

WORKING TOGETHER

Leo Tolstoy, well-known Russian author, once wrote the following: *The two most powerful warriors are patience and time.* This quote has taken on greater meaning for me in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis which has led to social-distancing and self-quarantining. This situation has brought forth a wide range of emotions and responses. While some have found the time to be like a sabbatical; others have found this season to be the most draining period of ministry they have ever experienced. As each state varies in its approach to reopening there are some pastors who are chomping at the bit to “get back to normal” while others are weighing their options carefully and looking at a “new normal.”

As the nation began to shut down in March, I sensed that this was the right time to launch the church plant in the digital realm. My close friend and partner in ministry, Lewis Knudsen, and I set out to structure a very simple Sunday service that would go live on Facebook. Since the end of March we've been able to hold a service at 9:30am on Sunday morning every week while meeting in Lewis' studio. (If you'd like to view past services, following this link to YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL5H31qlZzHVleXzZpHXq-Q>)

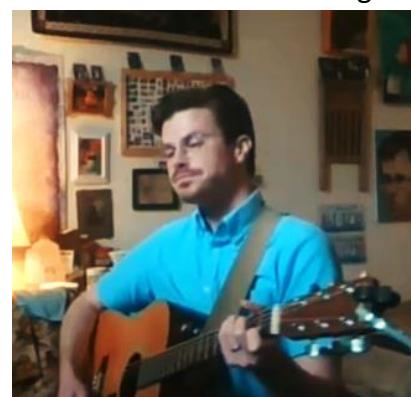


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Lewis and I have been serving in ministry together for over 15 years. We have organized and executed countless church services and retreats together. Lewis leading worship and myself teaching the Bible. It is a rare gift when two friends, who are brothers in Christ, work in tandem so well ministering to others for the glory of God.

Thus far the reception to the online services have been extremely positive and Lord willing will help us establish a

church in a physical location with greater speed than we had anticipated. There are a growing number of people who are eager to join us in this mission of reaching the Quad Cities for Christ. Our greatest joy thus far has been reaching those that would have most likely never step foot into a physical church, but were reachable through the digital experience.



Lewis Knudsen

Snapshot Bio of Lewis Knudsen

- Originally from Hibbing, MN (Hometown to Bob Dylan).
- His dad worked for Moody Radio in Chicago (WMBI) and the Quad Cities (WDLM)
- Started playing the piano and guitar as an adolescent
- Majored in Historical Theology at Moody Bible Institute (Class of '06)
- Taught English in South Korea for two years
- Married his wife Alexey in 2015
- Full time musician for two years

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