

Invitation and Response

We invite you to pray for Desert Hills Lutheran Church and pray for our mission and the way we serve Christ in our community together!

November 4-5 is Intention Weekend. It will kick off a month of receiving statements of intent from our community near and far. During worship, if you are physically present, you will be able to place your enclosed intention card in the offering baskets, offering your gifts to God. If you can't be with us in person or if you regularly join us online, you may also mail your intention card to the church office or fill out an online intention card which will be accessible through the church's website: www.dhlc.org.

The weekend of November 25-26, we will announce the current results of our *Flourish Generosity Appeal* intentions and the faithful response of the congregation. We will celebrate the results together with a big party in January. We invite you to celebrate with us. Watch for details.

We are excited about the opportunities to meet the needs of the church and community in 2024. Thank you for being a vessel through whom God acts to continue to bring a *Flourishing* community of Christ to Green Valley!



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THE Flourish GENEROSITY APPEAL 2024

*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes.*
Psalm 96:11-13a (NIV)



Introduction

Desert Hills Lutheran Church is a faith community that believes to the core of its being that we are called to *Celebrate Grace, Make Disciples, and Make a Difference!*

In our community we are known for our generosity, our music ministry, our fellowship, and our service, and in the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are known for our generosity and our commitment to the larger church.

Together we have thrived over the last three and a half years, despite a global pandemic, and have kept the fires of faith burning brightly in our community.

We give thanks for how you have been so faithful with your time, your gifts, your passion, and your resources.



Needs

As a Christ-centered community that serves from the foot of the cross, we celebrate God's grace, we make disciples, and we make a difference for the sake of the Crucified and Risen One.

The pandemics come and go, and the generations shift around us. But Christ, through the extension of our purpose, calls us to *FLOURISH* with generosity, service, and mission. The world needs Christ, and Christ has asked us to grow as disciples as we follow him, and to share him and his love with our neighbors, community, and world.



Ministry Initiatives

As we look toward 2024, beyond the regular rhythms that are a part of the music we make as a body of Christ, we believe our God is calling us to flourish in the church and local community.



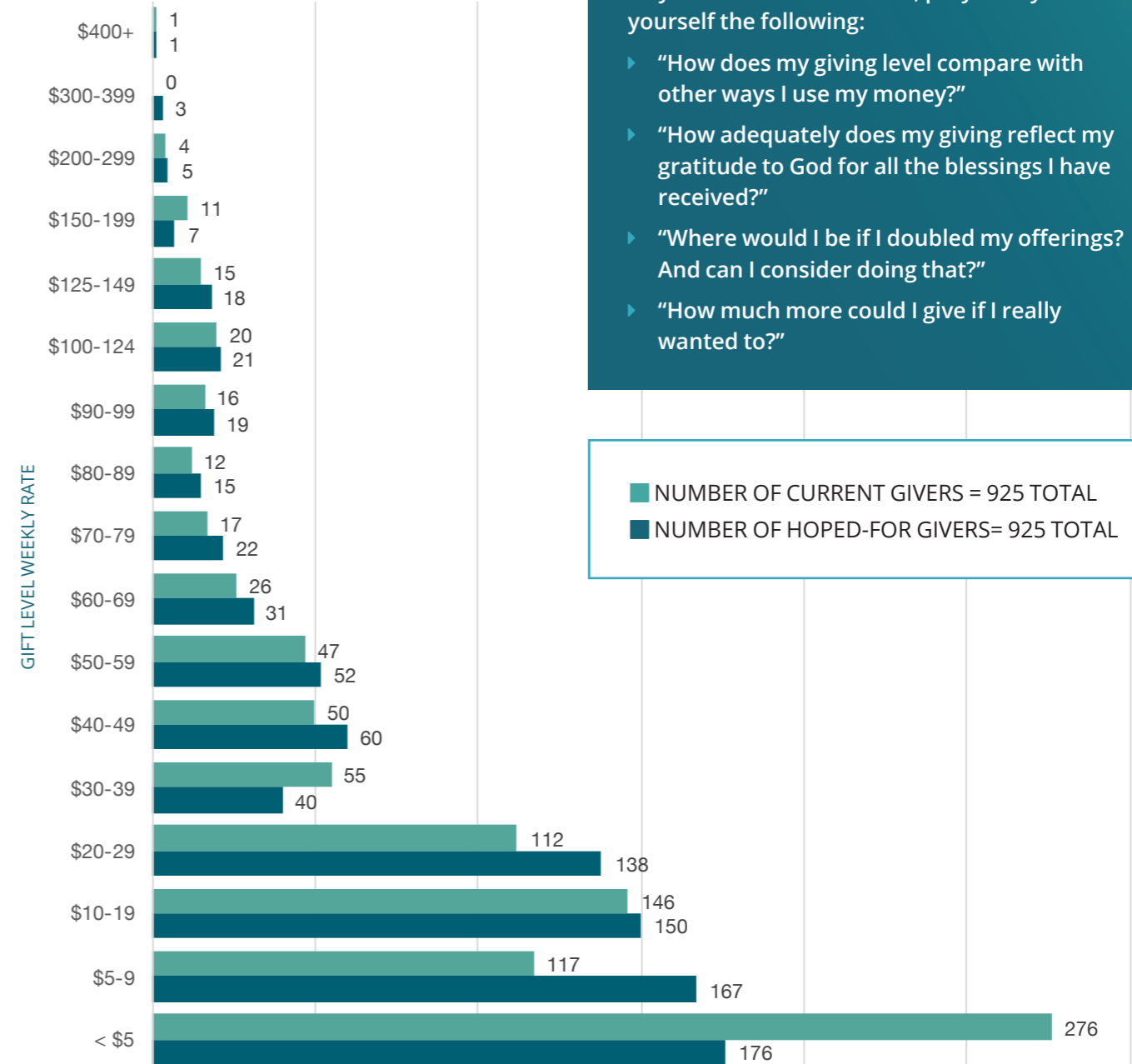
Goal #1: Flourishing in Relationships through investment in a re-energized small group ministry and through expanded fellowship and food. To support this initiative, we are seeking an additional \$481 per week, so that personal connections flourish within our church.

Goal #2: Flourishing in Service beyond our doors specifically in partnership with the Sahuarita Food Bank & Community Resource Center as well as offering services to residents at more area care centers. We believe we are being called to invest \$635 per week in these opportunities, above and beyond what we have done in the past.

Goal #3: Flourishing in Support of the ministry excellence that undergirds all we do. We anticipate a \$1,346 per week increase in operating costs related to inflationary expenses in the ministry year.

Where Our Generosity Needs to Grow and Go to Support Our Mission in 2024!

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This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal.

As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:

- ▶ "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 offerings? And can I consider doing that?"
- ▶ "How much more could I give if I really wanted to?"