



"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Table Talk

October 2019

Something to Chew On:

Upcoming Events

Thursday 10/3

10:00 AM Pet Blessing

Sunday 10/6

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Oktoberfest

Thursday 10/10

6:00pm Bibles and Beer

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday 10/12

7:00 PM St. Tim's Coffeehouse
with The Sapsuckers

Sunday 10/13

10:30 AM Worship

Tuesday 10/15

6:30 PM Church Council

Thursday 10/17

6:00 PM Bibles and Beer

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 10/20

10:30 AM Worship/Birthday
Sunday

11:30 AM Congregational Meeting

Tuesday 10/24

6:00 PM Bibles and Beer

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/25

9:45 AM Sack Lunch Ministry

Sunday 10/27

10:30 AM Worship

Thursday 10/31

6:00 PM Bibles and Beer

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

The Apostles' Creed – Second Article

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I took our cat to the emergency vet late one summer night. As I pulled into the parking lot, I saw a car covered in magnetic signs. Several Bible verses threatened me with eternal damnation for my wickedness. Others challenged me to reflect on whether I was saved or not. Apparently, I missed it when Nissan released their Holy Roller model. As if my cat's health problems weren't enough, the driver of this car was trying to scare me to Jesus.

Scare tactics have been a time-honored way to recruit people for Jesus. Since it's Reformation month, we might remember Johann Tetzel whose fantastic Judgement Day dramas terrorized German townspeople into purchasing indulgences. While the Reformers firmly believed that a correct understanding of Original Sin was necessary for understanding the gospel, they also proclaimed salvation as the domain of God alone.

One of the great discoveries, or rather, one of the great rediscoveries of the Reformation was that salvation is not the goal of our faith. Salvation is the beginning of our faith. This message is the good news the church has been sent to proclaim. Think of it like this. Some Christians believe the world is on death row waiting to be saved. Personal faith in Jesus is the key which unlocks the cell door releasing us from our fate. Lutherans believe that Jesus flung the door wide open and emptied death row without regard for our merit or personal faith. Personal faith in Jesus is our joyful response to this good news.

A life that believes in Jesus is a life that trusts Jesus. It's a life that acknowledges the truth of what God has done in Jesus for the sake of the world. It's a life that boldly struggles against the forces which threaten us and our neighbors with death. It's a life that joyfully shares what it has received. May we have such faith and such life in us this Reformation season.

ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

Sanctuary

Saturday, October 12th, 6:30pm

Our next concert of the season with The Sapsuckers is October 12th.

Come out and hear this wonderful folk and country band.

Doors open at 6:30pm and music starts at 7pm. Tickets will be \$20 and you can sign up for all six concerts and get 10% off.

For more information on this artist visit sapsuckersmusic.com



THE HEALTHY GARDEN

Garden

Our garden continues to harvest until the first frost. Vegetables grown are distributed through Interfaith Action of Evanston's sack lunch program and the Niles Township Food Pantry. You can find us on Instagram at [thehealthygarden9000](https://www.instagram.com/thehealthygarden9000). Follow us and see how bountiful our harvest is. So far, our garden has produced over 200 pounds of produce for the Niles Township Food Pantry. Want to get in on the fun? Our front garden on Grove has vegetables for the picking. Come by and get some fresh grown produce for yourself. Remember to leave the garden in our parking lot for the Niles Township Food Pantry.



SACK LUNCH FRIDAY

Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 25th, 9:45am

Join us as we serve our North Shore Community. Lunch packing begins at 9:45am and we go to the community house at First Congregational Church in Evanston at 11:00am. Come out and see the work God is doing in our own community.



Congregational Meeting

Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 20th, 11:30am

Join us Sunday, October 20th, at 11:30pm after worship for a meeting to approve the Annual Budget.

Bibles and Beer

St. Timothy's Basement

Thursdays 6-7pm

Bibles and Beer returns this fall with an eye to ancient Israel's history! Scandals, political intrigue, and amazing acts of faith fill the pages of First and Second Kings. As Martin Luther once said, "It is better to think of church in the alehouse than the alehouse in church!"

Non-alcoholic options provided. Donations appreciated but not required for participation.



Choir Rehearsal Thursdays

Sanctuary

Thursdays, 7pm

Choir rehearsals continue Thursdays at 7:00pm. This is a great opportunity to be involved in our weekly worship service. No experience required. Just a willingness to learn and sing.

Pet Blessing

Corner of Grove and Kildare

Thursday October 3rd, 10:00am

Join us for our annual Pet blessing at the corner of Grove and Kildare. All pets welcome from furry to scaled to living in water. Let us celebrate our pets together.