



HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

I'M EXCITED! As we celebrate our 2-year Anniversary I am humbled by what we have created together. It is amazing how we have already grown in our love for Christ and each other. I am thankful for all who, determined to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, provide leadership and ministry in our Church. I am encouraged by the way we have stepped out to minister to those inside and outside of our church as true disciples of Jesus – our very reason for existing as Holy Communion Church.

I see the fruits of the Spirit every day at Mass and in the Sacraments (children and adults) in how we minister to the sick and the lonely among us. I see how small groups formed during Lent shared deeply Christ's Passion, and I marvel as we grow in our love of Christ through our Bible Study Groups.

I have watched as our discipleship has begun spilling out into the community:

Bethlehem Inn - over 770 people fed.

Shepherds House & COVO Veterans Outreach - gifts of food and clothing.

Grandma's House & Bend High -Young mothers receive love and support – diapers-clothing.

Relay for Life - cancer patients receive hope through our participation and donations.

AND NOW my excitement builds as I see another opportunity that has opened up to us in the form of a place of worship and ministry of our very own. An option is available for us to lease a space at "Scandia Plaza" on Third Street which would be big enough to house our worship space, offices and hall. Most importantly it would be ours 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

It would provide a place for all of our programs and new ones as well. It would give us the opportunity to open our doors for more services, more people, and even to help others in service to the community such as the "Giving Plate," who would be our next door neighbor and they already distribute food to the needy. There is no end to how our service in God's work could grow.

There is no doubt that this move would require more energy and service on my part and I am so anxious to do this! However, it will also require a greater commitment on your part as well – a greater sharing of your time, talent and treasure. It will take a financial commitment on the part of the whole community that we must all agree to share if we are to go forward with this move.

I hope and pray you will take this leap of faith, as you have done before. If this is another step the Holy Spirit is leading Holy Communion Church to take, and I sincerely believe it is, I am confident it will happen!

God bless, Father Jim