

"Sharing the Bread of Life"

# Table Talk

## November 2018

### *Something to Chew On:*

#### November Calendar

- 01** Bibles and Beer, 6pm  
Choir, 7pm
- 04** All Saints Sunday, 10:30AM  
Healing Service, 4:30PM
- 08** Bibles and Beer, 6:00pm  
Choir, 7pm
- 10** St. Tim's Coffeehouse, 6:30PM
- 11** Worship/Commitment Sunday  
10:30AM  
Youth Club (6-8) Lunch  
11:45am
- 13** Council, 6:30PM
- 15** Bibles and Beer, 6pm  
Choir, 7pm
- 18** Worship/Birthday Sunday,  
10:30AM
- 22** Thanksgiving Day
- 23** Sack Lunch, 9:45AM
- 25** Worship, 10:30am  
Youth Club (9-12) Lunch  
11:45am
- 29** Bibles and Beer, 6PM  
Choir, 7PM

#### **For All The Saints**

All Saints Day is a day to give thanks for those who have encouraged us in faith through their lives and witness. This year I will be remembering a colleague and mentor who died this fall. Pastor Carlmark influenced the ministry of countless pastors over the years. The outpouring of stories at his funeral revealed the great impact he had. One story especially stood out to me, and I believe it is worth repeating here.

Pastor Carlmark had a longstanding custom of mentoring pastors over breakfast. One morning he was sitting down to breakfast with a colleague who had been nominated for the role of bishop. His colleague was greatly distressed and told Pastor Carlmark, "I don't even want to be the bishop." Pastor Carlmark looked at his colleague over the table and said in his infamous booming voice, "There is good reason to hope that you will not be elected bishop. But if you are, embrace the call God has placed upon you. We all suffer when one who is called rejects the call." A short time later his colleague was elected to the office of bishop and went on to serve several terms.

You have heard it said that a wise person knows when to say, "No," but Pastor Carlmark suggests that a wise person knows when to say, "Yes." We need only look wherever there is a volunteer shortage or a leadership vacuum to see that we have never had a problem saying, "No." We will also see that we have a habit of saying, "Yes," to the wrong things. We drink in life like water from a firehose causing us to be double-booked and overscheduled. We heroically embrace everything without listening for the work God is truly calling us to undertake. We need to learn how to listen for God's voice among all the demands on our time and requests for our attention. We need to carefully discern what work God is truly calling us to do and what work we need to lay aside. Saying, "No," is not a matter of faith unless we have first considered whether we should say, "Yes." As Pastor Carlmark said, "We all suffer when one who is called rejects the call."

As we give thanks for the saints who nurtured us in faith by their examples I invite you to reflect on the words spoken by Pastor Carlmark. You are called in baptism to proclaim the gospel and to build up community wherever you are. Listen carefully and prayerfully for God's voice. Know when to say, "Yes," and do not be afraid to embrace the call God lays upon you. It could be that God created you for this work.

## ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

### Sanctuary

*Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm*

The 3<sup>rd</sup> season of the St. Tim's Coffeehouse continues November 10<sup>th</sup> with Small Potatoes. Come and hear this band and their eclectic mix that includes country, blues, and Irish songs. Doors open at 6:30pm and the music starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door or can be purchased online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)



## HEALING SERVICES

### Sanctuary

*Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM*

Oil speaks. Be well, and live well. You are not your illness. You are a beloved child of God. You are not alone. You have friends in Christ. You are not beyond help. You are forgiven. You are not meant for death. You are meant for life.

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church will begin offering healing services on the first Sunday of each month at 4:30 p.m. This month's service is on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Receive the oil of blessing, and find what you need to live well.



## YOUTH CLUB SCHEDULE

### Youth Club (6-8) Lunch

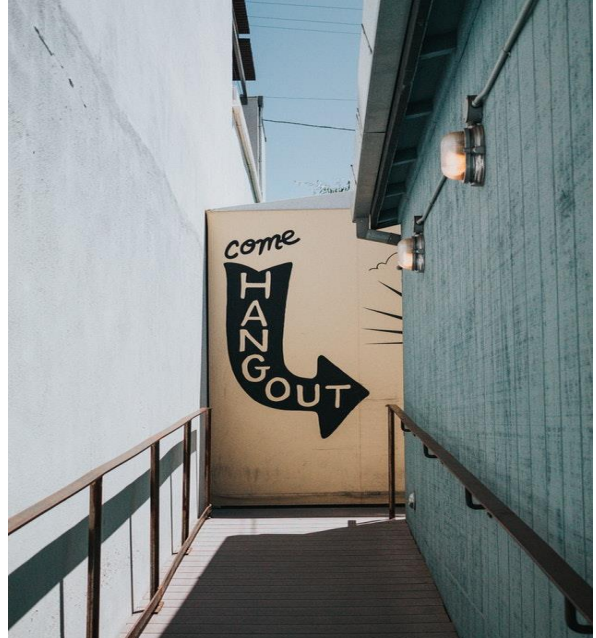
*Sunday, November 11 from 11:45AM – 1:30PM*

### Youth Club (9-12) Lunch

*Sunday, November 25 from 11:45 – 1:30PM*

Hang out with your friends in the youth room! Be sure to bring a bag lunch.

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## BIBLES AND BEER

### Fellowship Hall

*Thursdays in November from 6:00 – 7:00PM*

Martin Luther met with his students regularly in the local pub to talk about what the good news of Jesus Christ could mean for the world. In this same spirit, Bibles and Beer will be an informal gathering which explores what the Bible could mean in our time. As Martin Luther once said, "It is better to think of church in the alehouse than to think of the alehouse in church."

11/1 - Chs. 15-16

11/8 - Chs. 17-18

11/15 - Chs. 19-20

11/29 - Chs. 21-22

