

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE OPEN DOOR

November 20, 2024

Thanks be to God!

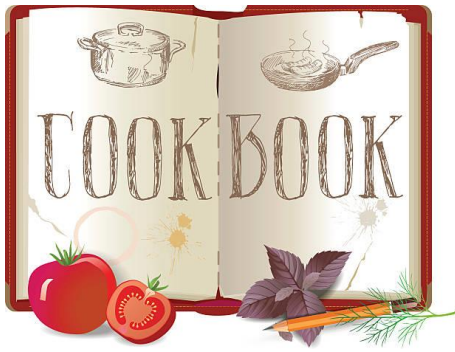
November 24

Sunday of Gratitude

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Luke 17:11-19



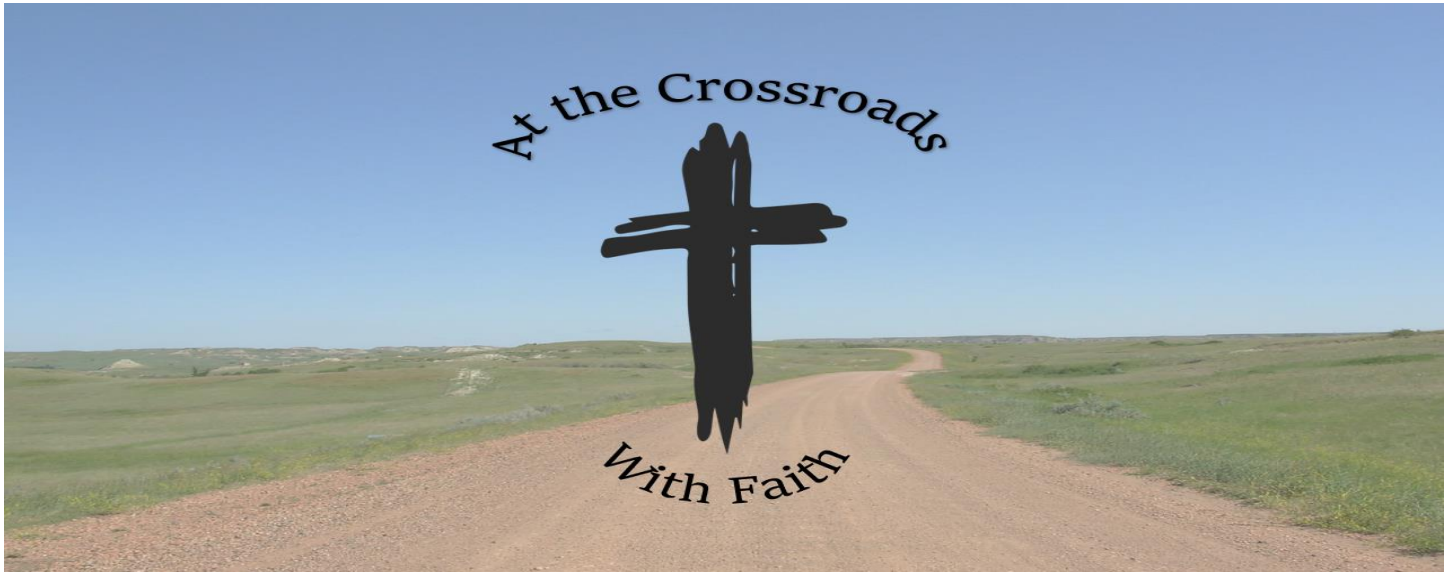
We received an inquiry about the St. Tim's cookbook that was printed many years ago – in 1984 in fact.

We are in the process of resurrecting this cookbook and would like to find out how many people would be interested in a copy.

This will be our own project and the cost should be minimal.

Contact Laura Fix at 612-345-1930 if you would like a copy.

More information will be available soon.



At the Crossroads with Faith The Next Stop on the Road

December 8 ~ Looking Forward ~ Continue review of ministry options and first discernment vote on selecting a future direction for St. Timothy's.

We want to reassure you that there are no hidden agendas. We will discover our next steps together. What is vital to this process is your participation and prayers. The congregational meetings begin immediately after worship and these meetings will be recorded for your convenience. Questions can be directed to Pastor and Council members

The recordings for the previous meetings are available on St. Tim's webpage, Facebook or [click here](#). If you would like to review the slides from the October 13 presentation, [click here](#). For the slides from the November 10 presentation, [click here](#). For the Recap of the November meeting, [click here](#).

Recap from the November 10 meeting

Each person attending the meeting was given 5 dots to indicate their feelings about St. Tim's future plans.

1 Continue the Current Journey ~ 0 dots

Maintain the status quo. Enjoy the community fellowship and ministry.

Acknowledge membership and resource decline and limitations

2 Invest in Transformation Now ~ 16 dots

Design and implement a transformation strategy. Invest people and financial resources to focus on outreach and service. Hire staff, improve facility, engage neighborhood

3 St. Timothy's Community Center ~ 45 dots

Congregation partners with local social service providers to create a Community Service Center. Congregation continues to worship in the center.

4 St. Timothy Consolidates Ministry with neighboring congregation ~ 31 dots

Congregation links with larger congregation expanding joint ministries. May share staff and resources. St. Timothy maintains building and moves forward in partnership.

5 Merger ~ 5 dots

St. Timothy's closes and the membership join a neighboring congregation. The property is sold and a Legacy Fund is established to invest the proceeds. A Legacy Board is created to determine distribution of funds.

We encourage those who were not able to attend Sunday's meeting to watch the recording on St. Tim's website.

Upcoming



Join us this Sunday, November 24, to celebrate Thanksgiving followed by a pie social. Bring your favorite pie to share. All purchased, unopened pies will be donated to SACA.



Our Annual Meeting Part 1 will be held on Sunday, December 8, following worship. This will also be our December At the Crossroads with Faith meeting. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.



We are accepting donations again this year for Columbia Heights Police Department's Shop with a Cop. Contributions will be accepted through December 9.

More information will follow.

Mark your check and envelope for Shop with a Cop.



Healthy

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30pm

Outcomes

Zoom meeting

Positive

Monday, December 16, 6:30pm

Experiences

Meeting at St. Tim's

Opportunities to Serve

Check the bulletin board to see our service needs for the future.



Community Dinner

Next dinner, Tuesday, December 10

5:00 – 6:30pm

We need a host for this dinner.

Your financial support is always a welcomed gift.

Sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if you have questions.



We are seeking volunteers to count contributions.

Contact Heidi Fedje for further information.



2025 pledge cards were mailed out last week.

Please prayerfully consider your intended giving for next year and return your pledge card at your earliest convenience.



Become a reading buddy to a 2nd grader at Valley View Elementary School
Commitment: 1 hour (10:30am to Noon)
the last Thursday of every month.
The next session is November 21.

Pastoral



Do you or someone you know need prayers? Contact the office to be included on the prayer list.

[Click here for the prayer list](#)



[Click here to see who is celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month](#)