

# Sanctuary Technology Upgrades for St. Peter

For most of the last year, a Church Council sub-committee has been exploring upgrades to the technology in our church's sanctuary. After researching options, visiting other churches, and working with three audiovisual vendors to get suggestions and quotes, the committee proposes the following:

- Two 85" TV screens, one on each side of the sanctuary. After considering many options, this two-screen approach is the best fit for the architecture of our church and to maintain the beauty of the altar and pulpit.



- One 65" TV screen facing the pulpit. This allows worship leaders to see what the congregation is seeing.

- Two small cameras (the size of a softball) installed so services can be recorded and livestreamed. One camera will likely be located in the balcony and the other high on a wall or ceiling about the middle of the sanctuary. They can point and zoom to cover the entire service.



- Adding a desk in the balcony for a computer and controls to run the media, as well as the relocated sound board.
- Electrical upgrades to facilitate increased power needs for technology.

## The BIG questions are...

### “Why do we need technology upgrades in the sanctuary?”

- Screens will enhance worship by allowing visuals to be incorporated into services. Visuals could include videos, photographs, song lyrics, sermon illustrations, slideshows, liturgy, prayers, etc. These visuals will make services more engaging and cater to different learning styles.
- Screens will make the service easier to follow and participate in, especially for newcomers to our Lutheran worship traditions. No need to shuffle back and forth between the bulletin and hymnal. Song and hymn lyrics, liturgy, prayers, Psalms, scripture, and order of service will all be displayed on the screens, in addition to in the bulletin and hymnals.
- Cameras will allow the weekly service to be livestreamed. Members, friends, and relatives can experience the whole service from home if they are unable to attend in person.
- Weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. can be livestreamed and recorded for family and friends who are unable to attend due to health reasons or distance. This will be an ideal time to add a photo slideshow or video to enhance the service.
- Children's programs, the Christmas Cantata, concerts, special music, guest speakers, children's sermons, etc. will be enhanced with the ability to zoom in and view on the screens.

### How much will it cost and how will we pay for it?

- After comparing bids from three recommended vendors who specialize in installing church systems like this, the committee is requesting for the congregation to approve spending up to \$35,000 for this project. While there are both more expensive and cheaper options available, this cost should cover quality technology from reputable vendors that will meet our needs.
- Of that \$35,000, we recommend half be taken from our existing undesignated memorial funds, and that congregation members be asked to raise the other half in donations.