



St Timothy's
Lutheran
Church

"Sharing the Bread of Life"

Table Talk

September 2019

Something to Chew On:

Upcoming Events

Sunday 9/1

10:30 AM Worship & Blessing of
Labor

Monday 9/2

Office closed for Labor Day

Saturday 9/7

7:00 PM St. Tim's Coffeeshouse with
Howard Levy

Sunday 9/8

10:30 AM God's Work Our Hands
Sunday

11:30 AM Congregational Meeting

Tuesday 9/10

6:30 PM Budget Meeting

Sunday 9/15

10:30 AM Worship/Birthday
Sunday

11:30 AM ALT. Service Presentation

Tuesday 9/17

6:30 PM Church Council Meeting

Thursday 9/19

7:30 PM Choir Resumes

Sunday 9/22

10:30 AM Worship

11:30 AM Alt. Service Demo

Friday 9/27

9:45 AM Sack Lunch Friday

Sunday 9/29

10:30 AM Worship

The Apostles' Creed – First Article

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

In a time of fake news and alternative facts the words, "I believe," often sound like a stubborn doctrinal spin. Belief becomes a matter of persuasion, an all-to-often divisive opinion about things no one can prove. To the pragmatic listener, the words "I believe in God" sound as silly as the words "I believe in unicorns". To the rest of us, they sound suspiciously like a test for orthodoxy.

The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe". Credo is the Latin translation of the Greek word πιστεύω (pisteuo) which means "to put trust in" someone or something who is worthy of trust. Believing in God is not about being persuaded of God's existence or fitting God into a tidy doctrinal box. To believe in God means nothing less than to completely trust God and to consider God worthy of sacred trust.

Who and what we trust in life matters. For example, I may trust money for security. I may trust my own strength for safety. I may trust diet and exercise to give me a long, full life. I may trust hard work to bring me success. Sooner or later we find out that many of the things we put our trust in were not worthy of our trust. They are perishable like us, existing in a fallen state that is subject to instincts of self-interest and self-preservation. Only God is worthy of our trust. But what kind of God do we have?

The ancients knew God as the Father almighty, the origin and caretaker of all that is. God does not simply set the world in motion like a machine then go to sleep. God is and continues to be intimately involved in the care of all creation. Through the first article of the Apostles' Creed we cling in love to God like a child hanging on a parent. This trust is our anchor no matter what we face. When we are without, when we are sick and suffering, when we are confronted with the limits of our own existence this one little declaration of trust reminds us that our lives are in God's loving hands. This gives us courage to face whatever challenges come our way. God is God in all things, and God gives good gifts to you as loving parents give good gifts to their children.

For more on the first article of the Apostles' Creed see By Heart: Conversations with Martin Luther's Small Catechism by R. Guy Erwin et al.

ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

Sanctuary

Saturday, September 7th, 6:30pm

Our first concert of the season with Howard Levy is September 7th. Come out and hear this harmonica virtuoso.

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 levyland.com



THE HEALTHY GARDEN

Garden

Our garden enters the harvest season. 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, September 27th, 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.



Bibles and Beer

St. Timothy's Basement

Thursdays 6-7pm

beginning 9/19

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 starting 9/19

Choir rehearsals begin on September 19th 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.