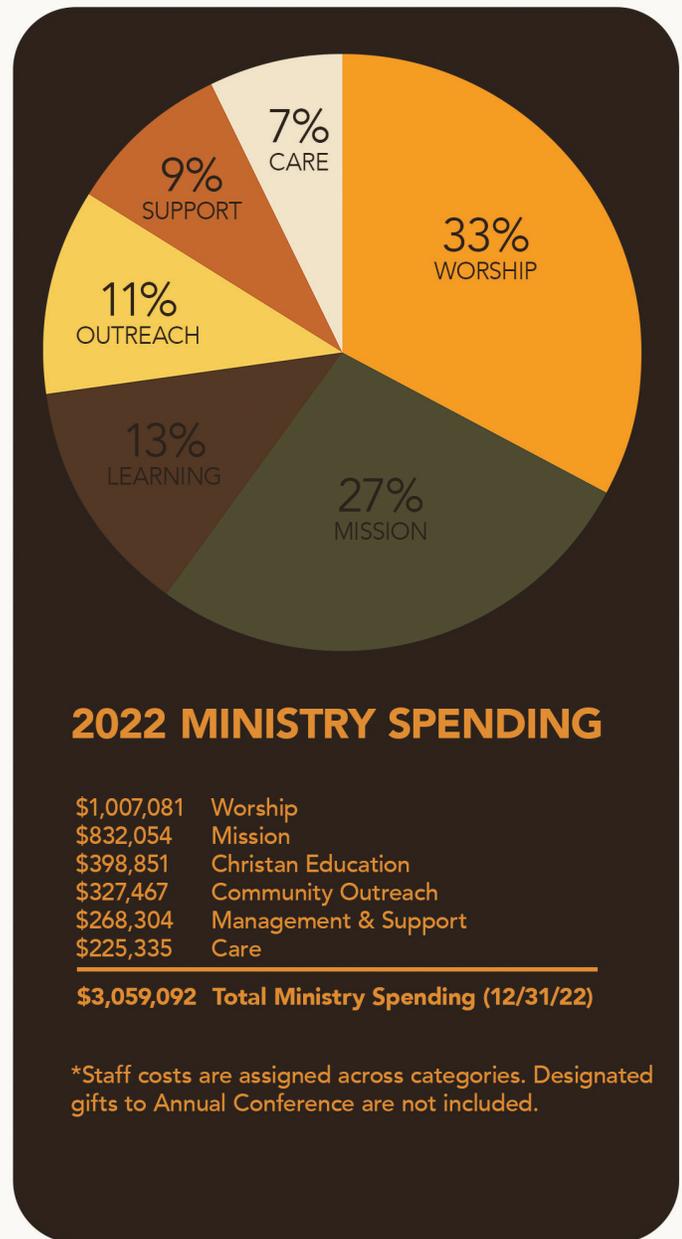




# YOUR GIVING IS AN INVESTMENT IN TRANSFORMING LIVES

When it comes to generosity, **please and thank you** are both important words. We are in the business of transforming lives, inside and outside the church, and funding that work depends on all of us working together. Every gift matters. Salem is blessed to be debt free, and designated giving funds a great deal of our capital improvements, special music, and events each year. That means every dollar given to general ministry funds programming that changes lives. Your giving funds worship, music, education, and caring ministries in the church. It spreads Good News throughout the community and feeds people—spiritually and physically—in St. Louis and around the world. If you think you can't give enough to make a difference, please, think again. If you think increasing your gift to keep up with inflation wouldn't matter to Salem, please, think again. If you think giving is a chore, please, check out how easy it is to set up recurring giving online. Your giving matters.

**Please. And thank you.** Because none of us can do it alone, but when we work together with God all things are possible.



*A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. - Proverbs 11:25*



## DID YOU KNOW? (IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS)

### KIDS MINISTRY

The combined giving of families giving less than **\$1,000 a year** funds Salem's entire congregational care and children's ministry budgets, and is essential to the future of the church

### INFLATION

**20% increase** in utility bills – other fixed expenses have also increased

### NEW GIVERS

**105% increase** in amount given by first time givers, and new first time givers **increased to 75 annually**

### DONUTS

Salem's typical donut order costs **\$150 a week**

### YEAR END

**15% of annual giving** often arrives in December, and funds ministry for the winter

### INCREASED GIVING

**15.19% increase** in undesignated congregational giving – from \$1,751,159 in the preceding period to \$2,017,253

### ONLINE GIVING

**31.7% increase** in online giving and **18.89% increase** in new donors giving online

### ENDOWMENT

Endowed and long-term **savings totaled \$611,695** at the end of the third quarter

### MORE GIVERS

**6.16% increase** in giving families & individuals

### HAVEN STREET

**\$1,000 spent weekly** for Haven Street meals, feeding 200+ people a week

## EVERY GIFT MATTERS

## WAYS TO GIVE



WEB: [SALEMSTLOUIS.COM/GIVE](http://SALEMSTLOUIS.COM/GIVE)



TEXT: SALEMSTLOUIS TO (833) 834-5661



APP: SALEM CHURCH STL



MAIL: TO THE CHURCH OFFICE



IN-PERSON: DURING WORSHIP OR OFFICE HOURS



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