

CARING 17% of the budget (\$94,946)

Caring at Mount Cross has many facets. Your contributions help make possible:

- Pastoral Care and Visits
- Prayer Chain
- Health Ministry Program
- Health Education Program
- Senior Ministry Program
- Meal Preparation and Delivery
- Caring Support during Times of Medical Challenges
- Care Bags to Comfort Those in Active Medical Treatment or Recovery
- Prayer Shawls
- Fellowship
- Helping Hands Funeral Receptions
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund
- Volunteer Coordinator

ESTIMATED GIVING/PLEDGING: Each year a budget is put together by the Budget and Finance Committee at Mount Cross for the coming year. All of the programs and operations of Mount Cross depend on your financial support. Determining the right amount of your giving is between you and God.

Please email our Financial Secretary, Joan Brundage, at jbrundage@mountcross.com if you have any questions about estimated giving/pledging.

Your monetary support and gifts of time and talent are very important to Mount Cross. Every contribution makes a difference and every gift matters!

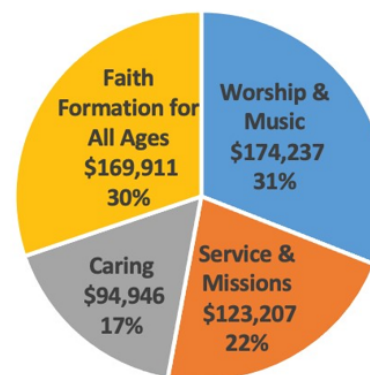
Thank you for supporting Mount Cross Lutheran Church!

Mount Cross Lutheran Church Narrative Budget 2023

Our Commitment to Christ's Ministry and Mission

"I hear the presentation of our church budget every year at the annual meeting and I still don't know where all the money goes."

A narrative budget is the story of our congregation's ministry. It is a true story of how our resources are spent. It is more than just account names and numbers. A narrative budget explains the expenditures that carry out our mission statement, **"Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve."** It shows how your monetary gifts become grace through our witnessing and serving.



The above pie chart shows how the money received by Mount Cross was translated into ministry and mission this year. The pie is divided into four pieces:

- + **Worship and Music**
- + **Faith Formation for All Ages**
- + **Service and Missions**
- + **Caring**

The percentage of the budget that is dedicated to these areas of ministry is shown in the pie chart. Continue reading to find out more about what our resources support!

NOTE: A large portion of the budget goes to paying salaries for the church staff. These salaries are distributed across the four designated areas of the pie chart according to the percentage of time each staff member spends working in each area. The same is true for property costs, insurance, utilities, and office expenses.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC 31% of the budget (\$174,237)

Worship is the center of our congregational life. It is where we are rooted in God's grace, fed by the Word and sacraments, and sent out to joyfully witness and serve. Music gives us an additional language to respond to God's invitation to worship and praise. Your financial contributions help support:

- Worship and Prayer
- Clergy and Worship Assistants
- Altar Guild Supplies
- Worship Environment (including banners and flowers)
- Bulletins
- Music Ministry (including music director, organist, choir, handbell choir, other instrumentalists, singers)
- Choral and Handbell Repertoire and Instrumental Accompaniments
- Musical Instrument Maintenance and Upkeep
- Copyright Licensing
- Technology (including sound engineering, livestreaming, and equipment)



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FAITH FORMATION for ALL AGES 30% of the budget (\$169,911)

Your financial support goes to many areas related to Christian education and spiritual formation for children, youth, families, and adults. Your gifts help sustain these and other faith formation ministries:

- Nursery Care (0 - 4 years)
- Fun with Faith (PreK - 5th Grades)
- Confirmation (6th - 8th Grades)
- High School Youth Group (9th - 12th Grades)
- Community Dinners, Family Gatherings, and Youth Trips
- Adult Formation, including Rooted and Women's and Men's Bible Studies
- New Member Welcome and Orientation
- Chapel and Other Support to the Child Development Center
- Pastor and Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
- Children and Youth Ministry Assistant
- Nursery Care Staff

SERVICE AND MISSIONS 22% of the budget (\$123,207)

"God's work, our hands." Mount Cross reaches out with tangible aid to the least fortunate in our local community and in the global community, encourages responsible stewardship of God's creation, and strives for justice and peace. Your commitment to Mount Cross supports Service and Missions, including:

- St. Columba's Food Pantry, Harbor House and Many Meals (providing food and meals to those in need)
- Hickory House (Christmas party for vulnerable seniors)
- Peace and Justice Initiatives
- Quilts, School Kits, Personal Care Kits
- Crop Hunger Walk
- Souper Bowl of Caring
- Lutheran World Relief, World Hunger, and Disaster Response
- Gifts of Hope
- Southwest California Synod of the ELCA