



Stewardship Giving Guide



2026

American Lutheran Church

A Message from the Pastors

Dear Members of American Lutheran Church,

Thank you. Please hear the profound gratitude we have for your generosity this year. While we celebrated our 120th year of ministry, it was also a year of transition as we worshiped outside our usual space during the sanctuary remodel and then joyfully returned this fall. Through it all, you continued to support our ministry on this corner of Division and Lewis, as well as our outreach to the community and the greater church we partner with in service.

As we look ahead, we ask you to prayerfully consider your annual giving. We know these decisions take thought, and we hope the information in your packet helps you see how your gifts live out our mission of Growing Deep in Faith and Reaching Wide with the Love of Christ. Inside, you'll find giving and spending reports and a pledge card to help us plan for 2026.

This anniversary year, our goal is to raise \$120,000 to finish 2025 strong in our General Fund and another \$120,000 to boost our On Our Way Capital Campaign as we complete construction and begin the benevolence phase. With full-strength staffing and ministry offerings, we hope this will be a year of remarkable support that propels us into the next 120 years of ministry.

Thank you again for being the church, caring for it, and giving toward God's work through this congregation.

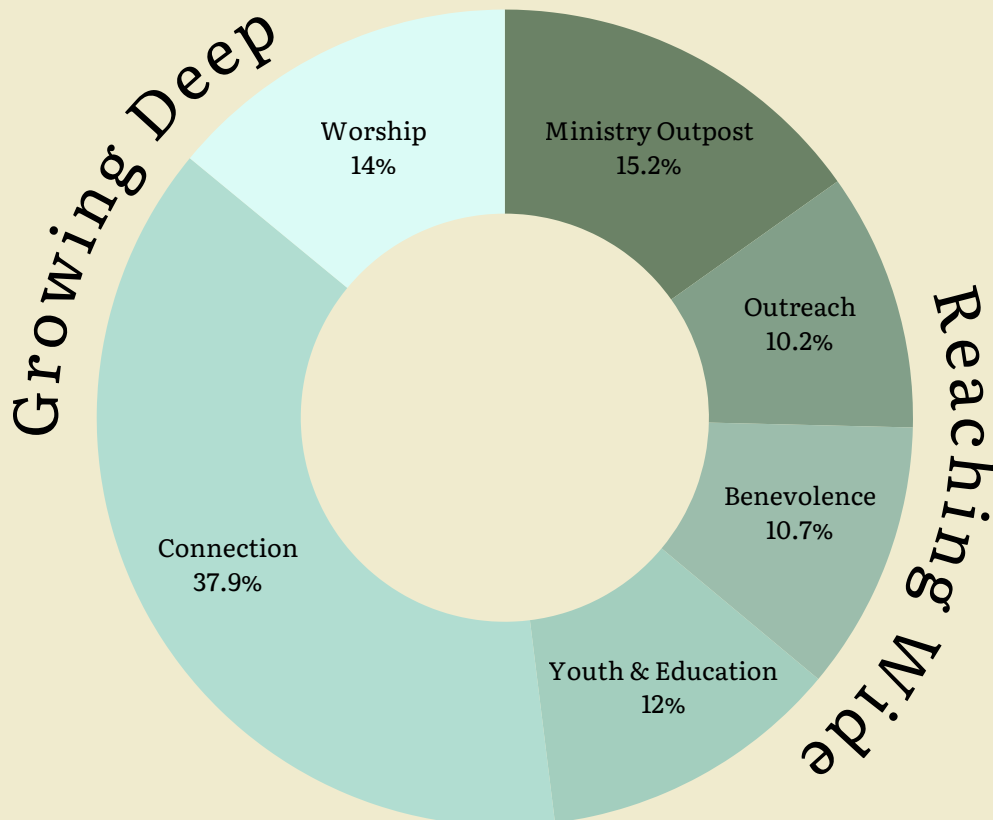
Sincerely,
Pastor Tim and Pastor Elizabeth



How Are Your Pledged Gifts Used?



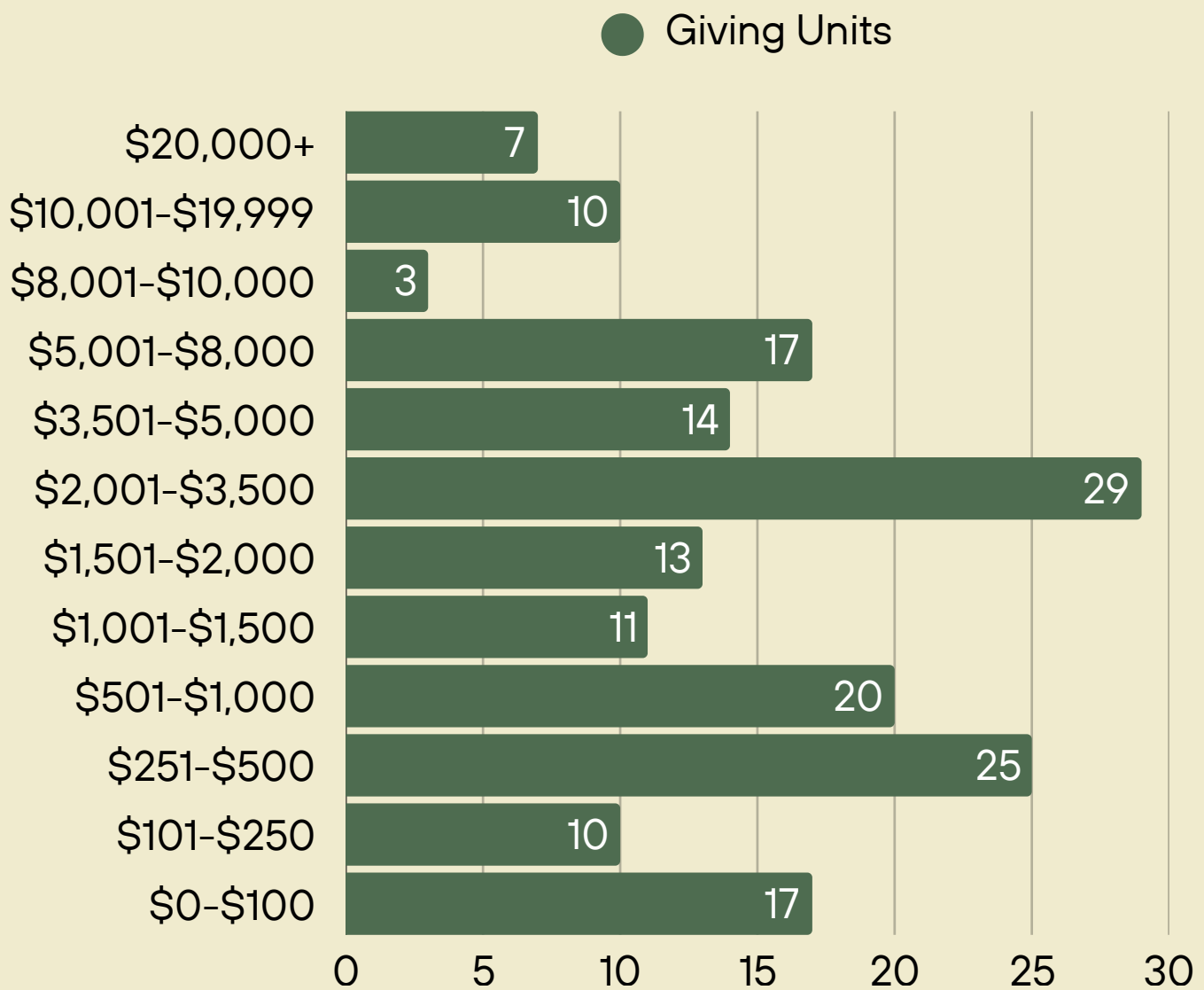
A guiding principle of ALC is to have our dollars follow our mission of Growing Deep in Faith and Reaching Wide with the Love of Christ. Below we tell the story of how our money is spread across the areas that help us to live our faith as a congregation. Each section is comprised of a breakdown staff salaries, utility expenses, supplies, and other costs that allow us to serve God and neighbor in those areas.



Where Do You See Yourself?

Each number represents how many households give at that level each year. We invite you to prayerfully consider stepping up *one step* this year as you are able.

No gift is too small – every gift helps us sustain our shared ministry.



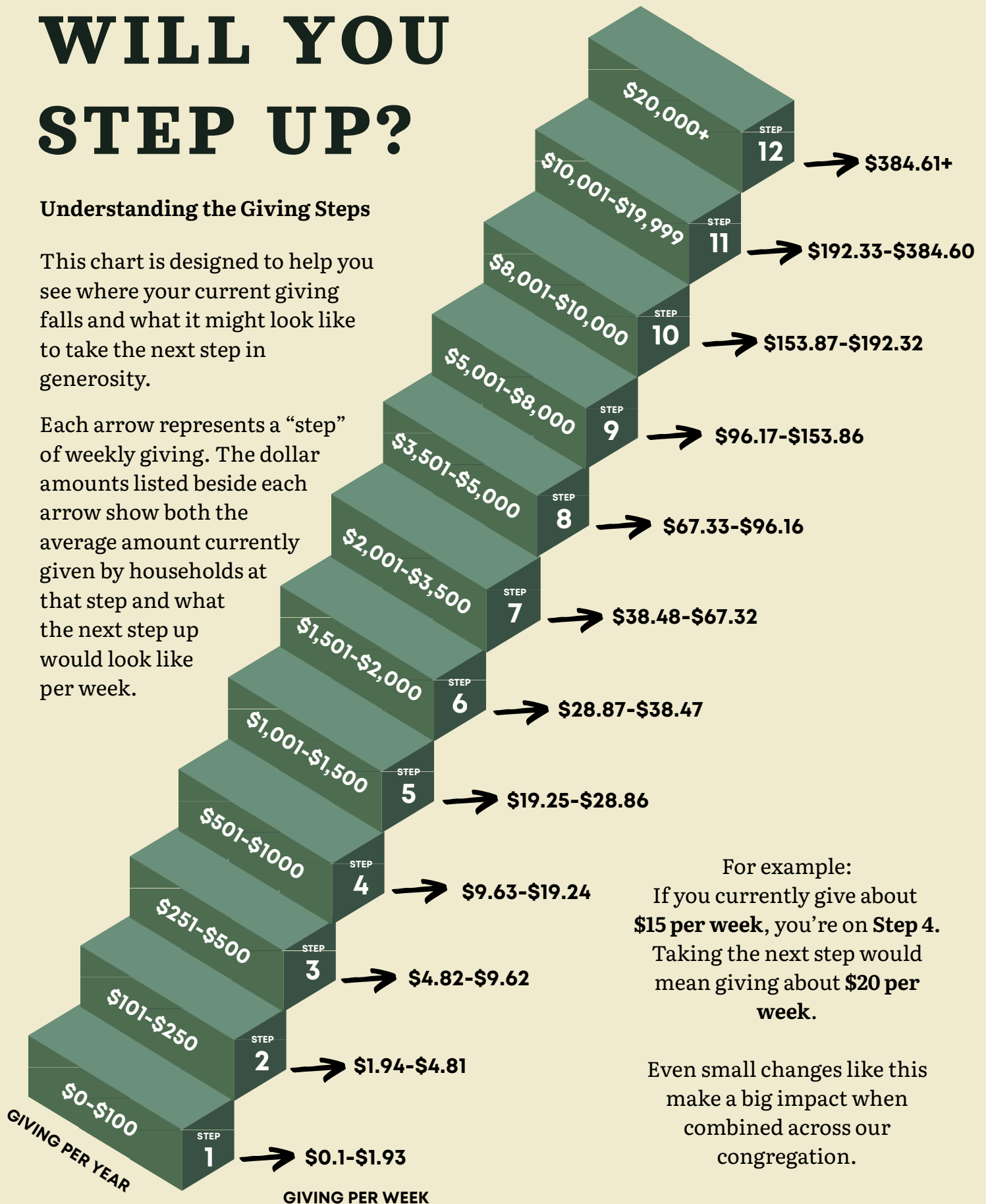
WE HAD A TOTAL OF 176 GIVING HOUSEHOLDS THIS YEAR.
ALL DATA IS 10/1/2024-9/30/2025

WILL YOU STEP UP?

Understanding the Giving Steps

This chart is designed to help you see where your current giving falls and what it might look like to take the next step in generosity.

Each arrow represents a “step” of weekly giving. The dollar amounts listed beside each arrow show both the average amount currently given by households at that step and what the next step up would look like per week.



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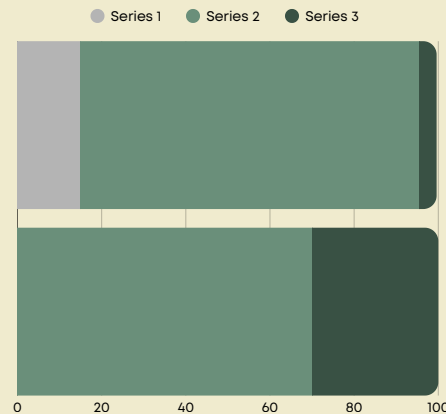
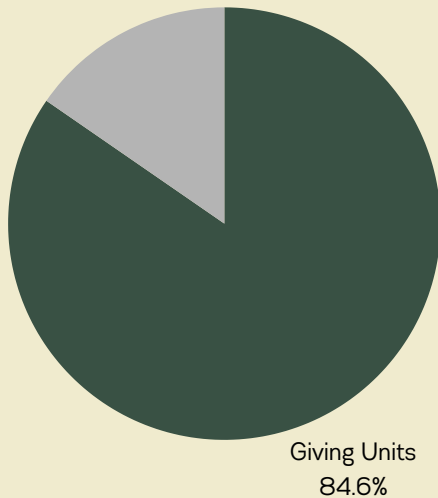
If you currently give about **\$15 per week**, you're on **Step 4**. Taking the next step would mean giving about **\$20 per week**.

Even small changes like this make a big impact when combined across our congregation.

STEWARDING FOR IMPACT

85% of ALC households gave financially last year, meaning 176 out of 208 households contributed.

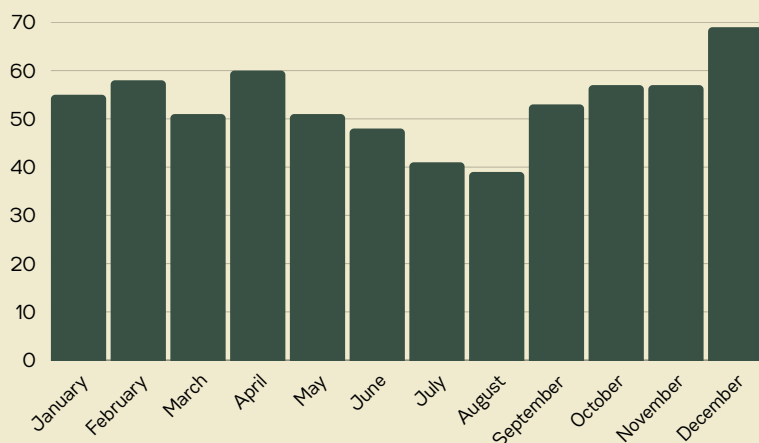
Non Giving Units
15.4%



80.6% of our congregation collectively contributed \$385,000—proof that when many give together, every gift adds up in a big way!

Giving Participation

Giving participation fluctuated significantly throughout the year, with the highest month being December (69%) and the lowest being August (39%).



12 Months Fully Staffed



Completion of Construction

Back in the Sanctuary
August 2025



Leading the Community in Reconciling in Christ

