

# GROW EVEN STRONGER



## EXPERIENCING THE LOVE OF JESUS THROUGH BIBLE CAMP

At St. John's we show we care for our youth by offering many opportunities for our youth to "EXPERIENCE the love of Jesus Christ".

We believe that faith-nurturing opportunities, beyond the walls of our congregation, are vital in helping our youth to EXPERIENCE the love of Jesus. We have a strong history of youth trips, from the ELCA Youth Gatherings to summer mission trips.

Our goal for the coming year is to add a week at Bible Camp as an additional opportunity for our young people to experience the love of Jesus.

Bible Camp provides life-changing experiences that help people grow deep in faith. The majority of those who currently serve full-time within our larger church as pastors and youth directors point to attending Bible Camp as one of the fundamental moments in their faith development. That is certainly true for both Pastor Dave and Pastor Alex.

We can "Grow Even Stronger" by becoming an active member of one of our ELCA Outdoor Ministries and by providing, free of charge or for a very small fee, a Bible camp experience to at least 15-20 of our youth each year. Our vision is that every young person who is part of this faith community would sometime during their D-Way years have the opportunity to "experience the love of Jesus" through a week of Bible Camp.

One focus of our "Grow Even Stronger" Stewardship Appeal now underway is to gather enough increased offerings to make this vision a reality. The total goal of our "Grow Even Stronger" 2019 Stewardship Appeal is to increase gifts and offerings by \$70,000. Pray for a generous response and please prayerfully consider increasing your gift for the coming year. With your help we will "Grow Even Stronger" by providing Bible Camp experiences for our youth so that they might more fully "EXPERIENCE the love of Jesus Christ".

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

WEEKLY RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN



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## CREATING MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE THE LOVE OF JESUS

St. John's nurtures faith in our children, youth and families so that together we might live the love of Jesus in all the places life takes us.

Every time a child is baptized, we as a congregation promise to pray for them and do what we can to help them grow in their identity as baptized children of God. A little over a year ago, we extended a call to Pastor Alex to be our Associate Pastor. Part of his call is to bring pastoral leadership to our Children, Youth and Family Ministries. His experience, ideas, and passion have already brought new energy into our congregation.

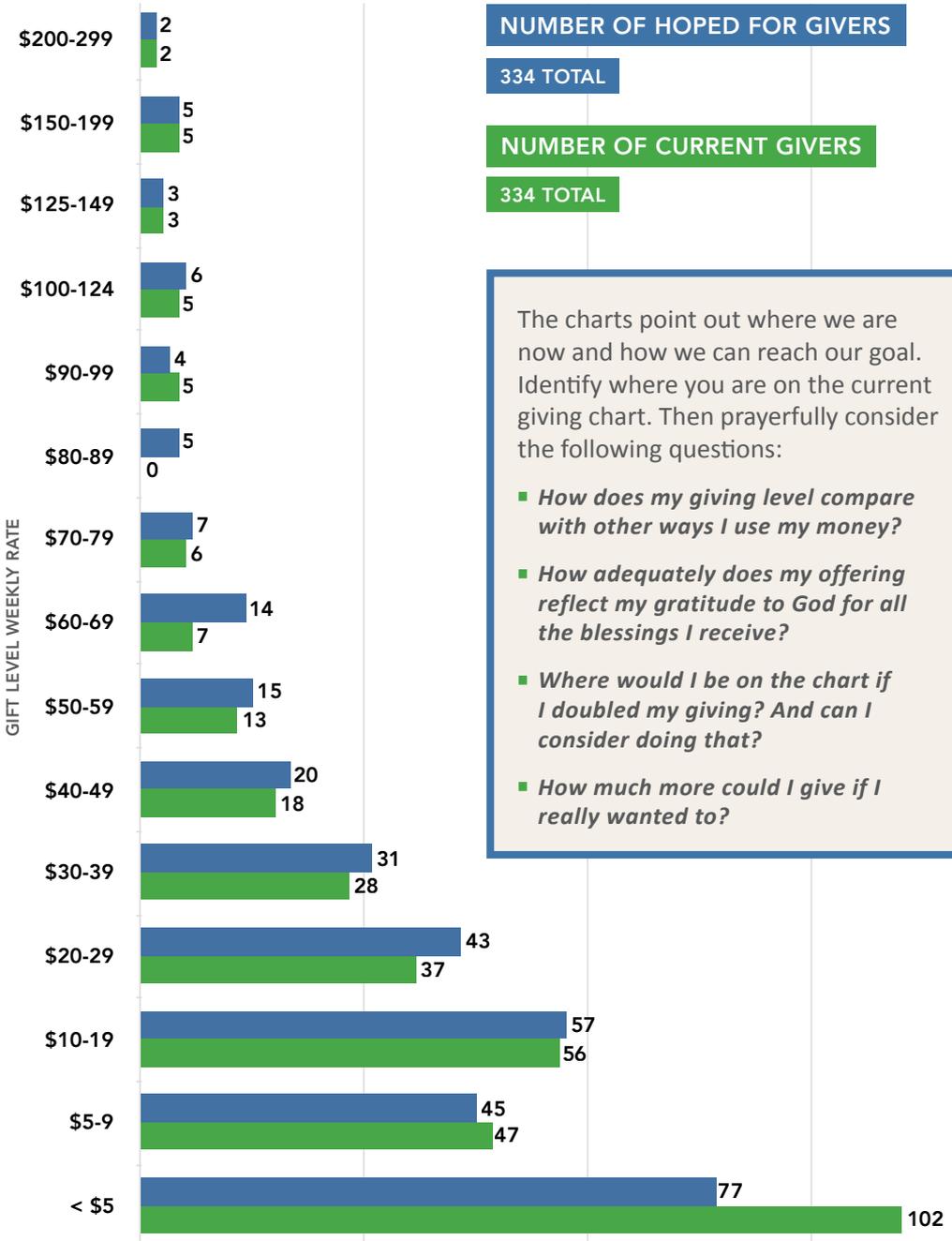
But we want to "Grow Even Stronger" our ministry to and with children, youth and families. To do that we will expand our paid staffing in that area of ministry so that we might broaden our youth ministry opportunities; engage more children, youth and families

in the life of our congregation; celebrate more fully the gifts they bring; and inspire them to live out the love of Jesus in their daily lives. Additional Children, Youth and Family (CYF) staffing will free our pastors for more relational ministry – a better use of their time and skills.

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## SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH OUR OLDER ADULTS

At St. John's we care for our older adults, especially those who are dealing with health and mobility concerns. They remain an important part of our life together. Their prayers, wise counsel, and encouraging attitude make an impact for which we are grateful. Keeping in touch with our older adults, especially those who are homebound or living in area care centers, assures them they are still valued and honored. We already do this well, with personal attention from our pastors, monthly Holy Communion services at the Annandale Community Center, and caring visitors who bring joy to those they visit.

But we want to "Grow Even Stronger" our ministry to our older adults. We believe that having a parish nurse on staff will expand our ability to care for our older adults and foster a sense of health and well-being within the congregation.

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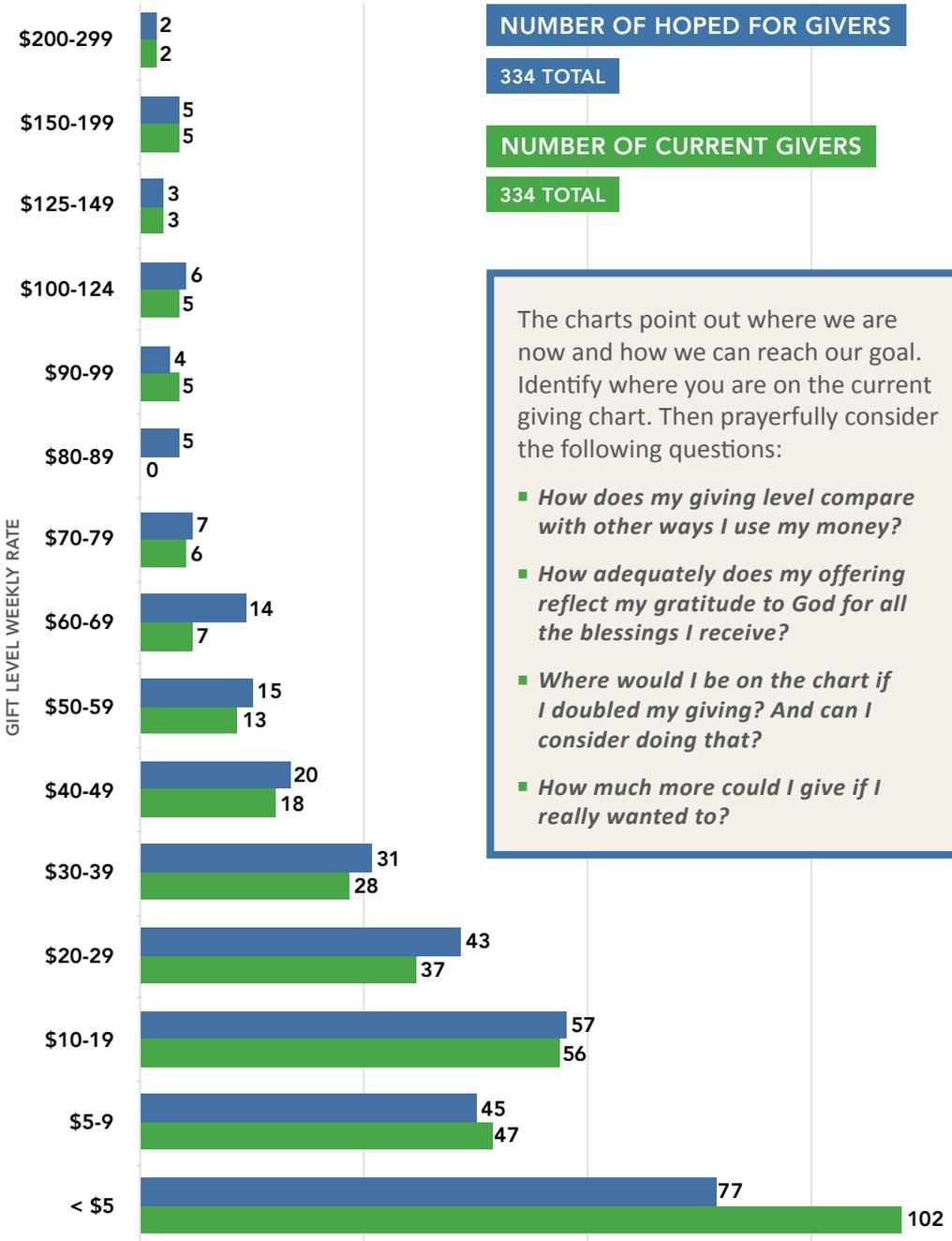
an eye for things that one of the pastors or a caring visitor might miss.

In addition, a parish nurse would help us to foster a climate of health and well-being within our congregation. Regular blood pressure checks, sharing pertinent information about health concerns and offering ideas for how we all might steward our bodies better are just some of the gifts a parish nurse could bring to our congregation.

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