



Epistle

October 2017

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 10/01

Youth Club

9:00am Youth Room

Pet Blessing & Prayer for the Healing of Creation

10:30am Garden

Saturday, 10/07

Spuyten Duyvil in Concert

@ St. Tim's Coffeehouse

7:30pm Sanctuary

Sunday, 10/15

Birthday Sunday

10:30am Sanctuary

CROP Walk & Youth Club

1:30pm First Congregational Church (Evanston)

Tuesday, 10/17

Church Council

7:00pm Choir Room

Saturday, 10/21

Family Fun Night

6:00pm Fellowship Hall

Friday, 10/27

Sack Lunch Ministry

9:45am Fellowship Hall

Saturday, 10/28

Reformation Concert

4:00pm Sanctuary

Sunday, 10/29

Reformation 500

10:30am Sanctuary

Trunk or Treat

12:00pm Parking Lot

Pastor Daniel's Meditation:

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL

"For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Rm. 3:22b-24)

The Lutheran Church claims a proud heritage as the church of the Protestant Reformation. It all began in 1517 when a spunky German Catholic monk, priest, and professor named Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg church. His theses called into question church practices that made a profit at the expense of the gospel. They also challenged ecclesial financial practices that consumed God's people for selfish gain.

If we are honest many contemporary congregations, including Lutheran ones, risk finding themselves in Luther's critique of the church. We betray our mission any time we sacrifice the gospel for rituals, traditions, buildings, or pledges. We betray our neighbors any time we sacrifice someone Jesus died to save for financial prosperity. As the church of the Reformation, and as sinners of God's own redeeming, we have been entrusted with an incredible gift. The good news of Jesus Christ assures us of our salvation by grace through faith in God's anointed one. Any time our practices become a stumbling block to this good news we are a church in need of reformation.

Over the past year we have been carefully and thoughtfully exploring what it means to share the bread of life. Our mission is twofold: to share the bread of life that is Jesus Christ and to help our neighbors' keep their daily bread. As the church of the Reformation we must ask ourselves what we are doing well and what values or practices are stumbling blocks. As we strive to answer these questions we will discover that God is reinventing our church so we can more fully share the bread of life with a hungry world.

PET BLESSING & PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

Garden

Sunday, October 1, 10:30am

Bring your animals to church for a blessing as we pray for healing in all Creation! We will use a special litany from Holden Village where we pray for all plants and animals. Bring a camp chair, sunscreen, and a hat! We will meet in the sanctuary in case of rain.



ST. TIM'S COFFEEHOUSE

Sanctuary

Saturday, October 7

Doors open: 7:00pm; Concert begins: 7:30pm

Spuyten Duyvil's (pronounced "SPITE-en DIE+vul") "... arrangements, energy, and attitude always amaze me" "...big sound, big drama, big groove..." - The Huffington Post. FREE parking! GREAT sound! Advance tickets available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/1443>

CROP WALK

Sunday, Oct. 15, Registration 1:30pm; Walk 2:00pm

**First Congregational Church of Evanston (FCC)
1445 Hinman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201**

The walk is one mile. Walk if you can, or sponsor someone else if you can't. Contact Jan Karp via email: jank5501@gmail.com, to walk or sponsor St. Timothy's team or an individual.

Walk. Give. Change the world.

REFORMATION 500

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Reformation Concert, Saturday, October 28, 4:00pm

Reformation & Pledge Sunday, October 29, 10:30am

Begin your Reformation 500 celebration with a special musical performance by Yollanda Bornhoff!

Then join us for a special worship service Sunday morning featuring festive music, an inspiring sermon by the Rev. Dr. Winston Persaud from Wartburg Theological Seminary, and the dedication of our gifts for St. Timothy's mission in 2018!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 21, 6:00pm

We are looking for a host for the October Family Fun Night. Please contact Pr. Daniel if you are interested! 847-676-1300 or stlc.pastordaniel@gmail.com.

YOUTH CLUB

Sunday, October 1, 9:00am

Sunday, October 15, 1:30pm

Make new friends at St. Timothy's Youth Club! Share snacks, play games, and talk about life.

Instead of meeting at our regular time on Sunday, 10/15, we will raise money for our hungry neighbors by participating in the CROP Walk.

Youth Club is for confirmation and high school age youth. Be sure to invite your friends!

TRUNK OR TREAT

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 29, 12:00pm

Enjoy the fun of Trick-Or-Treating in our own backyard! St. Timothy's and Insight churches are joining forces to host a fun-filled family event for our neighborhood. Attractions include games, candy, food, and a petting zoo. St. Timothy's needs to provide 6 cars with candy. Insight will provide the games. Please contact Pr. Daniel to run a game out of your car.

PLEDGE DRIVE 2018

Give to something that makes a difference by pledging your money and time in support of St. Timothy's mission in 2018! We will explore themes of stewardship through a sermon series titled *Here I Stand: Stewards of the Gospel* featuring excerpts from Rick Steve's 2017 documentary *Luther and the Reformation*. Dedicate your pledges to God's mission on Sunday, November 12. We invite you to be part of the future God is preparing for us!