

Your Generous Stewardship of God's Gifts to You Makes Ministry Happen at St. Michael!

Because of Your Gifts to Support St. Michael's Core Ministries,

- ★ 80 youth and adults participated in Vacation Bible School.
- ★ 800 to 1000 people were touched by Micah's Caring Initiative Ministries.
- ★ 350 individuals shared in Worship at least once over the course of the year.
- ★ 160 families have been helped through the Justice and Mercy Fund in 2015.
- ★ 60 youth and adults per month invest time digging into God's Word in Sunday School and Bible Studies.
- ★ 170 neighbors enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving Meal.



Thank You!

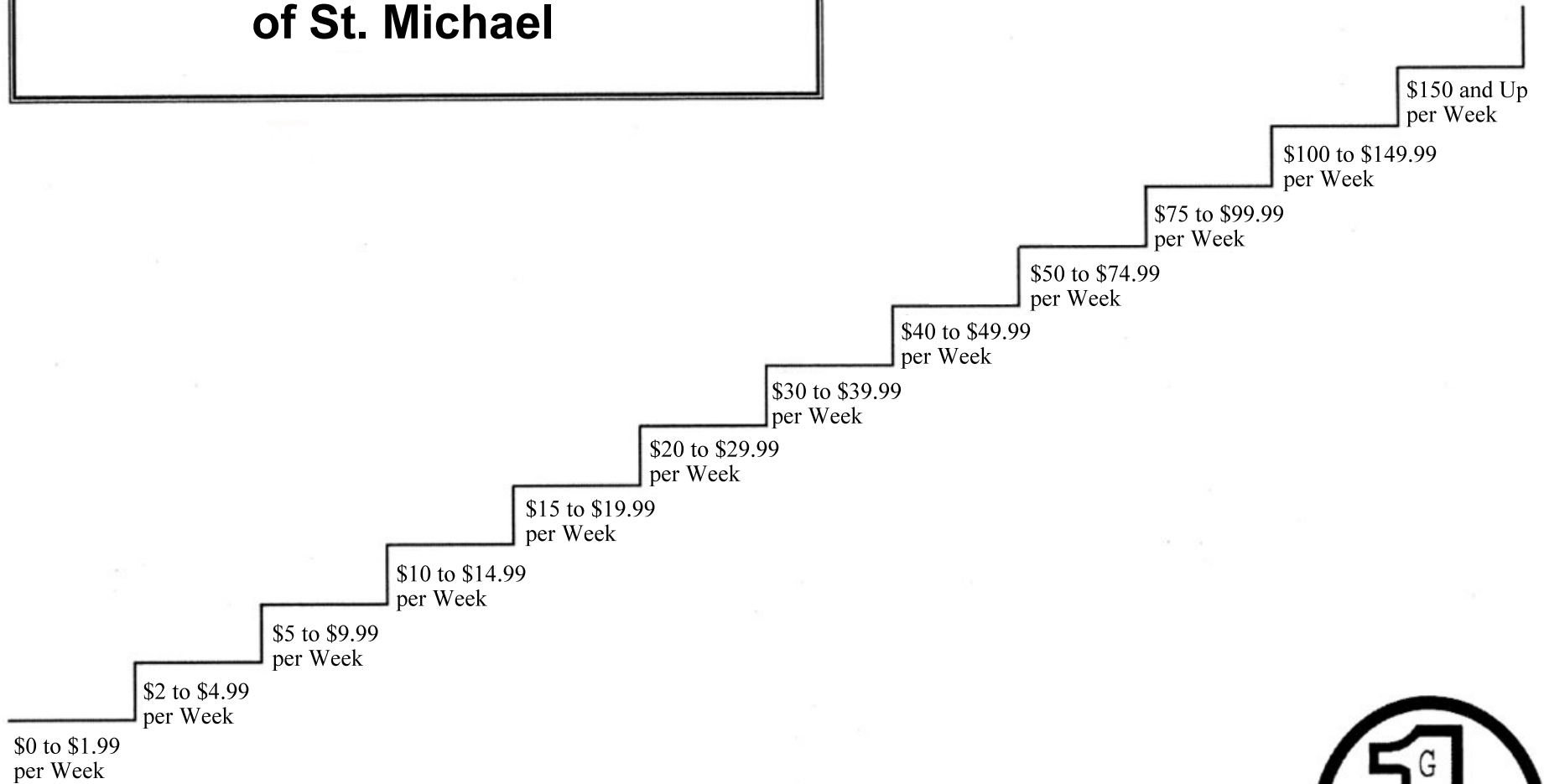
With Your Increased Support in 2016, St. Michael plans to Expand Our Ministry by

- ★ Adding staff support for Youth and Family Ministry (\$7000 to \$10,000).
- ★ Partnering with the families of the new Early Childhood Head Start to impact the root causes of poverty in our community.
- ★ Expanding our online learning presence to provide new ways for people to grow in their relationship with God.
- ★ Sending more youth to Virginia Synod Youth Events.
- ★ Growing our support for the Across the Spectrum sensory worship opportunity for people of all abilities.
- ★ Providing increased shepherding for seniors in our community.



To make this increased ministry happen, I invite you to take a look at the chart on the next page, grow your giving one step for 2016 and share your estimate of giving in the offering on October 25 using the Estimate of Giving form on page 3. When combined with the generosity of others, your step forward in giving will help God's ministry at St. Michael reach new heights.

**Find Your Current Level of Giving
to Support the Core Ministries
of St. Michael**



Will You Grow One Step This Year?

Yes! I/we want to respond to God's generous love for me by helping St. Michael serve God and our neighbors.

Name: _____



I/we estimate that during 2016, I/we will contribute to the ministries of St. Michael by giving to:

- the **Core Ministry** of St. Michael
\$ _____ per week, month or year
- the **Growing with Faith Fund**
\$ _____ per week, month or year
- a **Micah's Caring Initiative Ministry:** _____
\$ _____ per week, month or year
- the **Justice and Mercy Fund**
\$ _____ per week, month or year
- the **Property Maintenance Fund**
\$ _____ per week, month or year
- I plan to use **Online Giving** in 2016
- Please provide me **Offering Envelopes** for 2016

Thank you for your generous stewardship of God's gifts to you and for your willingness to share your gifts to help St. Michael support and expand our participation in God's mission to love and bless the world.

This estimate of giving may be raised or lowered at any time simply by contacting Doug Smiley (smileydc@vt.edu).

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Ministry Funds and Giving Information

Core Ministry Fund

Your gift supports the Core Ministries of St. Michael like Youth Ministry, Shepherding, Worship, and Education.

Growing with Faith Fund

Your gift supports debt reduction and strengthens the overall ministry of St. Michael.

Micah's Initiative Ministries

Your gifts can be designated to support Micah's Backpack, Micah's Soup for Seniors, Micah's Garden or Micah's Closet.

Justice and Mercy Fund

Your gift provides assistance to families in need in the community.

Property Maintenance Fund

Your gift supports the on-going maintenance of our facility.

Online Giving

You can make a donation to St. Michael through our website: www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org. The secure server allows you to give using an electronic fund transfer, a debit card or a credit card. You can make a one-time, weekly or monthly gift.