

# ***“And Down the Stretch We Come with the HTLC AV Project Gaining on the Outside!!!”***

That is correct, everyone. The long-awaited Holy Trinity Audio-Visual upgrade is in the home stretch and we need your help to make sure it gets into the winners circle of the Catch the Excitement 2.0 Derby. Thankfully for all of us, a generous contribution has already been received to help give us the boost that we need to get across the finish line. A gift has been agreed upon that will match \$20,000 in donations with an additional \$20,000 that would get us to the needed amount of \$40,000! This is exciting considering how long we have all been waiting for this project to be completed.

Before we continue, it is important to remind you that gifts to the AV project are in addition to your regular contributions to HTLC. Your council has been working to support the AV upgrades while acknowledging the current financial stresses on our budget. They are real and you will also be receiving communication about that before the end of the year. However, we all know that progress and reality rarely work on the same schedule or in synch. The completion of this project is progress that will be celebrated by this community, but at the same time we have to acknowledge the reality that we live in.

Since we are asking all of you to balance this “progress and reality” at the same time, we want to work with you to make sure these goals are achieved. Donations toward the AV project can of course be made as a onetime gift, but we are also accepting pledges to provide flexibility. Perhaps you would like to contribute \$2,000 towards the project (which remember is actually \$4,000 because of the match) but you need to spread it out a bit. We could agree upon a schedule of \$250 quarterly for 2 years or \$500 every 6 months (frequency and amount can vary of course, but we ask that it be completed within 2 years). A schedule for a pledge should be discussed individually with Pastor Tim or Erik Holland as Council Financial Secretary.

The HTLC AV project is no longer a longshot. It is a winner!

## Highlights of what has been included or is scheduled to be included in the HTLC AV upgrade & Catch the Excitement 2.0!

1. Improved audio sound and video capability in the sanctuary.
2. Technology that allows live streaming of services for people joining worship via the internet.
3. Capability to archive choir performances, services, and other celebrations at HTLC.
4. Live video and audio feed into the nursery.
5. Soundboard will be able to recall/save audio settings for consistent sound levels.
6. State of the art IT capabilities so Pastor Tim can easily incorporate video, images, and other material into his message.

**Erik Holland**