

## TABLE TALK

### *Telling the Truth in Political Campaigns*

**Saturday, January 27, 11:00a–12:00noon, in person in the Conference Room  
or Tuesday, January 30, 7:00–8:00p, via Zoom**

Gathered around the table in his home, Martin Luther talked freely and openly with his colleagues and students about matters of faith, theology, and varied aspects of daily life. In an effort to cultivate this kind of spirited discussion at St. Luke, I invite you to participate in the next Table Talk on Saturday, January 27, 11:00a–12noon, in person in the Conference Room or Tuesday, January 30, 7:00–8:00p, via Zoom.

The January 15, Iowa, Republican caucuses will kick off the 2024 Presidential election process. One of the challenges for voters is to discern whose voices can be trusted in a political campaign. That applies not just to the voices of the candidates, but also to the voices of news reporters, political pundits, and other fellow citizens. In this Table Talk we will utilize insights from German Lutheran pastor and professor Dietrich Bonhoeffer's essay on "What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth?" and explore how they apply to our political context today. Bonhoeffer wrote this essay while being interrogated for his role in the conspiracy assassinate Adolf Hitler. Hitler and other Nazi leaders were notorious for telling the "big lie." Bonhoeffer was hung by the Nazis in April of 1945. During our conversation we will be particularly attentive to the public role of the church in advocating for truthfulness in a presidential campaign.

I will begin the Table Talk with a 15-minute introduction to Bonhoeffer's essay on telling the truth. If you would like to read "What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth?" (8 pages) in preparation for the Table Talk, please email the church office ([office@stlukechurch.com](mailto:office@stlukechurch.com)) or me ([brockerm11@gmail.com](mailto:brockerm11@gmail.com)).

The Zoom link can be found on the website under "What's New".  
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