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# Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

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## *To the Saints*

In the beginning of the rite of Holy Baptism it is noted, "And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you." (1 Peter 3:21)

Many people don't understand why I seem to be so preoccupied with Holy Baptism. What is the big deal? Yes I was baptized as an infant and I know that I am saved, but why focus on baptism?

In his large Catechism, Luther writes this about Holy Baptism. "Baptism remains forever. Even though we fall from it and sin, nevertheless we always have access to it so that we may again subdue the old man. But we don't need to have the water poured over us again. Even if we were immersed in water a hundred times, it would nevertheless be only one baptism, and the effect and significance of baptism would continue and remain. Repentance, therefore, is nothing else than a return and approach to baptism, to resume and practice what had earlier been begun but abandoned.

I say this to correct the opinion, which has long prevailed among us, that our baptism is something past which we can no longer use after falling again into sin. We have such a notion because we regard baptism only in light of a work performed once for all. Indeed, St. Jerome is responsible for this view, for he wrote, 'Repentance is the second plank on which we must swim ashore after the ship founders' in which we embarked when we entered the Christian Church. This interpretation deprives baptism of its value, making it of no further use to us. Therefore, the statement is incorrect. The ship does not founder since, as we said, it is God's ordinance and not a work of ours. But it does happen that we slip and fall out of the ship. If anybody does fall out, he should immediately head for the ship and cling to it until he can climb aboard again and sail on in it as he had done before.

Thus, we see what a great and excellent thing baptism is, which snatches us from the jaws of the devil and makes God our own, overcomes and takes away sin and daily strengthens the new man, always remains until we pass from this present misery to eternal glory.

Therefore, let everybody regard his baptism as the daily garment which he is to wear all the time. Every day he should

be found in faith and amid its fruits, every day he should be suppressing the old man and growing up in the new. If we wish to be Christians, we must practice the work that makes us Christians. But, if anybody falls away from his baptism let him return to it. As Christ, the mercy-seat, does not recede from us or forbid us to return to him even though we sin, so all his treasures and gifts remain. As we have once obtained forgiveness of sins in baptism, so forgiveness remains day by day as long as we live, that is, as long as we carry the old Adam about our necks." (Large Catechism, Baptism, 4.77-86)

Helping us to discern, at least a part of Luther on Baptism, Rev. Dr. Murray writes. "Repentance is the daily return to baptism. This is to be the practice of the Christian life given in baptism every day. If we fall from faith, baptism remains a gift from God to which we may return for forgiveness upon repentance. Baptism is never abandoned by God. Why should it be abandoned by us? Our weakness, sin, and unbelief cannot undue the gracious favor which God grants to us in our baptism. Thus repentance returns us to baptism and all the gifts which God grants in it. ...

Even if we fall from faith (God forbid!), our baptism will always stand as God's gift of grace to which we may return in repentance. In the same way that a wayward child is always welcome home after leaving for a life of dissipation and folly, when he returns brokenhearted and contrite for his life of sin, so also those who have fallen into unbelief and other great shame and vice may always return to the home and safe haven which is baptism. Our gracious Lord's call to repentance is a call to return to the haven of baptism." (12-13-22)

Brothers and sisters, we have no ability to undo the the gracious acts of God upon us. In Holy Baptism God makes us his child and forgives us. We may reject it but we cannot change it. God works in us in spite of ourselves. As God's children, then, let us live as such by encouraging and be encouraged by each other in God's baptismal grace.

Together on the Way!  
Pastor Stoll

## March Birthdays

- 3 Jerry Mittlestaedt
- 7 Brian McDonald
- 8 Karen Wirth
- 10 Jennifer Bailey
- 11 Ryan Schoenebeck
- 21 Richard Saffran
- 27 Stacy Ann Trossen
- 28 Shawn O'Neil  
Dalton Filder
- 31 Tia Geise

## March Anniversaries

- 14 Glen and Letha Seering

## March Counters

- 5 Orv and Bette Quandt
- 12 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 19 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 26 Bill and Tracy Brooks

## March Ushers

- 1 Mark Krueger
- 5 Orville Quandt and Arnie Bubolz
- 8 Jim Jawort
- 12 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Keschull
- 15 Mark Krueger
- 19 Arnie Bubolz and Scott Tennant
- 22 Orville Quandt
- 26 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 29 Brian Fitzpatrick

## March Altar Committee

March--Janet Strobusch and Diane Fitzpatrick  
April--Bette Quandt and Cindy Tennant

## Report from Ron in Ethiopia

Monday, January 30, Ron called me from Ethiopia. The town that he was in when he arrived, is no longer safe for him. So, Ron, his translator, and pastor took a two-day trip to move to a smart town that didn't have gangs in it. Along the way they needed gas. They stopped at a station with gas and the lines were long. Ron is paying for their lodging, meals, and transportation. You can buy gas on the black market, but some times that is watered down. His translator went into the station and came back a half hour later to move them to the front of the line. So, they were able to get gas.

They went to the prison so Ron could measure for the two murals he wants to put up. The prisoners were pretty friendly for the terrible conditions they have to endure.

Ron was able to rent two rooms in this new smart town. He said that he felt safer in the prison than he does in the actual town. He gets three meals and clean sheets a day; and for a bachelor, he is living high!

He has been enjoying the monkeys. They are very entertaining. There is no AC or screens on the windows. Ron keeps the door and windows open, which will some times have the monkeys wanting to come in his studio. He had to chase one away that was standing by his doorway.

It sounds to me that he is having a more difficult time there with his painting. His canvas was too big for his frame, so he had to adjust that. He has to use a ladder to do some of the painting. That can be dangerous for an 89-year-old man. The power went off once when he was on the ladder. God got him down safely without any harm. He needs all the luck and prayers he can get.

I asked him how much longer he will be there, and he said he has a month and a half left. I'm sure he will be calling again next month with another update. Keep Ron in your thoughts and prayers for him to have a successful trip.

## Annual Voters' Meeting

January 29, 2023, 10:50 a.m.

There were 5 board members and 25 congregational members present: Eugene Krueger, Rick Gipp, John Francis, Orville Quandt, Janet Strobusch, Ev Charlson, Eugene Alsteen, Debra Alsteen, Glen Seering, Letha Seering, Arnold Bubolz Shirley Bubolz, Nancy Krueger, Jane Porubcan, Laurie Schoenebeck, Richard Saffran, Joann Saffran, Donald Bahr, Gale Bahr, Dennis Sandri, Sandy Sandri, Scott Tennant, Cindy Tennant, Donna Tetzlaff, Gary Keschull, Brian Fitzpatrick, Diane Fitzpatrick, Bette Quandt, James Vorpahl, and Pastor Stoll (later).

The meeting was called to order by President Krueger. The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of the 2022 Annual Voter's Meeting were presented. A motion was made by Nancy Krueger, second by Rick Gipp to accept the minutes with the correction that,

*Annual Voters' Meeting continued on Page 4, Column 1*

## Lutheran Hour, March 2023

### March 5

"An Arresting Encounter"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 A devoutly religious person has an arresting encounter with Jesus and learns what it means to be "born again."  
 (John 3:16)

### March 12

"Thirsting for Life"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes  
 Jesus gives living water to those who are spiritually dehydrated.  
 (John 4)

### March 19

"Bad Karma vs. Good Creator"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 (John 9:3)

### March 26

"Is God Missing in Action?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes  
 (John 11)



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Radio Broadcasts					
Station	City, State	Freq	Band	Day	Time
WRVM	Powers, MI	98.9	FM	Sun	10:00 AM
WRVM	Appleton, WI	101.7	FM	Sun	10:00 AM
WRVM	Ellison Bay, WI	103.1	FM	Sun	10:00 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM
WRVM	North Fond du Lac, WI	88.5	FM	Sun	10:00 AM
WJMQ	Shawano, WI	92.3	FM	Sun	7:30 AM
WTCH	Shawano, WI	960	AM	Sun	7:30 AM
WRVM	Sturgeon Bay, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	10:00 AM

## God's Bounty Oatmeal Dinner Rolls

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups water
- 1 cup dry quick oats
- 3 Tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 package dry yeast (2 1/4 teaspoons)
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 1/3 packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 3/4 to 5 1/4 cups flour

### Directions:

In saucepan bring 2 cups water to boil. Add oats and

butter. Cook and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat. Cool to lukewarm. In large bowl, dissolve yeast in 1/3 cup water. Add cooked oats mixture, sugars, salt, and 4 cups flour. Beat till smooth. Add enough flour to form soft dough. Turn onto floured surface and knead 6 to 8 minutes, kneading in more flour until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch down. Let rest 10 minutes. Shape in to 18 balls. Place in greased baking pan. Cover, let rise until double, about 45 minutes. Bake at 350 for 20-30 minutes, until golden brown. Remove from pan to wire rack to cool.

*Annual Voters' Meeting continued from Page 2, Column 2*

Rick Gipp was nominated and elected to serve as 1st Vice President, not 2nd Vice President. Motion carried. John Francis presented the Treasurer's report as printed in the Annual Report. There was explanation that the offerings for District through oversight hadn't been given in two years and that was being straightened out. The Board thanked John for filling in during the treasurer vacancy. It was stated that it would be necessary for future treasurer's to use the same computer program for continuity. A motion was made by Rick Gipp, seconded by Scott Tennant to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Bette Quandt presented that the Audit Report that she and Donna Tetzlaff conducted on the Church, Financial Secretary and Ladies Aid, found all books to be in order. A motion was made by Diane Fitzpatrick, seconded by Brian Fitzpatrick to accept the Audit Report. Motion carried.

## 2022 REPORTS

**Pastor's Report:** Due to Pastor Stoll not being back yet from worship service in Breed, James Vorpahl presented the first part of the Pastor's Report on membership, deletions of members due to transfers or death, and inactive membership. The board has been going through inactive members, and five inactive members have not been able to be contacted by phone and left no address. A motion was made by John Francis, seconded by Cindy Tennant to remove Jodi Sampson, Lori Sampson, Cindy Smith, Tom Zernia, and Nancy Zernia from the Tabor membership. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll resumed the report. Bible Study is about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Every three years the Synod meets in convention, this year the convention will be held in Milwaukee in July. Election will be held for Synod President, Vice President, and Regional Vice President. A motion was made by Glen Seering, seconded by Nancy Krueger to nominate President Mathew Harrison, VP Peter Lange and Regional VP Dr. John Wohlrabe. Motion carried.

**Ladies Aid:** Bette Quandt presented the Ladies Aid Report. The LWML celebrated their 80th birthday, so to commemorate that the ladies made over 80 Chrismons for this year's Christmas tree. A successful brat fry was held at the Lakewood SuperValu. A joint "inside" picnic was held with Emmanuel. The ladies made and distributed 49 quilts to homeless and women's shelters. A motion was made by Janet Strobusch, seconded by Cindy Tennant to accept the Ladies Aid Report. Motion carried.

**Kings' Court:** Tabor has no youth in Kings Court, but a written report was provided by Christy School.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Proposed Budget printed in the Annual Report was presented and discussed. Most of the discussion was to clarify that District Offering is not just missions, but it is also money that is used for other District operating needs. A motion was made by Letha Seering, seconded by Janet Strobusch that for 2023 the Mission envelope offerings will be specifically designated for Mission Central (which is a sort of an adopt a missionary program). Motion carried. A motion was made by Nancy Krueger, seconded by Arnie Bubolz to adopt the proposed 2023 Budget. Motion carried. A motion was made by Richard Saffron, seconded by Glen Seering to designate \$6,000 of Pastor's salary as Housing allowance per IRS guidelines. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers:** Scott Tennant was nominated for the position of 2nd Vice President, there were no other nominations. Carried. John Francis was nominated for position of Treasurer, with no other nominations. Carried. The Worship Calendar was presented. The Installation of the Church Board will be on Sunday, February 5.

## OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that our new Constitution is at District for review. The windows at the parsonage are installed. The doors for the church have been ordered and once they arrive they will go to Rick Gipp for painting. As per requested at the 2022 Annual Voter's meeting, Nancy Krueger gave a report on quotes for various options for the church floors as well as reupholstering of pews. Parking lot resurfacing was discussed, but funds would be needed. The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer. John Francis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shirley Bubolz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Schoenebeck (filling in for Cheryl Jawort)

## *Tabor Lutheran Church Council Meeting*

Friday, February 10, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Pastor Stoll, Eugene Krueger, Cheryl Jawort, John Francis, Scott Tennant, and Rick Gipp.  
Guest: James Vorpahl



The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Krueger. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by John Francis to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the minutes of the January 13 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Lenten services begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22. Bible study is going very well. Concordia Publishing House has printed a hymnal with large print. There will be a note in the bulletin to see how many people may have a need for this. There's a very good article in this month's Lutheran Witness regarding Alzheimer's.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Rick Gipp gave a report on the doors. Two doors have arrived. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Scott Tennant for the color and finish for the doors as well as the finish for the hardware. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding the inactive membership list and how to proceed as outlined in the Constitution.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Wisconsin Public Service will be contacted to do an energy audit of the church and parsonage. A review of Council members' responsibilities will be discussed at the March meeting.

The next council meeting will be Friday, March 10 at 9 a.m. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Rick Gipp to adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll led us in closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jawort

### *Large Print Hymnals*

The Tabor Church Council is considering the purchase of a few large print hymnals. A sample is available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to have some of these available, please contact a Council member, Pastor Stoll or James V.

*Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting* (February 14, 2023) Nine ladies were present for the Bible Study, "Transforming Faith: A Gift from a Faithful God". The study was led by Bette Quandt. The group read the opening prayer together. Our God of grace transforms our lives, our living and service here on earth, and our eternal lives. Praise be to the Triune God Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We closed the study by praying the words of the hymn "I Know MY Faith is Founded" (LSB 587).

President Bette Quandt called the meeting to order. A motion to accept the minutes of the January 17 meeting was made by Diane Fitzpatrick, seconded by Janet Reed. Motion passed. The Treasurer's report was given by Diane Fitzpatrick showing \$2,251.79 in our checking account and \$12,906.57 in the Extension Fund. Motion to accept by Ev Charlson. Seconded by Janet Strohbusch. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Twenty-seven members attended the Sunday morning brunch before the annual meeting. We discussed what our group can do in preparation for upcoming funeral lunches. Bette will work with the families to find out what they want served and what the families may want to bring in. We have 21 quilts completed. We have used all our sewed quilt tops. We will now have added hours to cut squares, lay out the patterns, and sew then together before we can assemble more quilts. Anyone interested to helping can come in on Tuesdays mornings—we will get you started.

**New Business:** Tracy Brooks will talk with Pastor Stoll about getting palms for Palm Sunday. She will also contact SuperValu to get the price of Easter Lilies. Election of officers to fill the one-year term were held. The new President is Nancy Krueger, Vice President Bette Quandt. Diane Fitzpatrick will continue as Treasurer and Ev Charlson will continue as Secretary.

The next meeting will be on March 14. The Bible Study "Covered by God's Grace" will be our next study. We would like to invite all of the ladies of the church to our meetings where we have the opportunity to study the word of God together, be with our sisters in Christ, get to know each other better, work together for His glory and have a few laughs!!! Please consider joining us in March!! Meeting adjourned

Ev Charlson, Secretary

*Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - January 2023*

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Deductions	End Bal.
<u>Balance</u>	Flower Fund** (not included in totals)	1,260.24	609.00		737.35	1,260.24
6961	Scholarship Fund	\$ 10,445.86		\$ 5.54		\$10,451.40
9486	Winter Savings	9,289.44		4.93		9,294.37
8722	General Fund	41,763.28		18.93	9,000.00	32,782.21
7894	Parsonage Improvements	2,200.62	300.00	1.31		2,501.93
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Door Fund--In Above	10,243.32	<u>3,740.00</u>	6.20	<u>6,300.00</u>	7,689.52
		2,336.05				
7759	Bequest Fund	17,683.08		<u>9.39</u>		17,692.47
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	<u>11,569.48</u>				<u>11,569.48</u>
TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS		\$103,195.08	\$4,040.00	\$46.30	\$15,300.00	\$91,981.38

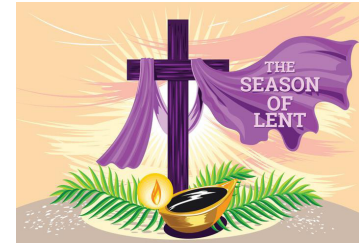
\*Interest paid quarterly (\$0.125%)

\*\*In checking account

*Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - January 2023*

Beginning Balance 01/01/23	22.16
January Income:	
General Income .....	8,100.00
Loose .....	161.00
Missions .....	30.00
Ladies' Aid Reimbursement.....	100.00
From Emmanuel .....	2,926.75
Portals of Prayer .....	10.00
Initial .....	60.00
Wolf River High School .....	37.00
Other/Door Fund.....	70.00
From General Fund .....	9,000.00
Lutherans for Life.....	<u>37.00</u>
Total January Income	20,531.75
January Expenses:	
1 - District Budget.....	1,166.67
12 - Pastor's Salary .....	4,051.48
16 - Pastor's Mileage .....	535.14
17 - Parsonage Utilities.....	302.04
2 - Mission Designated .....	30.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet .....	143.09
22 - Office Supplies .....	77.00
26 - Office Equipment & Maintenance.....	240.00
27 - State Withholding/Dept of Revnue.....	1,624.67
28 - Federal Tax/Social Security .....	1,190.51
30 - Custodian Wages .....	142.00
31 - Church Utilities.....	375.50
34 - Insurance Church.....	1,032.75
36 - To LCEF Building Fund.....	70.00
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted .....	300.00
41 - Flower Fund.....	314.35
43 - Pass Through.....	137.00
46A - Groundskeeping Snow .....	310.00
47 - Parsonage Expense Miscellaneous .....	156.20
5 - Organist.....	295.52
51B - Door Offering WRLHS.....	1,200.00
52 - Website/Domain Maintenance .....	151.25
54 - Administrator.....	665.59
5A - Organist/Buttons.....	<u>46.18</u>
Total January Expenses	(14,556.94)
Ending Balance 01/31/23	\$ 5,996.97

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>
			4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 5:30 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastor meeting @ Faith Marinette 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 5:30 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	9:00 a.m. Board Meeting	Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett 7:30 a.m. Drive-thru opens \$25 donation requested
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mites Collected	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting Quilting after Meeting	9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 5:30 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRLHS Offering	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00 p.m. Lenten Service Lenten Worship @ Tabor 5:30 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		

\*\*Emmanuel - Soup and Sandwich Fellowship

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# ALL ARE WELCOME!



**Wednesday Service 4 p.m. during Lenten Season**  
**Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.**

**Communion is celebrated every Sunday of each month; plus Holy Days**