



"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Table Talk

May 2018

Something to Chew On:

The Rejected Cornerstone

Peter said, "This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'" Acts 4:11

When I went to seminary I got a minifridge for my dorm room. A few years later I moved into an apartment with a full refrigerator. I gave the minifridge away believing I would no longer need it. Then I moved into my first office. Suddenly I realized that my minifridge could have held my packed lunches or cooled bottles of water for visitors. I judged my minifridge to be worthless to me, and I passed it on to someone who could use it. It was only in retrospect that I realized it's true value.

Too often we fail to see the value in that which is sitting before our eyes. We take loved ones for granted. We fault people for what they cannot do rather than appreciating what they can do. We turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to our neighbors whose bondage serves our chosen lifestyle. We exploit creation for our own personal gain never considering the long-term impact our actions will have. Only in retrospect do we realize the true value of these things.

Peter compared Jesus to a stone which the builders of this world judged to be worthless and threw away. They could not see the value of this wandering preacher and the kingdom he proclaimed. So, they crucified him. Yet this stone was chosen by God to become the cornerstone of a new creation. Like a house with many dwelling places this new creation would be a community of blessing where life grows and thrives. God's promise of salvation forms the foundation. We enter through the gate of faith, and we stand on the floor of righteousness. The walls are built with justice, and the sheltering roof is mercy. In the midst of this house the wells of salvation bubble up with eternal life giving joy to all who dwell within. Here we will live as a new creation in the house of the Lord with God at the center and our neighbors by our side. Christ is the first stone laid for the foundation. Everything else rises from him.

The promise of resurrection is not an idle promise. It is the promise of God who laid the foundations of this world and who lays the foundations of the world to come. It's the promise that the wrongs of this world will be righted. It's the promise that death is not God's final judgement on our lives. It's the promise that we are not destined to be cut off from God who is the source of life. It's the promise that nothing and no one will overthrow God's will for us or for all creation.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 05/15

Council Meeting

6:30pm Choir Room

Sunday, 05/20

Birthday Sunday

10:30am Sanctuary

Church Directory Photos

11:30am Sanctuary

Youth Club

4:00pm Laser Quest, Norridge

5:30pm Youth's

Parents/Guardians Invited

Wednesday, 05/23

Garden Dedication

4:00pm Garden

Friday, 05/25

Sack Lunch Ministry

9:45am Fellowship Hall



GARDEN DEDICATION

Garden

Wednesday, May 23rd at 4:00pm

Please join us for the Garden Dedication. Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments and snacks, please contact the church office if you are able to help. Follow us on Instagram where we will be keeping a journal of the garden's progress-More details to come.



THANK YOU FRAN

Sanctuary

Sunday, May 20th at 10:30am

Fran Roehm notified St. Timothy's that she will be stepping back from her role on staff. Fran has served St. Timothy's Lutheran Church for two years as both secretary and communications director. She has walked with us through pastoral transition, she has faithfully overseen the administrative work in the office, she has opened new pathways of communication in our community, and she has actively promoted our mission raising our level of visibility in the Chicago area.

We are grateful for all Fran has done for us. She will be visiting us on Sunday, May 20th to say goodbye. Please join us to say thank you and bless her for all she has done.

YOUTH CLUB

Laser Quest, Norridge

Sunday, May 20th at 4:00pm

Join your friends for the last Youth Club meeting before the summer. Play laser tag with your friends at Laser Quest- 4167 N. Harlem Ave, Norridge, IL. 60706. Parents/guardians are invited to join us at St. Timothy's for dinner at 5:30pm to reflect on this year and help plan next year.

STORY TIME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays after Worship

Everyone who loves to make music will love this portion of the service! Children will learn important Bible stories through classic Sunday school songs like, "Jesus loves me," "Rise and shine," and, "Deep and wide." We will sing one or two favorite songs in worship at the end!

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

Meet in Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 25th at 9:45am

Let Janice Skillen know if you can help make and take lunch to our friends in need. St. Tim's volunteers provided 52 people with food assistance and distributed 80 lunches in April!

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Sanctuary

Sunday, May 20th at 11:30am

St. Timothy's is putting together a new photo directory! If you are unable to attend, please contact the church office to set up a day to reschedule or share an old picture for us to include in the directory.