

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

We had a very productive Vestry Meeting Monday night but here's the gist:

Janice Baucom from the Lake City Medical Center came by to give us an update on Covid & the Delta Variant. Basically, she scared me.

While we here at St. Luke's seem to be pretty healthy and most of us that wanted to be vaccinated have taken that step --- Less than 1/3 of Suwannee County has been vaccinated. We come in contact with those people six days out of the week.

In order to protect our physical and mental health we are forced to take a couple of steps back in order to protect ourselves and fellow congregants.

- * First off, if you haven't received a vaccination - Please Do So. Please!
- * If it makes you feel more comfortable, please continue to wear your mask.
- * We are going to go back to a form of social distancing by skipping every other pew.
- * We will have to halt coffee hour until we can get a grip on this new and deadly variant that is hitting North Florida especially hard.
- * The DOK and Men's Group can continue to meet but we will have to ask that you not share any food.
- * We will continue taking Communion with our Priest and Deacons taking every precaution to keep us safe and still protecting the sanctity of the Rite of Communion.

Only 4-5 people at a time at the altar rail

You may take Communion one of three ways:

Wafer only

Tincture

Wafer and Wine

If you do not feel comfortable with either of these, the officiant can come to you.

As Senior Warden, I do not like having to take these measures, but this new variant is killing our fellow citizens and filling up our hospitals at an alarming rate. Please continue to pray for our nurses and teachers who are amongst the general population. And please pray for the health of our members and Church at Large. I remain

Sincerely,

Brantly Helvenston, Sr. Warden.