

## How Much Chocolate Did You Eat?

**How much chocolate did you eat last week for Easter?** That might be too personal of a question! Perhaps we need a “don’t ask don’t tell” policy when it comes to chocolate consumption. You might be interested in the following Easter chocolate facts...

- Americans spent \$2.1 BILLION dollars on candy.
- We ate 120 million pounds of candy this past Easter.
- 70% that candy this past Easter was chocolate!
- 90 million chocolate bunnies were made and eaten this past year.
- 76% of Americans say chocolate bunnies should be eaten ears first!
- We spend on average \$131 on Easter.

**\$26. That is the average weekly per capita giving in an American church.** So, we spend 5 times more eating chocolate than we do giving to the Church. For all that chocolate what do we have to show for it but expanded waist lines and cavities?

Don’t get me wrong. I am not opposed to eating chocolate. A lot of chocolate! It is just that we need to weigh our priorities of what is truly important. Here at OUR CHURCH when you give, your gift has lasting impact. We are about, **STATE YOUR VISION STATEMENT**. Your generous gifts allow us to accomplish that vision!

So this morning let’s do something that has a lasting impact. Let’s give generously so that our work for the Lord can continue on. **Life is more than a box of chocolates!**