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# Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

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## *To the Saints*

**A**s the Summer activities seemingly take over the life of the people in the church, and the effects of which spill over into the fall activities and then the winter activities, pretty soon time has flown by and some seem to have estranged themselves from gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ to receive the gifts of God, and to rejoice with and be encouraged by their fellowship and love.

The church seems to decline ever so slowly from year to year, almost without notice. But some do notice, and they wonder what can be done to change things, to stem the tide of people flowing out of the church instead of in. We like God want "all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:4).

The question remains, Why? What drives us to think, How do we reach out? And To whom do we reach out? Is it because we can't bear the thought of people going to hell? Or is it because we are more concerned about ourselves? Do we love our neighbor for his sake or are we using our neighbor for our sake?

No doubt the state of the church is a concern for us, and it causes us to be fearful of the future and to be insecure about our status. This insecurity and fear stems from false expectations of what "Church" is supposed to look like. Our sinful nature desires that our church should look like the mega church, or at least like it did back in the day when there was standing room only. Back in the day there were activities at church several days and nights of the week. We think the church should be like it was in Acts 2 where 3,000 were converted in one day. But is that how Jesus describes the church? Jesus gives us a clue in John 3, when he says, "And this is the judgment: the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil." (v. 19)

The church has the light of Christ. The church's life is Christ's life, and her glory is Christ's glory. And while there is glory in the resurrected Christ, John's Gospel speaks more about the Glory of Christ seen as he hangs upon the cross, in his being poor and lowly in heart. As with Christ so also his church will suffer and be despised, poor and lowly in heart. This means that we keep our place under God's control, always holding others in greater esteem than ourselves as we speak about Christ to our neighbors. Our confession is that of Peter in Matt. 16, "I will build my church (on the confession, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God) and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (v. 18)

The church will always stand until Christ returns. There will always be a church. While many churches may close their doors, we as the body of Christ continue to witness Christ as the Son of God and Savior of the world through his passion, death, and resurrection. This is what we have to offer the world darkened by sin. Our message is the only light that brings hope in a sin-darkened world, the only hope in a hopeless world. Rejoice that you are saved and remain faithful to the Lord and do what is natural, reach out to those who are lost or maybe are taking their time to get back into the fellowship. Share the hope! Share the Love! Share the Good News!

Together on the Way!  
Pastor Stoll

## June Birthdays 🎂

- 1 Jeffrey Tachick
- 2 Orville Quandt
- 9 Bette Quandt
- 10 Sandy Sandri
- 16 Emily Urban
- 19 Nancy Krueger

## June Anniversaries 🎉

- 1 Richard and Joann Saffran
- 5 Daniel and Valerie Fingal
- 9 Ricky and Deborah Shroyer
- 16 David and Karen Wirth
- 23 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick

## June Counters 🌿

- 4 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 11 Orville and Bette Quandt
- 18 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 25 Eugene and Mark Krueger

## June Ushers 🙏

- 4 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Kebschull
- 11 Arnie Bubolz and Orville Quandt
- 18 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 25 Eugene and Mark Krueger

## June Altar Committee 🚗

June--Nancy Krueger and Bette Quandt  
 July--Jane Porubcan and Tracy Brooks

## June Elder on Call

Rick Gipp (920) 595-0989



## WRLHS Annual Rummage Sale



Mark your calendars for WRLHS's annual rummage sale. Dates will be Friday and Saturday June 2 and 3 and 9 and 10. We are definitely looking for your donations of treasures. Drop off times are Wednesday, May 24 through the 31. Times are 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. including Saturday and Sunday. If you need a different time or pick up of larger items call or text Joan at 715-851-2741. Interested in helping setup, working the rummage sale or concession stand? Contact Joan. Thank you for your support of the high school.

## Life's Quotes for Lutherans

**June 4:** "Almighty Triune God, thank You for Your amazing love for us. Thank You that You have rescued us from ourselves and that You have made us Yours through Christ dying on the cross for our sin and rising again to give us eternal life. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit, which calls us and opens our eyes and minds and hearts to respond in faith to Your message of salvation. And bless us this day as we cling to You and as You hold us up in the palm of Your hand and in the grip of Your grace." Rev. Roland Syens, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**June 11:** "The God who created us and redeemed us and lives in us has put His seal of ownership on us! He has chosen us and appointed us for a purpose—to live as Jesus' disciples by bearing fruit for His kingdom. By God's grace, and with His help, may we bear good fruit and make God-pleasing choices that glorify God who chose to create us and save us!" Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**June 18:** "Have confidence in God. Jesus Christ died for you, and Jesus Christ lives for you ... By faith in Christ, enjoy real life without that constant covetousness which makes life a living hell for so many peo-

ple. By faith in Christ, know once and for all what this means: A man's real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions. A man's life does not consist of the abundance of the things he possesses." Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

**June 25:** "We need campfires and cookouts and picnic lunches filled with laughter. Yet, as members of the household of God, we also need conversation and consolation and prayer. We need to gather, in person, at the Communion rail. Surrounded by our eternal family, we need to hear God's promises and rejoice in His forgiveness." Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

***Don't Forget Her What!***

Two people came to me and said, "We want to be married." The groom-to-be was 81; his bride, only a

youngster, was 76.

I agreed (they were in love) and, a few weeks later, found myself standing in front of a small group of their closest friends. The ceremony went smoothly until the exchange of rings.

"I can't get it on," broadcast the groom, straining to overcome his bride's knuckle barrier.

The best man, who was older than the groom, fairly shouted, "Spit on it!" That worked.

After the ceremony was over and the couple was making their honeymoon exit, the matron of honor called after the bride, "Do you have your pills?"

She meant the bride's blood-pressure pills, but the guests were laughing too hard to hear the explanation.

The Rev. Wally Klandrud, Phoenix, AZ

***Lutheran Hour, June 2023***

**June 4**

"It's All Good--Eve When It's Not"  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes  
 The key to growing closer to others is by growing closer to God.  
 (Genesis 1)

**June 11**

"Strength Out of Weakness"  
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 The human 'heroes' of the Bible are normal people, deeply flawed and dearly loved by the God Who made them.  
 (Judges 6:14-16)

**June 18**

"Just Around the Corner"  
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
 (Romans 5:1-11)



**June 25**

"Teras, Fires, and a Song"  
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy  
 Despite their tears, prophetic Christians are on fire with the Word of God and always have a song to sing. We embody both the deep sadness and the unrelenting commitment of the God we serve, and we never lack a reason for praise.  
 (Jeremiah 20:78-13)

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

### *Tabor Lutheran Church Council Meeting*

Friday, May 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Pastor Stoll, Eugene Krueger, Cheryl Jawort, John Francis, Scott Tennant, Janet Strohmusch and Rick Gipp.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by First Vice President, Rick Gipp. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Janet Strohmusch to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by Janet Strohmusch and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the minutes of the April 14 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Janet Strohmusch to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** All shut-ins were visited last month. Korrin Moede's funeral was on Saturday, April 22. Jean Forrest's funeral will be Saturday, May 20. Pastor attended the Spring Conference for Pastors in Shawano last week. A motion was made by Janet Strohmusch and seconded Scott Tennant to accept Pastor's report. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:** All of the doors for the church have arrived. They will be delivered, along with the hardware, within the next 10 days. The tentative date for installation is mid-June. An inspection of the church and parsonage has been completed. There are a few minor repairs that will need to be done at the parsonage. The shrubs at the church will be removed. An estimate to reseal the church parking lot will be requested. There was a discussion about following up with visitors to our church services. There will be a few changes to how the brat stand at SuperValu will be operated.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Pastor's Health Savings Account will be paid in January each year. Forrest Appliance was contacted to do a service check of the kitchen stove at the church. Unfortunately, they do not provide that service. There was a discussion about how changes are initiated.

The Elder on call for June will be Rick Gipp. The next Council meeting will be Friday, June 9 at 9 a.m. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Janet Strohmusch to adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll closed by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jawort

### *Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting*

Nine members attended the May 9 meeting. Cindy Tennant led the Bible Study "Alive in God's Word" from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly publication. Being alive in God's Word includes studying, living, and proclaiming His Word to His glory. As in Psalm 9:1: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds."

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order. A motion to accept the April 11 minutes was made by Bette Quandt, seconded by Tracy Brooks. Motion passed. The treasurer's report given by Diane Fitzpatrick shows \$2,472.75 in checking and \$12,925.80 in the Extension Fund. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Janet Reed and seconded by Cindy Tennant. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** We received a thank you card and a donation from the Moede family for preparing the meal following the funeral service for Korrin Moede. Bette Quandt gave an update on the ordered food for the funeral of Jean Forrest on May 20. Volunteers will provide many of the side dishes and desserts as well as the set-up and clean-up following the service. Thanks for the help. We have completed 41 quilts. A motion to give a quilt to Lily, our high school organist, as a graduation gift was made by Tracy Brooks, seconded by Diane Fitzpatrick. Motion passed. Quilts will be displayed on the pews on Mother's Day. The quilts will then be delivered to a couple of shelters in the area. The Tuesday morning quilting will be suspended during the summer months. Diane Fitzpatrick gave an update on the changes being made by the management at the SuperValu for organizations using the Brat Shack for fundraisers. The Ladies will be there on Friday, June 16. Come and support the ladies. Janet Strohmusch thanked the group for giving their input on organizations requesting grants from the LWML and the candidates for officers.

Tracy Brooks or Pastor Stoll will lead the Bible Study, Part 2 "Chosen for a Purpose" at our next meeting on June 13. The meeting was closed with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer.

Ev Charlson, Secretary



*Dear Friends*

Greetings once again, though I notice that we are more than half-way through the month already before I am getting this out! How does that happen?! We are doing well. Last month we ended up going to the coast of Namibia to visit the dentist and to get a radiator repaired for one of our vehicles. The trip was a long one because we had to take Tim's vehicle which, though a very good work vehicle, does not reach highway speeds. This meant that we got to enjoy camping two nights each way instead of the usual one. Our dental visits went really well and we are so thankful to have access to great care. During the visit it was decided that one of Aaron's wisdom teeth should come out: poor Aaron was not overly happy about this, but the dentist had it out within seven minutes and with very little trauma as Aaron had no discernible swelling.

Work-wise Tim and Splash have finished the 'homework' given to them by the typesetter and they are now working on more spell-checking. It is a long, tedious process, but Tim is hoping they will finish with this by the end of this week. Then we wait to hear from the typesetter if something else needs to be done. We are really, really, really hoping that all typesetting will be done by mid-July and we can send everything off to the printer before we leave for furlough.

Otherwise, the Khwe community has decided that they want to have a full Bible translation, and they want to continue the translation process after this panoramic Bible has been finished. We are thrilled that they want all of God's Word in their language; when we started this project we weren't sure the community really wanted the Bible or if they were just seeing what they could get 'for free.' However, certain parts of the community at least seem committed to a full translation. But it is a real challenge for people who don't look to the future, or plan for it, to take on a project like this which will take many resources and last many years.

There have been--and will continue to be--some real growing pains. The Advisory Committee for the translation project is struggling a bit with learning what outside agencies expect of them and how to get things accomplished. There is a steep learning curve, so we pray for God's guidance and His wisdom as they start laying the framework for moving forward on their own.

Praises: Thanksgiving that typesetting is going forward on our project.  
 Thanksgiving that the Khwe people are interested in having the full Bible and continuing the translation project on their own.  
 Thanksgiving for our great dental care and safe travels in Namibia.

Prayers: Please continue to pray that typesetting will go smoothly and will get done by mid-July.  
 Please pray for continued good health and safety.  
 Please pray for wisdom, vision, and provision for the Advisory Committee.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.  
 Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf



The Hilux at the coast.

*Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - April 2023*

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
	Flower Fund** (not included in totals)	1,381.08	100.00			1,481.08
6961	Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,808.97	30.00	\$ .88		\$ 1,839.85
9486	Winter Savings	1,801.84		.86		1,802.70
8722	General Fund	17,811.49		8.54		17,820.03
7894	Parsonage Improvements	3,104.85	300.00	1.58		3,406.43
7906	Church Building/Maintenance	8,082.47	<u>4,136.00</u>	4.72	<u>2,737.00</u>	9,486.19
	Door Fund--In Above	4,350.05				
7759	Bequest Fund	2,706.49		1.30		2,707.79
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	11,569.48		<u>53.49</u>		11,622.97
5736	CD General	15,024.66				15,024.66
5714	Winter	7,512.33				7,512.33
5702	Bequest	15,024.66				15,024.66
5725	Scholarship	<u>7,512.33</u>				<u>7,512.33</u>
	<b>TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$91,959.57</b>	<b>\$4,466.00</b>	<b>\$71.37</b>	<b>\$2,730.00</b>	<b>\$93,759.94</b>

\*Interest paid quarterly (\$0.125%)

\*\*In checking account

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - April 2023

Beginning Balance 04/01/23		5,641.87
April Income:		
General Income.....	8,325.00	
Loose .....	409.00	
Missions.....	20.00	
Thrivent Choice .....	179.00	
Doors .....	260.00	
From Emmanuel.....	2,926.75	
Flowers.....	100.00	
Memorials--Bequests .....	40.00	
Wolf River High School .....	91.00	
Other .....	2,737.00	
Lent .....	<u>775.00</u>	
Total April Income		15,862.75
April Expenses:		
1 - District Budgeted.....	1,166.67	
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,050.74	
13 - Pastor's Health Insurance/Pension .....	2,558.56	
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	647.23	
17 - Parsonage Utilities .....	192.00	
2 - Mission Designated.....	20.00	
21 - Church Phone/Internet .....	142.35	
22 - Office Supplies .....	189.83	
26 - Office Equipment & Maintenance .....	26.51	
27 - State Withholding/Dept of Revenue .....	373.07	
28 - Fed Tax/Social Security .....	1,162.98	
30 - Custodian Wages.....	173.18	
31 - Church Utilities .....	383.88	
33 - General Maintenance/Repair Church .....	2,737.00	
34 - Insurance Church .....	645.75	
36 - To LCEF Building Fund/Main Fund.....	260.00	
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted .....	300.00	
41 - Flower Fund .....	200.00	
45 - Other.....	28.62	
46A- Groundskeeping Snow .....	150.00	
48 - To Scholarship Fund .....	91.00	
5 - Organist .....	344.31	
50 - To LCE Bequest Fund.....	40.00	
54 - Administrator Wages.....	665.60	
5A - Organist/Buttons .....	137.53	
6 - Worship Supplies.....	<u>286.39</u>	
Total April Expenses		(16,744.61)
Ending Balance 04/30/23		4,760.01

***Financial Status Compared to Adopted Budget***

Income	January	\$11,531.75	Does not include \$9,000.00
	February	11,882.75	
	March	15,649.76	
	April	<u>15,862.75</u>	Includes \$2,737.00
Total		\$54,927.00	
Funds Needed for Adopted Budget		60,254.92	15,063.73
Funds Shortfall		(5,327.92)	

# JUNe 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>
					9:00 a.m.-4 p.m. WRHS Rummage Sale	9:00 a.m.-4 p.m. WRHS Rummage Sale
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	PASTOR on vacation	PASTOR on vacation	PASTOR on vacation	PASTOR on vacation	9:00 a.m. Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.-4 p.m. WRHS Rummage Sale PASTOR on vacation	Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett 9:00 a.m.-4 p.m. WRHS Rummage Sale PASTOR on vacation
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion Mites Collected PASTOR on vacation Rev Tom Mackey filing in	PASTOR on vacation	9:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting PASTOR on vacation			Ladies Aid Brat Fry @ SuperValu in Lakewood	
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	PASTOR'S DAY OFF		9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay @ Suring 1:00 p.m. Serenity Gardens @ Gillett			
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRHS door offering	PASTOR'S DAY OFF					

## *Don't Blame Her, Please!*

It happened 50 years ago in Wisconsin. The custom in my friend's church at that time was for fathers to register themselves and their family members for Communion. To do this, they would meet the pastor in the sacristy before the service.

One Sunday morning, a farmer hurried into that room just as the organist was finishing her prelude. His arm, broken or sprained, was in a sling.

Worried about being late and startled by the farmer's

injury, the pastor momentarily forgot his parishioner's name; so he asked, "You and Mrs. uh ....?"

"Oh, no!" protested the farmer. "It was the horse. He kicked me."

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# **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.**

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