

2019



Picture the Possibilities



We invite you to "Picture the Possibilities" with us. Pray for our faith family's mission and ministry and how your offering can enhance our photo. Please read carefully the letter that you will receive and pray about how you can respond in generosity. You will be invited to fill out your statement of intent and challenged to pray about an increase. Please bring your completed intent form with you on our commitment weekend, November 3-4 or Wednesday, November 7 so that we can celebrate as a church. (You can also mail them directly to the church.) Picture the Possibilities of how our faith family can follow God's call to love, serve and be the people of God.



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A picture of your family is probably hanging on your wall, sitting on your desk or serving as your social media cover. Photos remind us of all the great activities we do together. Imagine if you had a snapshot of your entire 2,700-member church family at Calvary Lutheran. Think of all the ways you and your faith family have loved and served each other and those in our community. Now, "Picture the Possibilities" of how we can help and grow our faith family.

In our chaotic world, people need a time and a place to strengthen one another and their faith as well as serve others.

Picture this:

- A middle school girl is being bullied online but worries her mom will be angry with her for having a social media profile.
- A young family, new to the area, struggles to find a place to strengthen their faith.
- A widowed man sits at home day after day trying to find his place in this world.

Together, we can grow our ministries to serve our church family better.



Our goal is to grow our giving in 2019 by **\$158,000** to meet four vital initiatives.

Thanks to you, Calvary has a long history of providing excellent youth and family programs. Our Wednesday night gatherings bring multiple generations together for a great meal and worship 26 Wednesdays a year. It is our largest worship service - reaching 300 to 400 people each Wednesday that praise God together. Yet, the other 26 Wednesdays connections are missed and needs unmet. With year-round Wednesday meal and worship, our faith family can enjoy a consistent time of fellowship.

Increased staffing, musicians and kitchen help \$20,000

Many adults, especially seniors and empty nesters, crave to find connections for fellowship and fun. It might be as simple as a planned event or fun game, or a person to share heartache.

Additional hours for a staff person to plan, coordinate and implement events, and engage adults of every age .. \$10,000

Today's youth, particularly our middle schoolers, live in a complex world. They struggle fitting in with their peers, determining safe people and figuring out who they are. Parents need help in supporting their kids.

Additional hours for a staff person to assist with middle schoolers \$10,000

As a faith family, God calls us to serve others. Our photo would not be complete

without the inclusion of our community. Picture working together with these neighbor ministries: Woyatan Lutheran Church, SDSM&T Lutheran Campus Ministries, and Lutheran Social Services.

Increase Mission Partners/Local Benevolence \$18,300

Ongoing Operations

- + Maintaining the beauty and integrity of the building requires ongoing effort.
- + Technology advances at a rapid pace. To better serve the congregation in communicating God's word and offer staff efficiencies, we need to maintain our systems.
- + Provide fair and "market" compensation for the staff of the congregation. Compensation has not kept pace with corresponding levels for similar positions in the community or Synod guidelines in recent years.

Ongoing operations \$100,000

YOUR JOYOUS AND GENEROUS RESPONSE IS WELCOMED.

As you look over the charts, please ask yourself these questions:

How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?

How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?

