

JOY TO THE WORLD 2023

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

The hymn “Joy to the World” was not originally written as a Christmas song. It wasn’t even a song at all. It was a poem written by Isaac Watts. Joy To The World is based on Psalm 98. Watts adapted the poem to focus on the work of Jesus Christ, whom he considered the King of the Church and the World. The **fourth verse** of the poem calls us to proclaim **“The Wonders of His Love.”** As we celebrate 50 years of ministry here in Parker, we also recognize our thankfulness to Jesus, who is still the King of our Church and our World. Thank you for making Joy Lutheran a place of generosity, love, and grace. Each year we ask you to consider your gift to support the work we do together in this place. This year our goal is to increase our giving by \$30,000 or more to support the following ministry:

THE WONDERS OF HIS LOVE VOLUNTEER COORDINATION

\$10,000

- ❖ Connect with members of our congregation and encourage them to share their talents and skills through meaningful and purposeful volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ Create a system to keep track of volunteer interests and skills.
- ❖ Recognize and show appreciation for our volunteers who serve and use their skills to the Glory of God.



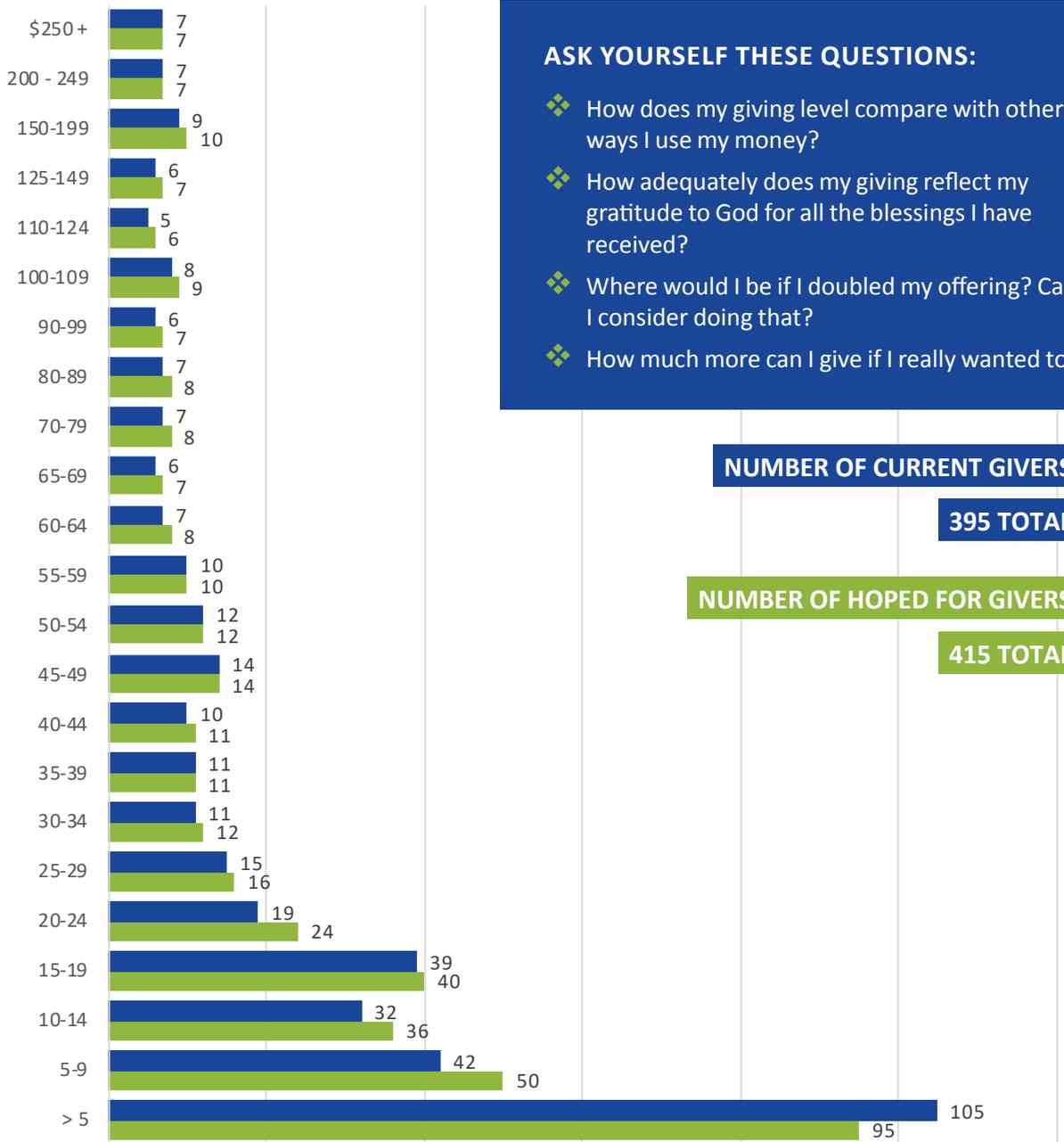
A natural response to the grace of God is to serve and love our neighbors. When we feel the **“Wonders of His Love,”** we want to share that love with others. It is part of our Christian faith and growth. As always, there remains a critical need for volunteers to do the work of the church in the world. As followers of Christ, we have been called to love God and serve each other. The problem is sometimes we don’t know what is needed or how we can best serve using our gifts. Volunteer Coordination would help to connect our people to our work. It would serve as a bridge between the programming needs of our congregation and the individuals who want to serve.

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 **Joy to the World Weekend**, November 5-6. In our generosity we will be returning to our God what already belongs to God and, through our gifts, we can enhance our ministry with an added emphasis on volunteer development.

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RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR

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.



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 have received?
- ❖ Where would I be if I doubled my offering? Can I consider doing that?
- ❖ How much more can I give if I really wanted to?

NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS

395 TOTAL

NUMBER OF HOPED FOR GIVERS

415 TOTAL

GIFT LEVEL WEEKLY RATE