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## The Body of Christ in Real Time

*“In Christ we who are many form one body” Romans 12:5*

It happened. One of every pastor's top nightmares. Waking up on Sunday morning with no voice. I mean NO voice. First, God and I had a “Guide me, Lord, now” conversation. Then, typing everything out, with hope and continued prayer, I went to folk before each service seeing if they were willing do a part for the service. In a spirit of kindness and reaching out, men and women of our congregation provided what was needed. Some hadn't done a part in a service before. All only had minutes to look over what was asked of them.

This wasn't just an average service either. Folk were asked to lead in communion and in the honoring of the saints ceremony which had special guests in attendance. They were asked to read various parts of the prepared message. The announcements, the liturgy, the prayer time, the Scripture, the benediction -- all of it!

Following the service, I heard comments like-- “It was such a meaningful service” and “I can't believe it came together so well”. For me it was a deeply spiritual example of the body of Christ in real time.

Thank you to these living saints who came together out of our body to assist in my time of need: Fred Bloemendaal, Pem & Jo Ann Dunn, Brad & Marleen Eggers, Bob & Ann Gerteis, Bill Graf, Karen Hines, Lorna Idol, Dave Loomis, Jim Madden, Karen Morales, Sarah Sailor, Terry Vogt, and Katie Zapotoczny. It was a Sunday which will go down in the books!

In Christ's grace,

*Pastor Deb*