



Mission Priority 3 of 3: Engage Children and Youth as Servants of Christ

Christ the Servant's multigenerational spiritual family commits to putting Jesus' way of life into practice. We journey together to learn to be and become like Jesus. At Christ the Servant, faith is not a spectator sport, but an active, living expression of love for God and neighbor within all of life.



This journey begins at baptism. We work towards spiritually engaged youth and young adults who are empowered to make disciples and live as ministers and missionaries in their daily lives. Children and youth, deeply rooted in their identity and calling as followers of Jesus, leads to a transforming faith in the lives of young adults. This journey of faith lasts an eternity.

At every baptism, we promise to pray for and support all new children of God in their lives with Christ. We do this through Sunday School and vacation Bible school, confirmation classes and youth missional community,

service projects and mission trips, and involving children and youth in every aspect of congregational life. Our dedicated volunteers care deeply and work faithfully to teach, encourage, and engage children and youth to actively express their faith in Jesus Christ. During these months of the pandemic, we have adapted our ministry by supplying resources to children and families for faith learning in the home and by engaging youth through online ministry and outdoor activities. But there is much more we can do together. By investing in this mission priority, we will be able to:

- Offer activities that make children and youth want to invite their friends
- Ensure that the youth of Christ the Servant have life-changing encounters with God
- Enhance our partnership with Vadnais Heights Elementary School
- Expand our ministry with preschool and elementary age children and their parents

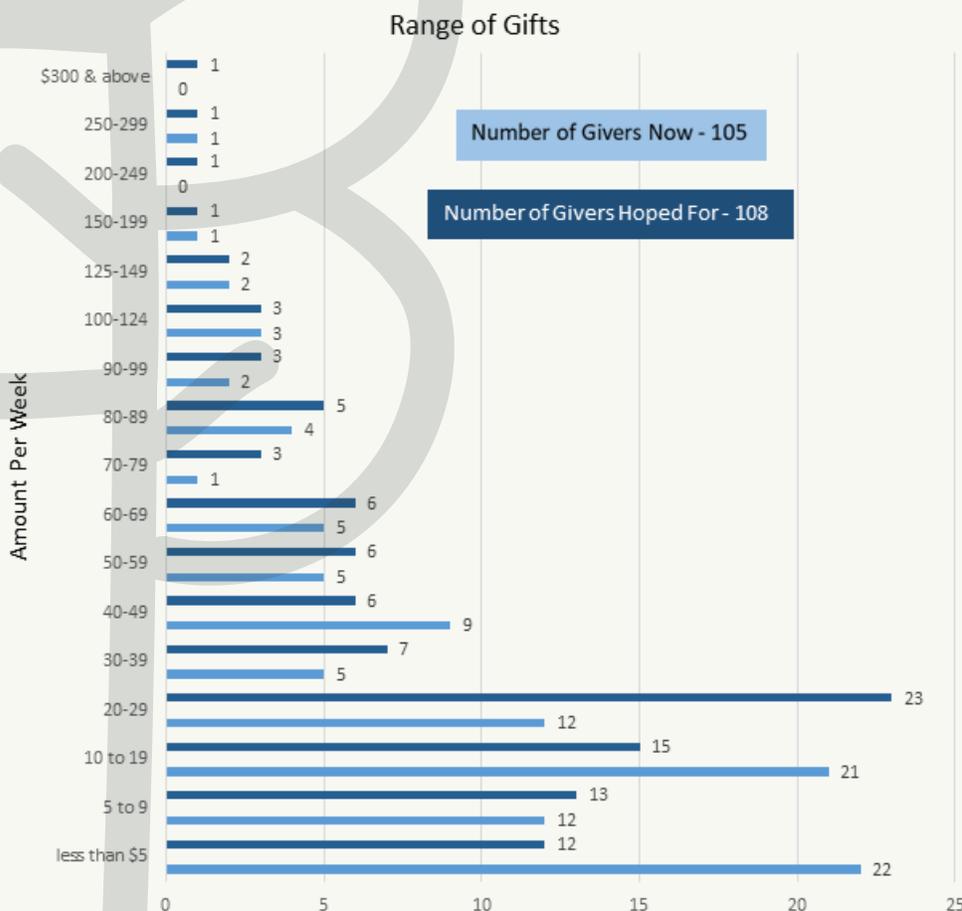
With increased offerings we will be able to hire a part-time staff leader for children and youth ministry, expand programs and opportunities for children and youth to grow in faith, and provide training for our dedicated volunteers.

What Will it Take to Make Our Dream a Reality?

The goal of our Branching Out Stewardship Appeal is to gather increased offerings by **\$40,000, or \$770 per week**. Some of these offerings will go toward hiring a part-time staff leader for children and youth ministry, expanded programs and opportunities for children and youth to grow in faith, and providing training for our dedicated volunteers.

Please pray for a generous response and prayerfully consider increasing your gift in the coming year. With your support we will Branch Out in 2021!

How Can You Help?



See the bar graph which displays two charts of our giving. One bar shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts. The other shows how many gifts are needed in these levels to reach our goal.

LOOK OVER THE CHARTS. ASK YOURSELF:

How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
How adequately does my offering reflect my gratitude to God? Where would I fit in the chart if I doubled my offering? Can I consider doing that? How much more could I give if I really wanted to?

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Encounter God. *Love one another.* Reach the world.