000**

- ❖ Provide micro grants for community-related needs to increase the fellowship of the Church

## CREATING JOY IN SERVICE

**\$10,000**

- ❖ Provide micro grants for service opportunities throughout the year across all Church committees and fellowship opportunities

## CREATING JOY IN OUR CHURCH HOME

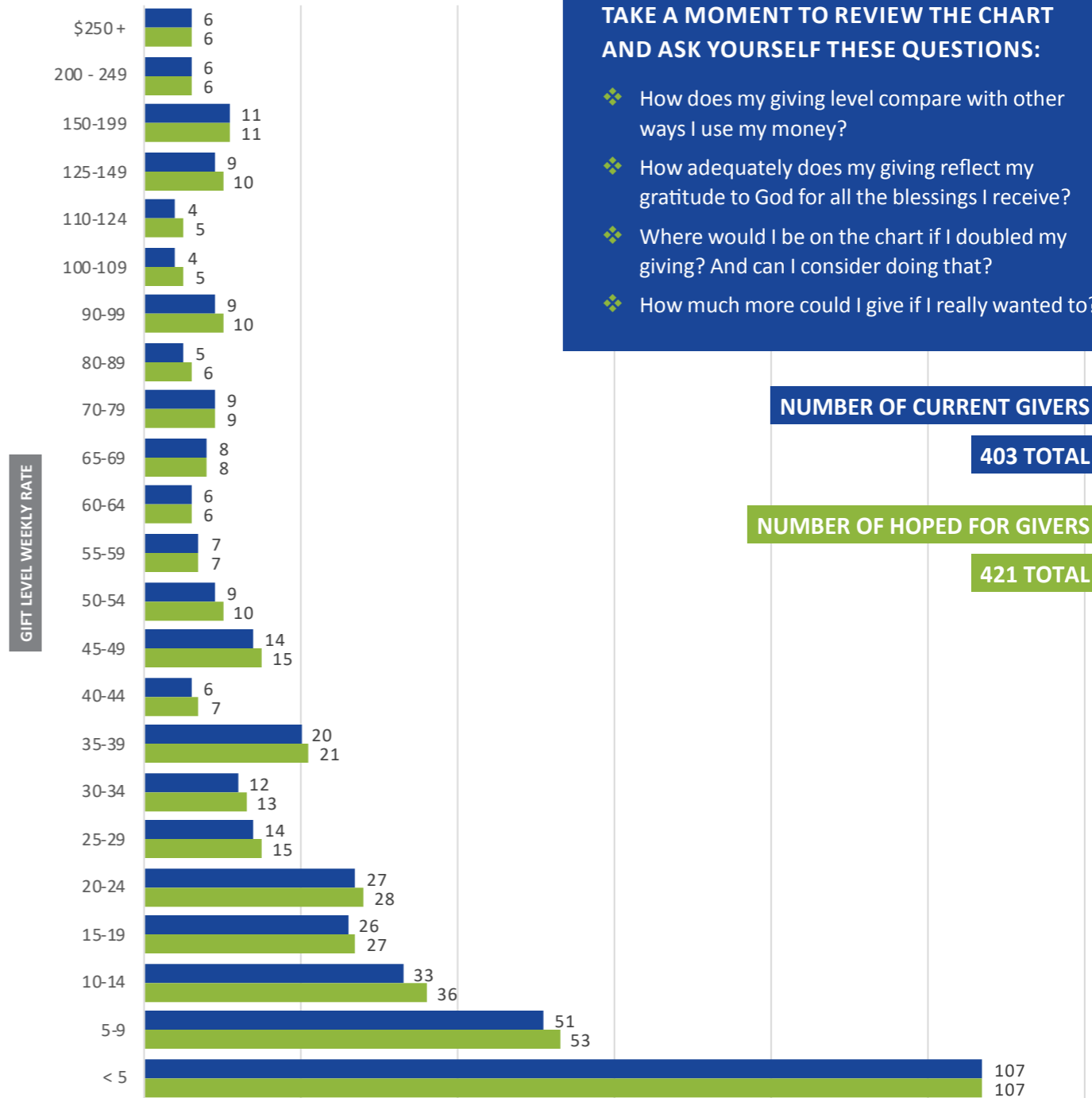
**\$20,000**

- ❖ Provide improvements to our church home including painting the Sanctuary and the Sacristy and replacing the projectors in our worship space



## JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TAKE A MOMENT TO REVIEW THE CHART AND 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?