



St Timothy's  
Lutheran  
Church

"Sharing the Bread of Life"

# Table Talk

## April 2018

### Something to Chew On:

#### The Broken Made Whole

From the very first moment I set my foot on campus at Wartburg Theological Seminary I knew something was different. People were friendly and welcoming, living with a genuine love and joy that was contagious. It was a radically different place from the dry, competitive world of college I had just graduated from. It was a community alive with the joy and the love of God! It was a community in which the Gospel was preached and taught with clarity. It was a community where the faith was embodied both in the singing of the assembly at worship and on the streets of the world during J-term trips.

I remember my time at Wartburg fondly, and it's an amazing trick of time that causes the trials I endured to fade from my memory. I don't think about the isolation I felt in my dorm room after breaking my ankle during the first week of class. I don't think about the intense challenges to my faith that jaded me and nearly drove me to embrace atheism. I don't think about the stressful workload and the, at times, annoyingly close proximity in which we lived.

I imagine the disciples must have gone through something similar after Jesus was raised from the dead. The healings, the life-giving teachings, and the miraculous feedings must have been easy to remember while the sheer exhaustion of ministry, the vulnerability of the cross, and the fear on Easter morning must have been easy to forget. Even today, many of Jesus' followers prefer to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter while passing over his death on Good Friday. But salvation is not about remembering the good times and forgetting the bad. It's about all times, both the good and the bad, being held together in Christ.

Jesus takes what is broken and makes it whole again. That is the miracle of Easter. The things we would rather forget about our past, the experiences we would rather sweep under the rug, these are things we need in order to be whole human beings. At times my seminary experience was a little slice of heaven, and at times it thrust me into my own personal hell. Yet looking back on my time at Wartburg I see my own journey from death to new life that has blessed me richly in ministry and, I hope, has blessed the people I serve. May God take your brokenness as God took mine and make you whole through the life of the risen Christ in this Easter season!

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, 04/01

*Easter Sunday*

10:30am Sanctuary

#### Saturday, 04/14

*Joel Mabus @ St. Tim's*

*Coffeehouse*

7:00pm Sanctuary

#### Sunday, 04/15

*Birthday Sunday*

10:30am Sanctuary

*Youth Club*

6:30pm TBD

#### Tuesday, 04/17

*Council Meeting*

6:30pm Choir Room

#### Saturday, 04/21

*Family Fun Night*

6:30pm Fellowship Hall

#### Friday, 04/27

*Sack Lunch Ministry*

9:45am Fellowship Hall





## ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

Sanctuary

*Saturday, April 14, 7:00pm*

St. Tim's Coffeehouse in Skokie is proud to present nationally known folksinger, Joel Mabus, in concert on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30pm).

Singer-songwriter and instrumentalist Joel Mabus is a maverick in the folk music world. He defies easy pigeonholing. By turns, he picks a mountain banjo to accompany an ancient ballad, sings a witty song about modern life, plays a sweet Irish melody on guitar, swings a hot jazz number, and then reaches deep for a soulful expression of values in a troubled world. He tops it all with a fiddle tune or old Carter family song – all skillfully blended into a seamless flow. One fan said, "It's music from the heart that hits you right between the eyes."

He has performed in concert with such folk music stars as John Prine, Joan Baez, and Tom Paxton. "It's hard to imagine another artist on the folk scene who combines the same concise, deceptively understated, lyrical insight and sometimes devastating wit with such world-class instrumental prowess." CHRIS RIETZ – MUSICHOUND FOLK

Where: St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 9000 Kildare, Skokie. Contact the church at 847.676.1300 for more info.

Tickets are \$20.00 and available online before the concert at Brown Paper Tickets (<https://bit.ly/2pGLJfc>) or at the door on the night of the concert.

*Palm Sunday at St. Tim's! →*

## YOUTH CLUB

Youth Room

*Sunday, April 1*

Happy Easter! No Youth Club tonight.

*Sunday, April 15, 6:30pm*

TBD

## 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!

## BIRTHDAY SUNDAY

Sanctuary

*April 15, 10:30am*

Come celebrate the birth of your friends and family born in April!

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Fellowship Hall

*Saturday, April 21, 6:30pm*

Are you interested in hosting a family fun night? Contact the church office at (847) 676-1300 or [stlc.officestaff@gmail.com](mailto:stlc.officestaff@gmail.com).

## SACK LUNCH MINISTRY

Meet in Fellowship Hall

*Friday, April 27, 9:45am*

Let Janice Skillen know if you can help make and take lunch to our friends in need. St. Tim's volunteers provided 59 people with food assistance in March!

