



St Timothy's
Lutheran
Church

"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Table Talk

Summer 2018

Something to Chew On:

Waiting in Hope

"For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?" Romans 8:24

When I first arrived at St. Timothy's I organized an interfaith service of lament and healing after a summer of gun violence. Afterwards a man approached me and asked the question, "What now?" I asked him to say more. He responded, "Services like this are very nice, but what do we do now?" I must admit I did not know how to answer him.

In his letter to the Romans Paul states, "In hope we were saved." This tells me two things. First, the work of salvation is complete. We were saved apart from anything we did. Second, the full impact of our salvation has not yet been realized. We were saved *in hope*, not in what we could see but in what we could not see.

If I were to summarize the gospel in a word I would call it a promise. The gospel is God's promise that sin's power over us will be broken at the end of time. Like skipping to the end of a book Jesus' resurrection and ascension reveal God's final victory. Although sin remains a very real, very dangerous force in the world we share our Lord's victory in the here and now through faith in God's promise.

While we wait for the fulfillment of God's promise we anticipate our freedom from sin through the way we live now. Salvation has implications for ethics, relationships, business practices, government, and even gun violence on the streets our neighborhoods. The witness of scripture opens our eyes to what salvation means in our lives, not as rules but as possibilities. Our actions bear witness to the kingdom we hope for. They are echoes of God's future in our present. They express our hope and confidence in Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension in a tangible way. They say that this promise is worth organizing our lives around.

Looking back on my conversation I still do not know how to answer the man's question. I believe gun violence is part of a much deeper problem related to poverty, gender expectations, educational opportunity, and belonging to name a few. However, if God's promise in Jesus is truly good news to humanity how can we ignore its implications for our lives and communities? We know where the world is going. We have seen God's final victory. Let us live publicly as witnesses to the hope that we have in Christ.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 06/10

St. Tim's Coffeehouse

Acknowledgement

10:30am Worship

Skokie Northshore Channel Park

Clean Up

1:30pm Meet in the parking lot by
dammich rowing center on
oakton

Sunday, 06/17, 07/15, 08/19

Birthday Sunday

10:30am Sanctuary

Tuesday, 06/19, 07/17, 08/21

6:30pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, 06/22, 07/27, 08/24

Sack Lunch Ministry

9:45am

Wednesday, 07/04

Downtown Skokie Parade

12:00pm

CHANNEL PARK CLEAN-UP

Channel Park

Sunday, June 10, 1:30 pm

Last fall St. Timothy's adopted a section of North Shore Channel Park to care for creation. Join us as we heal the wounds inflicted on the land between Oakton and Howard streets. Clean up will begin in the parking lot by the Dammrich Rowing Center on Oakton St. Eat lunch before coming.

THE HEALTHY GARDEN

Follow *thehealthygarden9000* on Instagram all summer and fall! Regular updates will be posted of growth and food distribution. All picking is being tracked.

SKOKIE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

Downtown Skokie

Wednesday, July 4th, 12:00pm

Help us get the word out about who we are and what we are doing! Planning has not yet begun. We have places reserved for two cars. Contact Pr. Daniel if you can participate.

NICOLE'S OFFICE HOURS

Nicole will be in the main office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm this summer unless otherwise noted in the Sunday bulletins.

SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

Meet in Fellowship Hall

Sack lunch will continue through the summer on the fourth Friday of every month. Between January and May 2018 our team distributed 418 lunches and provided food assistance to 267 guests.

METRO-CHICAGO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Tinley Park Convention Center

Friday, June 8 – Saturday, June 9

Pr. Daniel, Nancy Crivello, and Janice Skillen will represent St. Timothy's at the synod assembly. This year's theme is A New Heaven & A New Earth.

We will leave from the Morris' home at 7:00am Friday morning, and return by 8:00pm that evening.

On Saturday, we will leave from the Morris' home at 7:15am and return by 1:00pm.

For more information about the assembly, see <http://www.mcselca.org/assembly/>

ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

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St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 10, 10:30 am

Celebrate the work of Sandy, Darren, Paul, and all our coffeehouse volunteers as we give thanks for them in worship.