

November 24, 2020

Friends in Christ---

“...let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)

We’ve been gathering together for in-person worship since September 13th. This is working well enough for us; yet, as is obvious, things are not as they once were, nor will they be so again, until we’ve a viable Covid-19 vaccine. Still, as we have been doing already since September 13th, “let us work for the good of all...especially the family of faith.”

Let’s remain responsible (and reliable) to sanitize and clean areas before and after use. Let us exercise self-discipline and not come to the building unless we absolutely must or unless we’ve arranged otherwise with the Church Council. We must continue to do the good work of social distancing, the good work of doing extra prep before events and the good work of taking extra care to clean and sanitize after events. This reality still applies to 100% of us.

We may feel weary in doing these things, yet, as St. Paul urged the Church at Galatia, I urge you, “let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.” That harvest, Lord willing, will be to emerge from the pandemic with none of us having died from the pandemic, and none of us having shared the bug with others. Would that not be the most blessed of harvests?

As we wait to emerge, on Sundays, 10am in-person call-ahead services will be live streamed, 11am-11:30am drive-thru communion will remain available, and youtube abbreviated worship offerings will be provided.

Beloved, in all these things, we’ve plenty of opportunities for doing good. Please allow me to lift up one vital work opportunity: people to assist with sanitizing before and after worship & events, set-up/tear-down, check-in, taking call ahead seating for Sundays, etc. The team that does this faithful work has been doing it now for 4 solid months without a break. Might this be your opportunity to feel needed, to help out, to make a difference, and, in a very simple way, to support the “family of faith?” Reach out to Erik/Marjorie Maenpaa to assist. (321.327.8400)

Stay well in this holiday season. Make wise choices. Pray that a vaccine comes soon.

God bless and keep you,

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