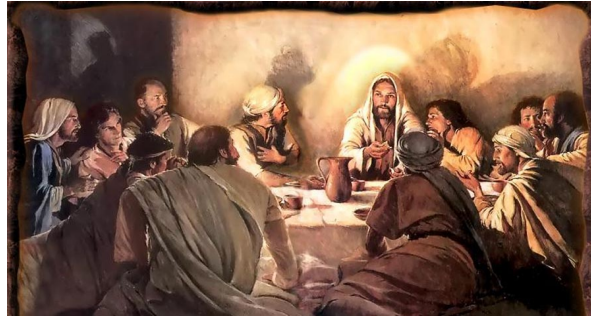




Lewiston Church of Christ

April 12, 2020



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

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Communion and COVID-19

Our church takes the Lord’s Supper seriously. There is nothing we do together that is more serious than the Lord’s Supper. Listen to Paul:

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” (1 Corinthians 11:26).

That’s serious. So is the next verse:

“Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 11:27).

God intended the Lord’s Supper for our gathered assemblies. It signifies more than your own personal communion with God, it also unites us with each other in common fellowship. Paul’s phrase, “unworthy manner,” refers to some members being impatient, selfish, and unconcerned with the rest of the body. Their selfishness caused some to be left out of the common meal. That was divisive.

Of course, each partaking member must examine himself or herself, so it is personal. But it is also communal. Just as Christian salvation is more than just an individual spiritual feeling, so is the Lord’s Supper. We physically participate in the supper together to remember Jesus’ physical death and the eternal spiritual significance of that death—namely our forgiveness and our unity in Christ. His forgiveness creates our fellowship and the Lord’s Supper celebrates this. Our spiritual union with Christ is not separated from our earthly fellowship as a church family.

So, using a small private gathering (as was done in Corinth) as an excuse to willfully or selfishly neglect the larger assembly is divisive and wrong. However, due to the temporary shutdown caused by the coronavirus, we call on each other to commune in smaller groups as is fitting, but NOT as a pretext for neglecting the body of Christ. As you commune in your homes, remember and understand what Jesus did, not only for you but for all of us who belong together as the family of God. There is no rejection or neglect of others in that.

Joel Solliday