

**Direct From Dave —
August 2, 2018**



I'm excited about the new sermon series that we begin this Sunday! During this series, "**Faith Circles**," we will be sharing the various ways we can communicate and share our faith. Faith legacy is passed down from generation to generation.

We will begin by talking about "**Table**." Various types of communication happens around tables. I particularly like round tables (such as we use in the Multi-Purpose Room). At a round table, everyone can see each other and it is very conducive to sharing. When I pop into the MPR on Sunday morning I love to hear the laughter at the tables. I also am thrilled when I see people sitting with new people and introducing them to guests.

When I think of kitchen tables I think of a round table. There was a time when the family gathered around the table and had dinner together. In our culture today that seems to be a rarity. To be honest, many of us may not even use a table, but grab something to eat and sit and watch TV while eating. However, there is something about 'table talk' that unites a family. The table is a wonderful place for family faith communication.



Having grandchildren and knowing their parents schedule, I know how difficult it is to get everybody corralled at the same time for a meal. With work schedules, extracurricular events and programs, it seems like families spend less and less time around the table doing 'table talk.'

Although I would certainly recommend a time when, at least once a week, the family gathers around a table all at the same time, I know that that can be difficult.

When people gather at a table, conversation and emotions are shared. You can ask questions like, "*How was your day? What's the best thing that happened today? Where did you see God? How did God help you today? Where was God able to use you as a blessing today?*" At one time it was at the table where you shared what happened during your day.

With a change in culture, how can we still have "table talk," even when we are not at the table? We need to be willing to have that type of sharing wherever we are. Be willing to take your "table talk" to places beyond the table. More than that, how can we have regular time when we talk and communicate our faith?

Sunday we receive Communion from the Lord's Table. May we be in holy conversation.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Dave



SUNDAY REGISTRATION PADS ... CONNECT CARDS

As was mentioned last Sunday, we will not be having registration pads in the pew to sign. These will be replaced with a “**Connect Card.**” However, everyone in attendance does not need to sign a **Connect Card.** You will find a **Connect Card** in the Pews and only need to fill one out if you are 1. A first time guest. 2. Looking to become a member. 3. Desire a Pastoral Call. 4. Change of Information (new email, phone, address).

Here is some information about why we are doing away with the registration pads. Typically only about 50% of those in attendance sign the registration pads. Registration pads often are not being passed all the way to the end of the row. Registration pads are *not* used to take attendance each Sunday. The ushers do a head count to give us our attendance for each service.

Remember you only need to fill out a **Connect Card** if you are a first time visitor, would like to become a member, desire a Pastoral Call or have a change in information.

Year To Date Stewardship After 30 Weeks

Giving After 30 Weeks	YTD Giving	YTD Budget
2018	\$773,841.09	\$810,752.00
2017	\$787,142.44	\$993,462.90
2016	\$851,936.43	\$894,295.50

Attendance After 30 Weeks	YTD	YTD Avg
2018	27692	923
2017	26107	870
2016	28651	955

Average Worship Attendance	YTD
8:05 Service	187
9:30 Service	587
11:05 Service	149
Total	923

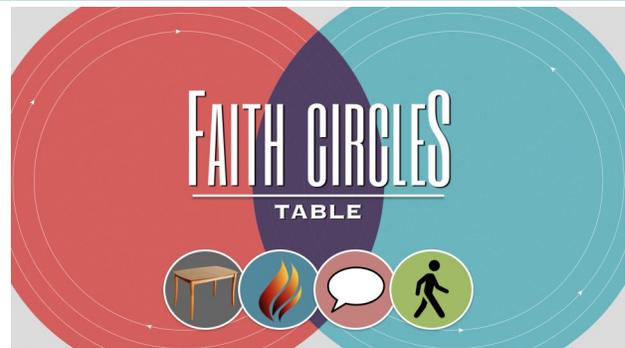
SUNDAY SERMON

August 5, 2018

8:05, 9:30, 11:05 a.m.

Scripture: Luke 22:14-23

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