



TECHNOLOGY 2020 Recap



Reach for the Possibilities



Before the Upgrade



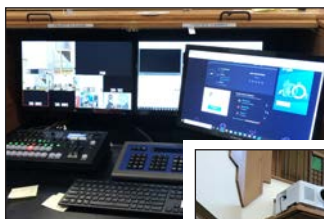
After the Upgrade

Last year we asked for your help to expand our outreach through improved technology. Because of your generosity, we were able to upgrade our cameras and projection system. We knew the upgrade would drastically improve the quality of the worship experience for people at Peaceful Pines and Westhills Senior Living facilities. We didn't realize that when the pandemic required us to go to online-only worship, the upgrades would also improve worship services for everyone.



Member Watching Sunday Service on Television

The technology upgrades improved the quality of our television broadcast services, which is viewed by people in all of western South Dakota. Through these televised worship services, many people who would not have been able to engage with a Lutheran church were able to view our services. We are truly **thankful** for your help in this vital ministry.



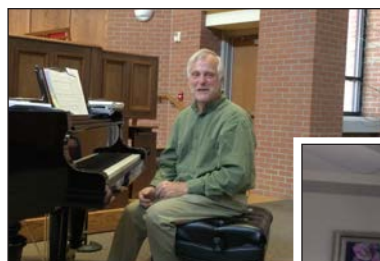
Installing New Software



Installing New Projectors

THANK YOU! It is because of your generosity that our goal was accomplished. We hope you saw a dramatic difference in your online and televised worship experience. Many of you have commented on the improvements. Facebook and YouTube have also been used to post weekly devotions. It might not have been the same as gathering in person, but it continues to be our way to connect with you.

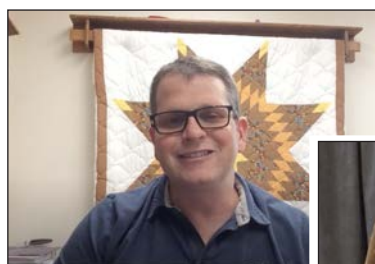
Thank You



Al Spreizer's Monday Devotion



Deacon Tom's Tuesday Devotion



Pastor David's Wednesday Devotion



Puppet's Thursday Devotion



Pastor Becky's Friday Devotion





Expand the Possibilities

Let's Finish What We Started...

Technology for 2021

This year let us “Expand the Possibilities” as we continue our focus on technology. Technology is an important tool that connects all of us during an unsettled time. We made the commitment to continue televised worship services because we care about our congregation and community who do not have the option of being together in person or do not have computer access.

Countless stories have been shared about how televised worship has reached people from our congregation and people from other ELCA congregations who are thankful for a Lutheran worship option.

“ My husband and I watch the Sunday service here in our apartment on KELO and we really appreciate seeing it. Keep up the good Lord's work! ”

Each televised worship service costs \$300 a week. With additional labor for taping and editing, this new way to worship together will cost **\$25,000** for the year and is a great investment to “Expand the Possibilities.”

This year we upgraded our cameras and projectors in order to drastically improve the visual quality of our worship services. The next step in the project is an audio upgrade. An additional **\$5000** would allow us to replace twenty-year-old microphones in order to eliminate the current squeals and static and an updated keyboard would complete the project.

It is important for Calvary's staff to have the needed tools to provide ministry programs and outreach for you and your family. Many of our staff have outdated, ineffective computers. An additional **\$10,000** will allow for upgrades and replacement computers for the staff in providing quality ministry programs and outreach for the congregation.



Member Watching Worship on Television



20-Year-Old Microphones



Older Keyboard for Wednesday Worship



Audio Upgrade for Enhanced Musical Enjoyment

OUTREACH

2020 Recap



Reach for the Possibilities

Intentional relationships with small groups and increased middle school youth support was another 2020 stewardship initiative. During the pandemic, that took on a different, more creative route.

- We attempted to call and/or text everyone from our congregational address list. There are so many stories of connections made because of the opportunity to intentionally connect with one another in this way. **Thank you** for those of you who helped with the phone calls.
- We celebrated Palm Sunday by waving palms.
- We helped our graduates celebrate in the parking lot.
- We created and made pentecost bags and VBS bags available for in-the home use.
- We found a way to support and celebrate Holy Communion in our homes.

And we are **thankful** that even in the midst of the pandemic, we were still able to look beyond our own congregation to see the needs of others. Because of your generosity, we coordinated with local non-profits on what the community needed. Calvary members (Beth Massa, Jessica Gromer and Liz Hamburg), were instrumental in the reaching out to those in need.

Through these efforts, our staff member, Karla Mitzel, began making meals directly for Meals on Wheels. She even moved part of the operation to Calvary's kitchen where a small crew of Calvary volunteers put together 2,500-3,000 meals to keep the senior citizens in our community fed. Karla also continued to provide meals for WAVI (Working Against Violence Inc.), a refuge for many desperate women and children.

Pastor David helped with Woyatan Lutheran's effort to feed people at Memorial Park.

Calvary Lutheran Church also helped the Hope Center and other organizations continue their ministries in our community. God was truly calling us to help the community.

Again, we are truly **thankful** for your generosity and for the ministry we continue to do together. Even in the pandemic, we were able to be the church because of you.

Reach up, reach in, reach out!

Thank You



VBS/Day Camp
Bags for
In-Home Use



Waving Palms
on Sheridan
Lake Road



High School
Graduation Milestone



Meals on Wheels
Outreach



Meals for
Senior Citizens



Woyatan in Memorial Park



Expand the Possibilities

Let's Finish What We Started...

Outreach for 2021

God is calling us to “Expand the Possibilities” in 2021 even through the Covid-19 crisis. Our community and partner organizations need our **joyful generosity**.

Our anchor church partner, Woyatan Lutheran, fills a community need by delivering food to people in the community. They were also asked to provide spiritual care to people in the Covid-19 shelter at the Civic Center. Woyatan is truly a beacon of hope to people who need help. Their long-term goal is to use the new building on their property as an American Indian Center, an idea that has been discussed in Rapid City for over 40 years. The American Indian Center would host cultural programs, help people with personal finances, provide youth diversion programs, and be a place to hold traditional ceremonies. These are just a few of the programs this center would provide. We have the opportunity to partner with Thrivent and others in the community to help complete the building to make this goal a reality. We are asking for your help to raise \$10,000 in 2021 for this worthy cause.

We will continue to support the many worthy organizations in our area so that we are the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. What will it look like to “Expand the Possibilities” through our **joyful generosity** with our community partners?

	2020 spending plan	2021 increase	2021 spending plan
American Indian Center at Woyatan		\$10,000	\$10,000
Other community partners	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$60,000



American Indian Center at Woyatan



Strengthening Individuals,
Families & Communities



MEALS on WHEELS
WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA
TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.



And other agencies that may need our help.