
Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

"Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to observe all whatsoever I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the ages." (Matt. 28:19-20)

We have titled this verse as "The Great Commission." But it really isn't the great commission. Jesus gives his last words to his disciples before he ascends into heaven to take his seat at the right hand of the Father.

October 8 is "Mission Sunday" at Emmanuel at 10:00 a.m., and there may or may not be some reference to this verse. However well intentioned, we use these words from Jesus to guilt people into getting out there in the community and knocking on doors, and doing surveys, and placing door hangers on the homes in a neighborhood that is affluent or close. Seldom do we commit to such ventures without some ulterior motive, be it to get more people into the pews, or more money from those who might visit, or even just the warm feeling that we are doing something good for God.

I was reminded yet again, during the Bible study on the 14th, that Martin Luther began questioning the practices of the church because he naively thought that he could change the unscriptural practices of the church. Sometime between the posting of the 95 Theses on October 31, 1517, and his writing of the Heidelberg Disputation shortly before May of 1518, something changed in Luther that brought about a difference in his focus of the things he wrote and the way he spoke.

Whatever happened is seen in the passion Luther has for the salvation of the people, including, even, the Pope and the cardinals of the Catholic Church. The believer is consumed with the passion for the salvation of the people, including, even those who are your enemies because of the work of the Holy Spirit that is

given in Holy Baptism. Baptism is actually your great commission and mine.

Jesus has already died for the sins of the world. Jesus has already been raised from the dead for the justification of the world. Jesus is now ascending to the Father, so that the holy Spirit may be sent into the world to create and sustain true faith in the hearts of God's people, you and I. We cannot be commanded to do the work of God any more than we can be commanded to believe in Jesus as our Savior.

Luther wrote on September 6, 1520, in his treatise on the Freedom of the Christian, 'A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.' (LW, vol.31, p. 344)

Later on in the treatise, Luther clarifies what this means when he writes, 'Love is true and genuine where there is true and genuine faith ...

'We conclude, therefore, that a Christian lives not to himself, but in Christ and in his neighbor. Otherwise he is not a Christian. He lives in Christ through faith in his neighbor through love.' (p. 371)

What does it mean to be a Christian? First; we believe that we are a sinner for whom Christ died, and second; we share our good news, and we do good works without thinking, before being asked. Just doing, without even considering who may or may not believe as we do. Just sharing God's forgiveness, the Good News, with others all the time, everywhere. You are saved on account of Christ. Being a Christian is nothing more and nothing less.

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

October Birthdays

- 1 Breanna Tienor
- 2 Heidi Gerndt
- 7 Debra Uhlenbrauck
- 21 Janet Reed
- 23 Adam Moede
- 25 David Wirth
- 27 Carmen Jensen

October Anniversaries

- 6 Sonya and Christopher Schultz
- 10 Jeffrey and Deanna Tachick
- 21 David and Deborah Buchert
- 25 Ronald and Patricia Klawitter
- 29 Orville and Bette Quandt
Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 30 Jim and Sharon Eggert

October Counters

- 1 Orville and Bette Quandt
- 8 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 15 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 22 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 29 Orville and Bette Quandt

October Ushers

- 1 Orville Quandt and Arnie Bubolz
- 8 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 15 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 22 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Kebschull
- 29 Orville Quandt and Arnie Bubolz

October Altar Committee

October--Brenda Urban and Deb Alsteen
November--Tracy Brooks and Val Fingal

October Elder on Call

Rick Gipp (920) 595-0989

Attention Crafters

We are in need of more crafted articles for our "Gifts From the Heart" display. There is a quantity of yarn and fabric on the fellowship table that can be used for knitted, crocheted, quilted or sewn items. Please help yourself to anything you can use to make craft items for this project. Funds from the sale of these items are used to help people with gas cards or other needs they may have. Thank you for donating your time and talent to this cause.

Life Quotes for Lutherans

October 8

"These two choices are vastly different: to give birth to a child or to abort it. But one thing is the same: to choose Jesus is to choose life. For Jesus holds every life—even the tiniest—in the nail-scarred palm of His hand." Rev. Gary Blobaum, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oregon, Illinois – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

October 15

"For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus: 'Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28). God give us courage to engage in the battle For Life!" Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

October 22

"So no matter how offensive we find a neighbor, we do not regard her or him as enemy, adversary, or opponent. God has created, redeemed, and called each one as His own precious treasure, the same as us. We want to rejoice with them as brothers and sisters unto eternity in all the blessings our Savior Jesus has obtained for us." Pastor Michael Salemin, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

October 29

"On this Reformation weekend, let's rekindle our commitment to be faithful to the God who both preserves and redeems this world in His ways. And let's remind ourselves of the blessings that come from following Him in all things, now and forever." Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Thank You

This collection will continue as there is a continuing need to help our friends and neighbors during these trying times. If you are able to donate, please place any donations in the cart located in the church entrance, so they can be delivered to the food pantry on a regular basis. Thanks again.



Lutheran Hour, October 2023

October 1

"The Way Through the Maze"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

When life becomes a bewildering maze, Jesus is our way through and our way out.

(Psalm 25:4-5)

October 8

"Whatever and Wherever, Thank You, Lord!"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Keith Habersack

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." That's how the 23rd Psalm begins. It goes on to describe the ways in which our Good Shepherd leads, comforts, and protects the sheep of His flock. Every line gives us a reason to be thankful.

(Psalm 23)

October 15

"Help the World Rejoice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Psalm 81)



October 22

"Matching Pace"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Psalm 96:13)

October 29

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Radio Broadcasts					
<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
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

NWD Adult Gathering

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration and morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon.

Devotions will be led by Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, President of the North Wisconsin District. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, executive director of Synod's Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) and speaker emeritus for The Lutheran Hour, will share the message "Defending our Religious Liberty as People of Faith."

The cost is \$30, which includes morning refreshments, program, and lunch. Registration deadline is October 2. An offering will be collected at the event to support the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Registration forms are available at the NWD homepage at www.mwdlcms.org under "Events and Info".

Tabor Lutheran Church Council Meeting (Friday, September 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.)

PRESENT: Eugene Krueger, Cheryl Jawort, John Francis, Scott Tennant, Janet Strohbusch, and Rick Gipp. Guest: Nancy Krueger

The meeting was called to order at 8:58 a.m. by President Eugene Krueger. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Janet Strohbusch to approve the agenda. Motion carried. President Krueger gave an opening prayer. A motion was made by Janet Strohbusch and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the minutes of the August 11 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: In Pastor's absence, there was no Pastor's Report.

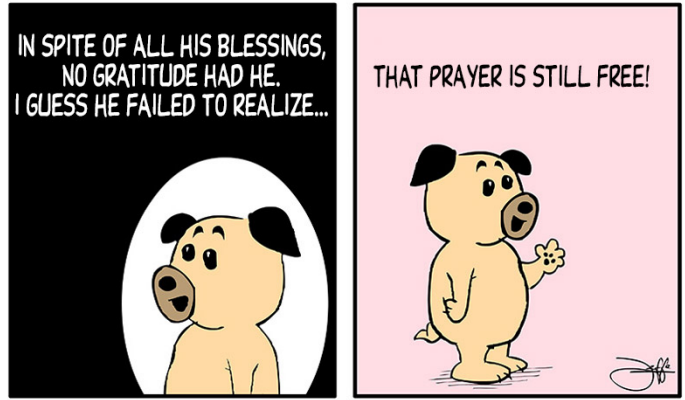
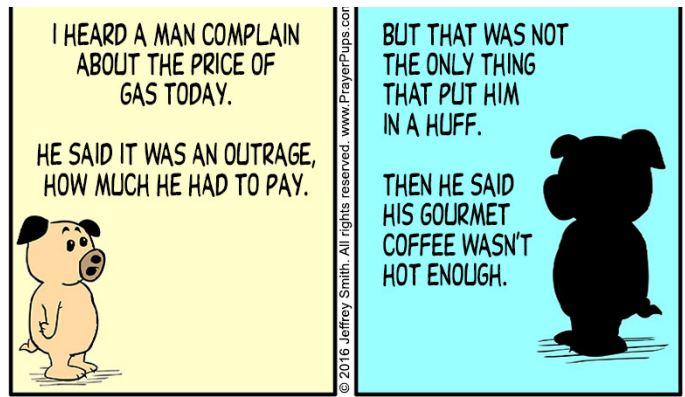
OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Janet Strohbusch and seconded by Scott Tennant to purchase a new door for the rear entrance to the fellowship hall. Motion carried. Keys for the new doors will be distributed to those who require one. New smoke alarms were installed in the church a couple weeks ago. G&T Sealcoating will sealcoat the parking lot sometime this month. Comfort Pro will be putting additional insulation in the parsonage on September 18. The parsonage deck has been repaired and new railing on the steps. Thank you to Dennis Sandri for all his help on

this project. New gutters were installed on the parsonage garage and aluminum gutters will be installed on the parsonage when they become available. Bill and Tracy Brooks are working on a visual display for Phase I of the church floor covering project. The shrubs by the front of the church will be removed sometime this month. Discussion about what to replace them with will be held in the spring. A special meeting will be held to plan how to move forward with the inactive members' list. The fund-raiser for the Mission Festival at Tabor on October 8 is going well. A brunch or special coffee hour for new members will be held in November. There was discussion about when to pass the collection plates during Sunday services. A draft is being developed for how to conduct the Prayer Chain calling.

NEW BUSINESS: The 2024 proposed budget will be put together by a committee of John Francis, Rick Gipp, and Janet Strohbusch; and then brought to the entire Council at the November meeting. Beginning in October, Lilly Hakes will play the organ once a month.

The Elder on call for October will be Rick Gipp. The next Council meeting will be Friday, October 20 at 9 a.m. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant to adjourn. Motion carried. Eugene Krueger closed by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jawort



Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting (September 12, 2023)

Six members were present for the Bible Study led by Ev Charlson. When God calls His people to serve Him, do not say "There is nothing I can do," but answer quickly "Here am I, Send Me". Do so with pleasure and enthusiasm.

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Tracy Brooks and seconded by Diane Fitzpatrick to accept the minutes from the August 8 meeting. Motion passed. The financial report given by Diane Fitzpatrick shows \$3,967.62 in checking and \$12,953.48 in the Extension Fund.

Motion to accept the report by Janet Strohbusch and seconded by Nancy Krueger. Passed. We received a couple generous donations which will be put in the checking account to use as needed. We will look at possibly getting a banner to fill in a time when appropriate.

OLD BUSINESS: Janet Strohbusch has been working on organizing the prayer chain and will have Pastor review it before it is put in use. The duel church picnic is Saturday, September 16, at Emmanuel starting at 11:30 a.m. Plans to serve turkey and BBQ sandwiches for the Mission Festival on Sunday, October 8 at Tabor. Three ladies have volunteered to make the BBQ. Others will be bringing a dish to pass. Nancy will coordinate with the ladies from Emmanuel on the menu items. Nancy Krueger has received funds from Thrivent to off-set some of the costs for food and supplies. Fall decorations will be used on the tables. (Ladies, October 1 is also LWML Sunday, wear your purple if you can.) There are still jars of booyah for sale at \$8. Proceeds will go to the Mission Fund. Janet Strohbusch reported the special donations given at the LWML convention in July to the Wolf River High School totaled \$40,843.82.

NEW BUSINESS: Plans are being put together to have a craft day on Tuesday, October 17, starting at 9 a.m. All ladies are invited to come and 'have fun' for the morning. Nancy will get a notice prepared for the newsletter and bulletin. Janet Strohbusch will donate yarn for anyone who would like to knit items for the Gifts from the Heart table. The Fall LWML Rally is on October 21 at Immanuel at White Clay Lake, cost is \$5, which includes lunch.

We will start quilting on Tuesday, October 10, following our meeting. Diane Fitzpatrick will lead the Bible Study, "From Age to Age." Nancy Krueger closed the meeting by leading us with the Lord's Prayer.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - August 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)	1,366.08				1,366.08
6961	Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,044.04	50.00	\$ 1.10		\$ 2,095.14
9486	Winter Savings	1,805.61		0.96		1,806.57
8722	General Fund	14,844.42		7.88		14,852.30
7894	Parsonage Improvements	4,312.76	1,300.00	2.56	497.02	5,118.30
7906	Church Building/Maintenance	9,789.85	<u>87.00</u>	4.92	<u>1,196.73</u>	8,685.04
	Door Fund--In Above	3,538.09				
7759	Bequest Fund	3,952.67		2.10		3,954.77
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	11,569.48				11,569.48
5736	CD General	15,024.66		149.83		15,174.49
5714	Winter	7,512.33		74.92		7,587.25
5702	Bequest	15,024.66		149.83		15,174.49
5725	Scholarship	<u>7,512.33</u>		<u>74.92</u>		<u>7,587.25</u>
	TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS	\$93,392.81	\$1,437.00	\$469.02	1,693.75	\$93,605.08

*Interest paid quarterly (\$0.125%)

**In checking account

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - August 2023

Beginning Balance 08/01/23		1,337.12
August Income:		
General Income.....	6,950.00	
Loose	301.00	
Church Maintenance	10.00	
Thrivent Choice	62.00	
Parsonage Fund	1,000.00	
From Emmanuel	2,926.75	
WRLHS Scholarship	85.00	
From Pars Fund	497.02	
From Bldg Fund.....	306.73	
From General Fund.....	890.00	
Booyah	<u>502.00</u>	
Total August Income		12,468.50
August Expenses:		
1 - District Budgeted.....	1,166.67	
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,051.48	
13 - Pastor's Health Insurance/Pension	2,645.95	
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	174.89	
17 - Parsonage Utilities	123.47	
21 - Church Phone/Internet	142.43	
22 - Office Supplies	27.34	
24 - Subscriptions/Pub/Dues	23.92	
30 - Custodian Wages.....	110.81	
33 - Gen Maintenance/Repair Church.....	1,196.73	
36 - To LCEF Building Fund/Main Fund.....	10.00	
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted	300.00	
4 - Guest Pastor	85.00	
48 - To Scholarship Fund	121.77	
5 - Organist	217.02	
54 - Administrator Wages.....	665.60	
55 - Guest Pastor Mileage	45.20	
5A - Organist/Buttons	45.17	
6 - Worship Supplies.....	<u>365.72</u>	
Total August Expenses		(11,519.17)
Ending Balance 08/31/23		2,285.45

Financial Status Compared to Adopted Budget

Income	January	\$11,531.75	Does not include \$9,000.00 from Special Funds
	February	11,882.75	
	March	15,649.76	
	April	15,862.75	Includes \$2,737.00 from Door Fund
	May	14,505.87	Includes \$3,000.00 from Gen Fund
	June	11,272.75	
	July	14,770.75	Brat Fry \$1,442.00
	August	12,468.50	
Total		\$95,476.37	Actual giving \$10,733.00 99,030.37
Funds Needed for Adopted Budget		\$120,509.84	\$15,063.73 each month
Funds Shortfall		(\$21,479.47)	

OCTober 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion LWML Recognition Sunday	02 PASTOR'S DAY OFF Last day to register for NWD Adult Gathering	03	04	05 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	06	07 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
08 10:00 a.m. Mission Sunday @ Tabor w/Emmanuel 11:00 a.m. Speaker 12:00 (noon) Luncheon Free will offering for Lutheran Heritage Found.	09 PASTOR ON VACATION	10 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting/Quilting After the Meeting	11	12 NO BIBLE STUDY	13	14
15 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Rev. Alliet	16 PASTOR ON VACATION	17 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Quilting 9:00 a.m. Craft Day 9:30 a.m. NWD Adult Gathering @ Mount Olive, Weston**	18 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay in Suring 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens in Gillett (POSTPONED)	19 NO BIBLE STUDY 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center (POSTPONED)	20 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting	21 LWML Fall Rally @ Immanuel, White Clay Lake
22 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Rev. Alliet	23 PASTOR ON VACATION	24 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Quilting PASTOR'S LAST DAY OF VACATION	25	26 9:00 a.m. Bible Study	27	28
29 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Door Offer for WRLHS Reformation Sunday	30 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	31				
				**Registration and morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$30, which includes morning refreshments, program, and lunch.		

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

3-year-old Reese:

"Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen."

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Address Service Requested

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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