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Notes on Zooming a Funeral

There are several ways to do things.

1. True streaming. I don't know how to do that .

2. Zoom. This is easy. You set up a zoom account or use mine. They are free, though free ones usually only give you 40 minutes. You then have to end the meeting and restart it, which isn't bad except unsophisticated people then get all confused. My account is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4850284384?pwd=1i9MBgKH1r8>

I think it needs a password, though, which I'll have to find.

I'm teaching 7th grade math this fall, and the headmaster just phoned about setting up zoom, and he says that there is something called jitsi.org which is similar but has no time limit. I'll check that out.

The way Zoom works is that you turn it on, get a webcam pointed in the right direction, make sure the sound is working too (which is harder) and give out the address to people so they can tune in.

Zoom can also record at the same time-- just press a button. Then, when the meeting is done, you press another button to convert the recording to an \*.mp4 file on your computer.

3. Recording with a phone. Also easy: just take a video, but worry about sound quality and test that out first. This will result in a giant file on your phone.

4. Once you have the video file, whether by zoom or by telephone, you send it to me as an email attachment. I will then load it up onto the web, where I have the rasmusen.org site, at which I can park any kind of files, tex, audio, photo, text. Actually, if there is a setup with old photos of your father for people to look at in the reception line, I can post still photos of that, too.

Then, if someone wants to watch the video, they go with their browser to the web address I tell you, and the computer will ask them if they want to download the file, and they'll do that. Then they can click on the file on their computer and it will start playing for them.