

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Matthew 18:20

The church has downsized. It is only a temporary thing but we have downsized our church. The building is still the same size but our gathering together has become a lot smaller, but we are still the church just in smaller settings.

The other day, while I was talking to one of our members, I realized the church is still very much alive. We talked about not being able to get together and how that has changed our weekly patterns. We talked about the ups and mostly the downs of isolation and social distancing. A congregation is a very communal group of people. We not only gather to hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, we also come together because we enjoy the company of others. But this doesn't stop us from being the church.

To be the church is to share, support, encourage, and give of ourselves to help each other throughout life. To be the church is to pray for each other. To be the church is to be the body of Christ wherever that might be. For many of

us that is at one end of a phone call, or Face Time, or Zoom. When deprived of our normal interactions with others in life it is amazing how important interactions that we do have become.

Communication of any kind can lift one's spirit and it doesn't take very much. While talking on the phone we know that we are not alone. We may not even be aware of it, but to be acknowledged is a great spirit builder.

What we do to interact with each other is so important. It may not seem like much but when one is separated from others interaction becomes a

beautiful thing. To let someone, know that they are important to you, feeds their soul. To let others know that they are important to you, feeds your soul. When we do this, the Lord is among us.

Pastor Jeff



When Will We Reopen?

Our churches will be meeting this coming week to discuss reopening. We will not only consider a possible date but also how we will gather. At this stage, if we do gather, we will all be required to wear masks, separate ourselves in church, there will be no Holy Communion, bulletins, hymnals or hymn singing. As I understand it, the coronavirus is passed on mainly by breathing it and singing is an easy way to spread it. Also, we

will suggest that those who are not healthy, and older people please stay home. Even with these restrictions there is no guarantee that we will be truly safe. Our primary concern in gathering again is your health and trying to reduce the chance of infection.



In the meantime, stay at home if you can. If you have to go out, avoid crowds as much as you can and take precautions. Wear a mask and wash your hands.

Wanted: FM Transmitter

If you have a FM Transmitter or know anything about them, please contact Pastor Jeff. We might be able to use one for Drive-In Church.