

# Change My Heart, O God



## 2024 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Esperanza Lutheran Church creates authentic connections and a deep sense of belonging as a Christ-centered community. We know from our own experience that our neighbors in the Ahwatukee Foothills feel isolated and are seeking community; as a community, we are called to respond. Together we are working to be a place where people can create authentic connections and discover belonging. As a Christ-centered community, we have love to share and a story to tell that is truly hope-filled.

With guidance from church leadership and once again faithfully listening for what God is up to at Esperanza, in 2024 we will respond in three ways:

- » Ensuring Our Future
- » Ensuring Our Excellence
- » Strengthening our Service

Over the next 3 weeks we will be sharing more on these three areas of ministry and how our expanded generosity will make this ministry possible. Our goal is to increase giving by \$18,500 (\$356/week).

## ENSURING OUR FUTURE:

Our facility is vital to our welcome. When guests arrive, our building is their first impression. Just to make our current facilities possible, each year our community spends \$41,000 in debt service toward our mortgage in addition to other facility operational costs such as A/C maintenance.

In 2023, through good planning we significantly reduced our annual equipment lease costs. These savings, along with additional funds raised through this appeal, will allow us to make additional principal payments to our mortgage and to take good care of our facilities over the long term. We look forward to the day when, our debt retired, we can direct even more funds towards mission work.

**\$6,000 (\$115/week)**

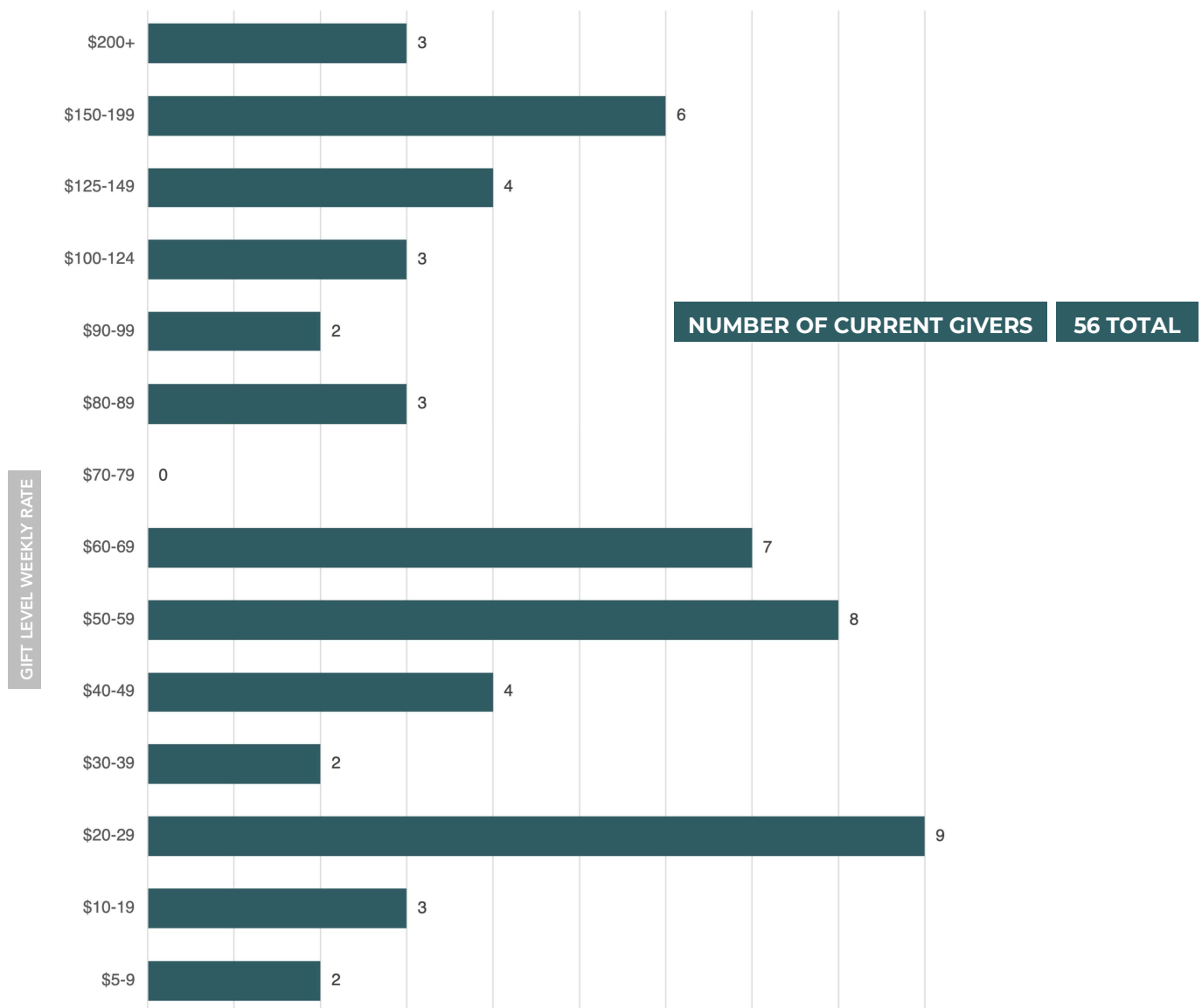


# ESPERANZA LUTHERAN CHURCH

## RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN CURRENTLY

Our gifts and offerings, joined together, accomplish ministry which is blessed by God. Here is a chart which gives a picture of our current giving at Esperanza . As you read this gift chart and find the level of your current offerings, ask yourself these questions:

- » How does my giving level compare to other ways I use my money?
- » How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I have received?
- » Will I consider helping meet Esperanza's goals by increasing my generosity?



**To accomplish all of this, our goal is to increase giving by \$18,500 (\$356/week) in 2024 to:**

**Ensure Our Future, Ensure Our Excellence, Strengthen our Service**