

**Community Care
22% of our Spending Forecast**

At Celebration we take seriously that God is active in our world, loving the world; we want to be part of God's loving purpose in the world by reflecting Christ's love. To that end, we seek ways to highlight God's Spirit active in the world, locally as well as globally. We also support the work of our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Throughout the year, we extend beyond this budget to provide support and funding to local and global special projects as needs are identified.



Some practical examples that are part of Community Care:

- ◆ Pastoral leadership (15%)
- ◆ Benevolence to ELCA churchwide expression
- ◆ Support of Word Made Flesh and anti-human trafficking efforts
- ◆ Space out of which to operate (25%)
- ◆ Dorothy's Porch, Operation Christmas Child, Geauga Mobile Food Pantry

**The Ministries of Celebration
Lutheran Church**



Together, we invest in the ministries of our church. How much money is spent? How is it spent?

Celebration Lutheran Church is a place that sees itself connecting people to people and people to Christ. To make this happen, we are GROWING disciples: Grounded in the Word, Reflecting Christ's love, Open to the Spirit, Welcoming the journey, Inviting others along, Nourishing our connections, and Giving generously. There are four areas that help us to grow in relationship with Christ and mature as disciples of Christ:

- Worship**
- Discipleship**
- Koinonia**
- Community Care**

These four areas give us sacred containers within which we place the financial investments you make in Celebration.

In 2017 it will cost us approximately \$187,000 to offer the ministries of Celebration. The property and administrative costs are split evenly (25%) toward each of the areas. Pastor's responsibilities vary from year to year, and so a percentage of time spent in each area is provided. As you read and pray over the ministries of Celebration, we hope you will invest in the proclamation of God's Kingdom from this place.

Worship

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Our church celebrates the vibrancy of its worship, offering holy space and connections with God. We gather as a community of faith to celebrate God's presence and listen for God's call to new and glorious things. Our pastor, working with our music staff and other people like you, plans worship in our community. While the pastor often takes the lead in worship, we have a strong tradition of lay leadership within worship as well. We offer worship three times a week, twice on Sunday mornings and once on Wednesday evenings.



Some practical examples of Worship:

- ◆ Pastoral leadership (32%)
- ◆ Worship Accompanist and Choir Director
- ◆ Care of instruments
- ◆ Funerals, weddings, baptisms, and record keeping
- ◆ Banners and decorations
- ◆ Worship resources: hymn books, music licenses, choir music

Discipleship

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Through discipleship, each of us grows in our relationship with the Triune God. We learn, more and more, what it means to be the people of God active in the world.

We at Celebration provide an astounding number of opportunities for faith formation. Of course, there are the traditional modes: Sunday School for all ages on Sunday mornings, Confirmation and Holy Communion Preparation, and mid-week Bible studies.

In addition, there are the less traditional: Bible reading programs, in-home bible studies, one-on-ones with the pastor to develop new ministries, and special Lenten focuses.



Some practical examples that are part of Discipleship:

- ◆ Confirmation curriculum and retreats
- ◆ Pastoral leadership (25%)
- ◆ First Communion curriculum
- ◆ In home devotionals
- ◆ Bible Study curriculum
- ◆ Daily Bible readings and devotions

Koinonia

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The early church practiced *koinonia*, a word often translated as "fellowship." The concept of *koinonia* goes well beyond our American concept of "coffee and donuts after church." *Koinonia* includes prayer for the sick, gathering supplies for the needy within the church family, hospitality to those who enter the worshiping community, pastoral care and counseling, communion to home bound members, and communication. Of course, it also includes meals and other social events.



Some practical examples that are part of *Koinonia*:

- ◆ Pastoral leadership and mileage expenses (28%)
- ◆ Care for veterans and those currently serving
- ◆ E-News, Prayer chain, and ThursdayThoughts
- ◆ Coffee and Kitchen supplies
- ◆ Prayer shawl ministry
- ◆ Care of our college-age members
- ◆ Chardon Polka Band Worship