



**2025** **MINISTRY REPORT** **+ ANNUAL GIVING**

*“With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”*  
— Isaiah 12:3



*“Whoever drinks of the water that I give will never thirst.”  
— John 4:14*

Dear Hamline Church Family,

As you read this annual report, you'll see story after story of how God's grace has flowed through Hamline Church this past year. These pages celebrate a community of faith that continues to dig deep, draw freely, and share generously—offering living water to a world that is thirsty for hope.

We are living in challenging times. The world around us can feel uncertain and weary, yet amid it all Hamline Church remains a steady wellspring—a source of spiritual nourishment, connection, and renewal. Here, we find strength for our spirits, purpose for our service, and companions for the journey of faith. Week after week, we come to this well to pray, to learn, to serve, to sing, and to be reminded that God's love still flows abundantly.

In recent months, the need for our ministry has grown. We are seeing increased worship attendance, expanding participation in student ministries, vibrant spiritual formation programs, and more opportunities to serve our neighbors. The growing needs of the community are a blessing and a challenge—one we can only meet together. Our goal for 2026 is to increase pledged giving by 5% to help fund these expanding ministries and to keep pace with inflation, which has raised our basic operating costs.

The 2026 Annual Giving Campaign, A Deeper Well, invites us to continue tending this sacred source together. Every pledge—no matter its size—helps sustain worship that uplifts, programs that form faith, and ministries that pour God's love into our neighborhood and world. Just as a well must be tended and replenished, so must the life of the church. Your financial pledge for 2026 is a vital act of faith—it is your way of saying, “I believe in this well. I want to help it run deep.”

My own family deeply values Hamline Church as a source of spiritual nourishment and sustenance in these times. We have felt renewed and supported by this community in countless ways, and in gratitude we will increase our contribution for 2026. We hope you will join us in doing the same, so that together we can meet the growing needs before us.

As you reflect on what you have drawn from this well in the past year—times of worship, community, comfort, or inspiration—I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might give back so that others, too, may drink deeply of God's living water.

Thank you for being part of this beloved community. Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and the joy you bring to the work of God in our midst. Together, may we draw deeply, share freely, and keep this well flowing with the life-giving love of Christ.

With deep gratitude and abiding hope,

*Rev. Mariah Furness Tollgaard*

Rev. Mariah Tollgaard, Senior Pastor





# 2025 IMPACT SUMMARY

## GENEROSITY IN MISSION & MINISTRY

Your faithful stewardship has been a powerful force for change. Together, we're nurturing a vibrant faith community and extending our impact far beyond our walls, renewing our church and changing lives every day.



**STAYING CONNECTED,  
\$156,588**

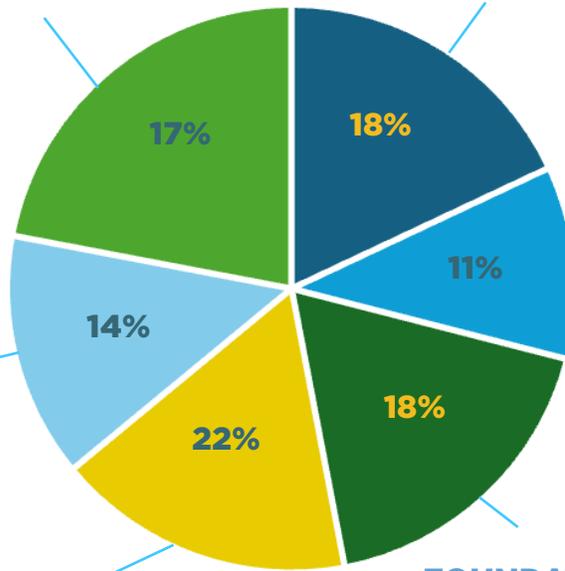
**SPIRITUAL FORMATION,  
\$165,800**

**SERVICE,  
\$128,955**

**SUPPORTING THE  
WIDER MISSION,  
\$101,322**

**WORSHIP,  
\$202,643**

**FOUNDATION FOR MINISTRY,  
\$165,799**



## INCOME

- Our annual budget depends heavily on pledged income/regular contributions from you, our congregation. Your generosity provides a critical and essential piece of how we live out our mission.
- 75% Pledges and gifts (\$684,062)
- 15% fundraisers, grants, investment income (\$122,500)
- 10% building income (\$110,212)

**TOTAL: \$916,774**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

2025 IMPACT \$202,643

At Hamline Church, we joyfully cultivate worship that transforms hearts and strengthens our community—whether gathered in our sacred space or connecting online. This year has been filled with creativity, music, and spiritual growth as we celebrated God’s presence among us through these remarkable milestones:

- Commissioned and premiered *Sanctuary for the City*, a stunning new choral and organ anthem by renowned Twin Cities composer Linda Kachelmeier, created especially for Hamline Church.
- Marked the **50th Anniversary** of our beloved Casavant Frères organ with a grand celebratory recital featuring acclaimed concert organist Nicole Keller.
- Offered 9 worship series, including the vibrant **God on Broadway** summer experience, where we explored sacred themes from *The Lion King*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Godspell*. Each service wove together music, storytelling, and congregational talent in fresh, inspiring ways.
- Expanded our Wednesday evening **Children’s Music Ministry**, now welcoming 12-14 enthusiastic participants from Pre-K through 4th grade who are discovering the joy of music and worship together.

## 11 EVENTS

• Diverse, high-caliber performances showcased through the 2024-25 Music & Art Series, enriching our congregation and community with vibrant artistic expression.

- The House Band performed at three community events in addition to leading Sunday worship, drawing on the talents of more than a dozen musicians who regularly contribute their gifts.
- Added a fourth octave to the Handbell Choir and premiered a new piece composed especially for the ensemble by Hamline University music composition major Bruce Bolon.



7%  
INCREASE  
IN PERSON  
WORSHIP  
ATTENDANCE



# STAYING CONNECTED & CARING FOR OUR CHURCH

2025 IMPACT \$156,588

One of the most powerful ways we express our love for God is by loving one another. At Hamline Church, we are devoted to nurturing deep connections with God and each other through every season of life. This year, our community has continued to embody compassion, care, and belonging in beautiful ways:

**26**  
NEW  
MEMBERS

- Welcomed 26 new members—and joyfully celebrated the arrival of new babies into our church family.

- Supported one another through the faithful ministry of our **Care Team**, who extended Christ’s love through cards, prayers, meals, visits, phone calls, home communion, and more.

- Encouraged creativity and comfort through our knitters, quilters, and fabric crafters, who lovingly created prayer shawls, lap robes, and baby blankets for those celebrating milestones or walking through difficult times.

**16**  
LIFE EVENTS  
CELEBRATED

- Accompanied members and families through sacred life moments, including 8 baptisms and 8 celebration of life services honoring beloved saints of Hamline Church and the wider community.

- Hosted the **Compassionate Care Series**, offering forums on grief, caregiving, and life transitions. In response to the needs that emerged from these conversations, we launched a **new Grief and Loss Support Group** that now meets bi-weekly—creating a compassionate space for empathy, understanding, and healing for all who are journeying through loss.

- **More than 25 dedicated volunteers** hosted weekly coffee hours after worship—serving **over 6,000 cups of coffee** and countless moments of connection and hospitality.



**25+**  
DEDICATED  
COFFEE HOUR  
MEMBERS



*“This year Hamline Church has truly been a place of sanctuary for me. From having deep conversations in small groups to weeping in worship to singing with women on a retreat to sharing a wordless sigh, I found a place to be myself, no matter what I was dealing with. And joy. I found so much joy.”*

*- Beth Beaty, Hamline Church Member*



# SPIRITUAL FORMATION

2025 IMPACT \$165,800

*We are filled with gratitude and joy for all the ways the Hamline Church family has reunited this past year to learn, grow, and deepen our life as disciples of Jesus. From our youngest children to lifelong members, opportunities to grow in faith and community have flourished across all ages and stages.*

- On Sunday mornings, Sacred Studio offered meaningful faith experiences for children in four age-level classrooms—led by **26 volunteer teachers** and supported by **5 dedicated childcare staff**.
- Our ministry with Hamline University touched the lives of more than **300 students, staff, and faculty** through meals, fellowship, and spiritual care. Highlights included hosting campus groups, the Back-to-School Bash, and offering internships that connect faith with real-world leadership.
- Our youth ministry thrived through weekly youth group gatherings for **10-15 teens supported by six caring adult advisors**, as well as a transformative mission trip through the Appalachia Service Project to Harlan, Kentucky, involving 13 youth and 7 adults.
- **10 confirmation students** explored their faith journey, culminating in the joyful celebration of three confirmands affirming their commitment to Christ and the church.
- Started a Community Bread Bake and **baking 80 loaves of bread** for our neighbors.
- Hosted **over six intergenerational events** specifically inviting the Hamline Midway neighborhood to join the food, festivities, and fun (Rally Sunday, Trunk-or-Treat Fall Festival, Refresh and Renew Pizza Night, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, HU Pizza Party, and more!)

**20**  
YOUTH

**14**  
FAMILIES

- Attended United Methodist summer camps at Northern Pines and Koronis, where they strengthened their relationship with God and built lasting friendships.
- Participated in the annual Winter Family Retreat at Northern Pines, enjoying a weekend of fellowship, faith, and snowy fun together.



**12  
SEASONAL  
GROUPS**

**11  
ONGOING  
GROUPS**

- Seasonal small groups formed around our worship series and Bible studies, including Everything In-Between (Lent), a summer study on Amos, and Back to Basics (fall).
- Ongoing faith and fellowship groups continued to foster community and spiritual growth—among them Centering Prayer, Men’s Breakfast, Racial Justice Book Group, Fiction and Fellowship, Sunday Morning Faith and Fellowship, Mahjong, Music for the Soul, book studies, covenant groups, and more.



*“The ministry of Spiritual Formation at Hamline Church is helping people find belonging and purpose. No one should feel alone or inconsequential.”*

*- Paul Klinger, Hamline Church Member*



# SERVICE

## REACHING OUT TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

2025 IMPACT \$128,955

*At Hamline Church, we live out our faith by transforming belief into action—championing justice, compassion, and care for all of God’s creation: our local community, global neighbors, and the Earth itself. Guided by our call to love God and love our neighbor, we’ve embodied that mission in meaningful ways throughout 2025:*

- Officially adopted the **Hamline Church Land Acknowledgement** and began the **Sacred Reckonings** process, taking faithful steps toward repentance, repair, and deeper understanding of Indigenous history and partnership.
- Through the **Barnabas Fund (Neighbors in Need)**, provided over **\$10,000** in assistance to individuals and families facing unexpected financial hardship.
- Partnered with Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul through the **Faithful Hospitality Program** to host an overnight shelter for asylum seekers

### 600+ VOLUNTEERS

• Celebrated the **128th** year of the **Hamline Church Dining Hall**, where over 600 volunteers served thousands of fairgoers with warm food, joy, and hospitality at the Minnesota State Fair.



- Strengthened our partnership with **Emma Norton Services** through financial gifts, personal care donations, a holiday gift drive, pastoral support for residents, and youth-hosted BINGO events.

• **Hamline Women** hosted two community markets, celebrated their partnership with Dress a Girl, an international ministry, and continued serving local needs through the Mitten Tree and Give a Little Gift ministries.

- Our **Brick Oven Ministry** team baked and shared thousands of delicious treats at church and neighborhood events—including Rally Sunday, Trunk or Treat, Refresh & Renew, and Easter—serving both nourishment and friendship.



### 300 MEALS

• Volunteers at **Dorothy Day Center** provided more than 300 meals to unhoused neighbors this year, responding to increasing community needs with compassion and service.



- Continued deep partnerships with organizations including **McVay Youth Partnership, St. Paul Interfaith Action (School Tools Drive), ISAIAH, Keystone Emergency Services, MN FoodShare, Every Meal, and Hamline Midway Elders**, expanding our collective impact.
- Expanded the **SPROUT Garden** partnership with Hamline University and Hamline Mid-way Elders. Three HU interns joined our ministry—helping plant, harvest, and deliver fresh produce to local households with the joyful help of Hamline’s children on Sunday mornings.
- Collaborated with **Face2Face’s SafeZone** program to provide clothing, toiletries, and snack bags for unhoused young people, while the **Plarn Players** created dozens of handmade sleep mats for neighbors living outdoors.



- Partnered with **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** and other local congregations in the **Community Conversations Ecumenical Consortium**, fostering dialogue and shared learning around racial justice and community healing.

• Sent **13 HAM-ER volunteers** on an adult mission trip to **Manos y Juntas** at the U.S.-Mexico border, where they built homes for asylum seekers and deepened cross-cultural understanding through hands-on service.





# FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY

2025 IMPACT \$165,799

*In addition to covering bills and general maintenance, financial resources from the operating budget, endowment funds, and generous donors made it possible to invest in key facility improvements and ministry spaces throughout 2025. Together, we accomplished the following:*

- Completed a **sanctuary lighting upgrade and reprogramming** to enhance visibility for in-person and online worship, and to allow for more dynamic lighting during special events and concerts.
- Continued **water mitigation efforts** through roof repairs and window caulking, addressing long-term preservation needs.
- Made essential **electrical improvements**, including rerouting the organ’s power connection in the chancel, upgrading the audiovisual cabinet electric system at the rear of the sanctuary, and installing new outlets in the parlor.
- **Excavated and waterproofed** the exterior wall of the music room to prevent further moisture damage.
- Completed **asbestos remediation** in the table storage room to ensure a safe and healthy environment.
- **Expanded the SPROUT Garden** in partnership with Hamline University to create a stronger connection between the gardens and a more inviting community gathering space—thanks to the HAM-ER volunteers for constructing a beautiful new gazebo!



## MINISTRY GOALS FOR 2026

*Looking ahead, we continue to steward our facilities and grounds in ways that support worship, community, and outreach. Upcoming goals include:*

- Renovate the parlor to create more useable and flexible space for medium sized gatherings.
- Adding walkways and benches in the SPROUT Garden and replanting the southeast corner grounds to create a welcoming and accessible outdoor space.
- Repairing the east community walls to address water infiltration and preserve structural integrity.
- Preparing lower-level education spaces to welcome our new tenant, The Bridge Autism Clinic, beginning in February 2026.





# SUPPORTING THE WIDER MISSION

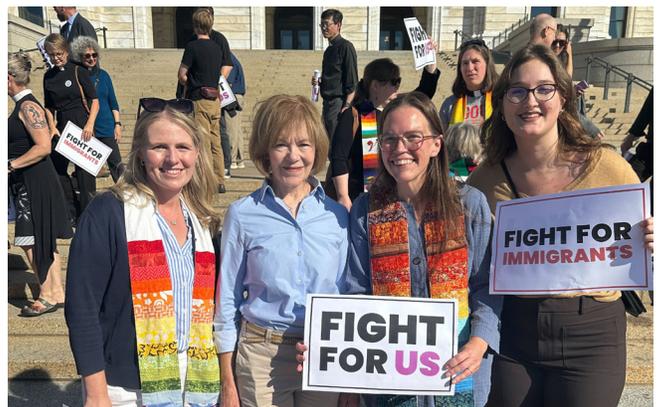
2025 IMPACT \$101,321

We give thanks for our deep connection to the United Methodist Church, whose shared mission and collective generosity allow our ministry to reach far beyond our own walls. Through our partnership and participation, Hamline Church continues to make an impact across Minnesota and around the world.

- Joyfully contributed **100% of our apportionments** to the Minnesota Annual Conference, strengthening connectional ministries across our denomination.
- Celebrated the faithful service of **Certified Lay Ministers, Lay Servants, and Lay Speakers** who offered leadership within both Hamline Church and the broader conference.
- Supported **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)** in its vital work responding to international crises in Ukraine and Gaza and providing relief for domestic natural disasters.
- Honored and celebrated **PRIDE** at Hamline Church and beyond—joining the Minnesota Reconciling Ministries Network with over 100 participants at PRIDE events and hosting Pastor Jean Carlos Diaz from the University of Minnesota Wesley Foundation’s Neon program for worship.
- Offered **conference-level leadership** through Hamline Church members and clergy who serve faithfully on the Committee on Episcopacy, Committee on Finance and Administration, Conference Lay Leadership, and as Trustees of Hamline University.

*“At Hamline Church, living out my faith goes hand in hand with getting opportunities to serve others in our local community and beyond”*

*- Gil Young, Hamline Church Member*



# WHY MAKE AN ESTIMATED GIVING CONTRIBUTION FOR 2026?

At Hamline Church, our single most important source of funding for our ministries comes from the estimated giving contributions during our annual stewardship campaign. We are deeply grateful for the faithfulness of our congregation, as we have consistently received at minimum 95% fulfillment rate for all promised commitments. These commitments provide us with a forecast on which we build our expense budget for the coming year. We acknowledge each gift to be as unique as the individual giver, and we strive to be exceptional stewards of the resources entrusted to us.



## OUR GOAL FOR 2026

Our goal for this year's annual giving campaign is \$640,000 in pledged support. This goal reflects the bold vision laid out in the preceding pages for how Hamline Church will serve our community and the world in 2026. This goal also allows us to balance our budget, fairly compensate our hard working staff, and keep up with the steep costs of inflation that impacted all of us this past year.

### PROPORTIONAL GIVING CHART

*Percentage of Giving to Consider as an Annual Gift*

ANNUAL INCOME	2%	3%	5%	7%	10% (tithing)	15%
\$20,000	\$400	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$50,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$7,500	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$130,000	\$2,600	\$3,900	\$6,500	\$9,100	\$13,000	\$19,500
\$150,000	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000	\$22,500
\$170,000	\$3,400	\$5,100	\$8,500	\$11,900	\$17,000	\$25,500
\$200,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
\$250,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000	\$37,500

# A DEEPER WELL DEEPENING OUR COMMITMENT

**THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION &  
COMMITMENT SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 23**  
**CARDS DUE NOVEMBER 16**

Please turn in your Annual Giving Commitment by November 16. You can turn your cards in on Sunday mornings, by mail or online at [hamlinechurch.org/give](https://hamlinechurch.org/give) on or before November 16 to receive a **special thank you gift!** Then join us on November 23 to bless our commitments and share in a potluck together!

## MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about stewardship at Hamline Church please contact Sharon Fields, Associate Minister of Executive Operations. If you have questions about your annual giving, please contact Gregg Dahlke, Lead Financial Secretary. If you are experiencing financial hardship, don't let your inability to give at this time keep you from participating and serving in church. God honors your faithfulness and your acceptance is not based upon your capacity to give financially. Please feel free to let one of our pastors know of your situation so that they can pray for and support you.

## CONNECT WITH US

Sign up for our weekly newsletter: [bit.ly/HamlineNewsletter](https://bit.ly/HamlineNewsletter)

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## LEGACY GIVING

The Hamline Church Endowment Fund provides a way to further your lifetime commitment and stewardship by supporting your church through planned giving. This involves remembering Hamline Church in your will, trust, retirement accounts and/or life insurance designations. To learn more, contact Brittany Pennington, Investment Team Chair, or check the box on your commitment card.



## HAMLIN CHURCH

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## 2026 ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Giving Commitment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**OR SCAN TO  
PLEGDE ONLINE:**

## GIVING OPTIONS *(select only one)*

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**  
Please set up EFT for me/us. I have included a voided check, if signing up for the first time. Please select timing of electronic funds transfer
  - Monthly — the 5th of each month.
  - Monthly — the 18th of each month.
  - Please increase my pledge by \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month.
- Cash or Check**  
(Offering envelopes are provided in the pews. If you prefer personalized pre-printed envelopes please circle YES )
- Non-Cash Gift**  
I/We would like to make a gift of securities, mutual fundshares or IRA charitable rollover. (Please have someone contact me.)
- Hamline Church Online Giving**  
I/We will set up an account or already have one.
  - I/We will increase my pledge by \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- I/We have remembered Hamline Church in our will or legacy gift.
- I/We would like information on how to provide for Hamline Church in my/our will.

**Please bring your Commitment Card to worship on Sunday, November 16, or complete your card online: [hamlinechurch.org/give](https://hamlinechurch.org/give) before November 16, 2025.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_