
Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

We now begin the "season of Christmas."

In the Beginning was the Word and the was with God and the Word was God. ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (Jn. 1:1,14)

American culture tends to begin its holiday season (Christmas) earlier and earlier each year, this year decorations were being sold before Halloween, and then it promptly winds it all up on Christmas Day. In the church, our experience is markedly different.

The quiet days of fasting and penitential reflection that mark "Advent" gradually give way on the evening of December 24 to a 12-day season of intense joy. Christmas, for us Christians, is not a one day event. The Feast of the Nativity inaugurates a celebration that stretches for almost two weeks.

Our liturgy provides for three distinct services to begin the feast: A midnight service—or for most an evening service often observed with candlelight and focusing upon Luke 2:1-14; a dawn service—rarely observed today but finishing Luke's narrative with the visit of the shepherds and their joyful return to the fields; and the third and historically Chief Divine Service for Christmas Day with its solemn reading from John 1, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

The days following Christmas celebrate Stephen, the first martyr; St. John, the apostle and evangelist; The Holy Innocents. We commemorate the Lord's circumcision and his naming on January 1. The Sundays—there can be one or two—after Christmas commemorate the early life of Jesus.

Throughout this season—whenever a saints day doesn't direct otherwise—the solemn Christmas preface is prayed with its focus upon the Word made flesh. The numerous hymns of Christmas continue to sound in the church services. The World may be tired of and finished with the feast of Christmas, but for us there is simply too much to squeeze into a single celebration. Christmas joy spills over and fills the days with praise to the incarnate Lord.

May the joy of Christmas be in our heart and praise to the incarnate Lord who died for us be on our lips the whole year through, beginning now with the advent—the coming—of our Savior.

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

December Birthdays

- 1 Cindy Tennant
- 4 Cheryl Jawort
- 6 Deborah Shroyer
- 9 Janet Strohbusch
- 11 Jenny Kuske
- 18 Don Bahr
- 23 Paige Krueger
- 30 Madyson Mikle
- 31 Ned Lundquist

December Anniversaries

- 23 Brian and Heidi Gerndt
- 26 Eugene and Nancy Krueger
- 30 Pat and Jane Porubcan

December Counters

- 3 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 10 Orv and Bette Quandt
- 17 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 24 Eugene and Mark Krueger

December Ushers

- 3 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 6 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 10 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 13 Arnie Bubolz and Gary Kebschull
- 17 Orv and Bette Quandt
- 20 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 24 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 25 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 31 Arnie Bubolz and Gary Kebschull

December Elder on Call

Rick Gipp (920) 595-0989

December Altar Committee

December--Ev Charlson and Tracy Brooks
January--Deanna Tachick and Laurie Schoenebeck

Household Tips

Remove unpleasant odors (like that fishy smell after frying fish) from your cast iron pan by scrubbing it with toothpaste. Toothpaste is also good for cleaning the enamel on your stove.

Submitted by JR

Do you have interesting, effective household or gardening tips? Share them through the newsletter.

Life Quotes for Lutherans

December 3: "In view of God's display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, 'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.'" Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 10: "You might not be impressive by the world's standards. You might be a third-shift worker, a nameless neighbor, or a sinner who messed up in very public ways. But the angel declared good news for all people, which logically must include you. So, rejoice today! A Savior was born to you!" Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 17: "I don't know what exactly you expect this Christmas. But I can tell you to set your expectations high as you listen to God's Advent call. Listen to His promises. Look in the manger. And you'll find hope and unity now and into eternity." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 24 "This time of the year always fills us with cheer | But the reason we celebrate is not always clear | The cookies, the lights, the presents, the tree | The carols, the decorations, the family parties | But all of the delight and all of the fun | Does not mean a thing if we don't know God's Son | The tiny baby that was born to die | Can sometimes cause us to stop and ask why | Do we really deserve the sacrifice He made? | Are we worth the offering and the price that was paid? | In His eyes, we are, because He made us His own | And on the cross, the ultimate love was shown | So take joy in the season and spread His true love | But always remember the gift from above!" Jerrod Nelson – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 31 "While it is true that we need to be good stewards of God's earthly gifts, it is sinful to think that we are in full control of preserving this world. It is sinful to fret about the destruction of this world before the Last Day. This world will not run out of nat-

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Lutheran Hour, December 2023

December 3

"Before They Call"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 SOS and Mayday are distress signals that cry out for rescue. So is "Lord, have mercy!"
 (Isaiah 64:4)

December 10

"A-T Walker"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 (Isaiah 40:3)

December 17

"Life After Landing"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Isaiah 61:1-2)

December 24

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

December 31

December 31

"Of Entrances and Exits"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes
 (Luke 2:27-28)

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ural resources. We will not be wiped out by climate change, a worldwide pandemic, or a meteor shower if and when those things happen. God says that as long as this earth endures—until Judgment Day—seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. God is in control. God will protect, provide, and preserve this world. Trust in God and see His grace and mercy, especially when sin affects this world. Trust that He gives you what you don't deserve and more than you could imagine." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
 • lutheransforlife.org

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

Black Cat Cookies (from Debbie Alsteen)

- 3/4 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1/3 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 1 box chocolate cake mix
- Plain M&Ms

Beat together peanut butter, eggs, and water. Gradually add cake mix. Mix well. Form dough into 1-inch balls. Place on lightly greased cookie sheet. Flatten balls with bottom of a glass dipped in sugar. Pinch out 2 ears at top of cookie. Add

M&Ms as eyes and a Red Hot as a nose. Press Fork into the sides of the cat face to form whiskers. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes.



Note: Not what your cookie will actually look like.

Tabor Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Friday, November 10, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Pastor Stoll, Eugene Krueger, Cheryl Jawort, John Francis, Janet Strohbush, and Rick Gipp.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Krueger. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Janet Strohbush to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by Janet Strohbush and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the minutes of the October 20 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Janet Strohbush to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Catechism classes have begun with one student from Tabor and one from Emmanuel. Thanksgiving Eve service will be Wednesday, November 22 at Emmanuel at 7 p.m. The Advent theme this year is "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending!" Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Tabor and 7 p.m. at Emmanuel. Emmanuel will have a soup supper beginning at 5:30 p.m. The worship schedule for next year is completed so the Altar Guild knows what each service is and the color for the day. Faith in Marinette is hosting a training class for defibrillator use in case of emergency. Dan and Carol Felker have requested a transfer back to Tabor.

OLD BUSINESS: The rear door needs the sweep added and then will be installed. That will complete the door project. A lock box has been purchased for the key to the new doors. The short-term project will be to contact a plumber to check the hot water heater and piping at the parsonage. The long-term projects continue to be floor covering and kitchen updates at the church. There will be a brunch/coffee hour for new members on Sunday, December 3. The Prayer Chain document has been distributed. There will be a soup supper at Tabor following the first Advent service on Wednesday, December 6. We're still looking for members to form an Outreach Committee.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Cheryl Jawort to approve and pay the quote from Brotherhood Mutual for the annual building and workman's compensation insurance. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding Pastor and Paula's health insurance plan for next year.

The Elder on call for December will be Rick Gipp. The next Council meeting will be Friday, December 8 at 9 a.m. A motion was made by Janet Strohbush and seconded by Rick Gipp to adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll closed by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jawort

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Six ladies attended the meeting on November 14, 2023. Nancy Krueger led the Bible Study "Mission of Love" from the LW Quarterly magazine. From 1 John 4.7 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."

President Nancy Krueger opened the meeting. A motion was made by Diane Fitzpatrick to accept the minutes of the October meeting as printed, seconded by Janet Strohbush. Motion passed. Diane Fitzpatrick gave the Treasurer's report showing \$4,285.51 in our checking account and \$12,967.01 in our Extension Fund account. A motion to accept the report was made by Janet Strohbush and seconded by Cindy Tennant. Motion passed. The third quarter mite contributions totaled \$115.80. Thanks to those who support our mission funds.

Old Business: Nancy Krueger and Janet Strohbush attended the LWML Fall rally at Immanuel White Clay on October 21. Janet reported the Prayer Chain guidelines have been approved. She will put a notice in the newsletter explaining what to do to request prayers. The Altar Guild will meet with Pastor Stoll on Tuesday, November 21 at 9:00 a.m. There are many new items on the "Gifts from the Heart" table. Please shop and pick up some handmade items.

New Business: The first Advent service will be on Wed. December 6 at 4:00 p.m. at Tabor. We will serve booyah following the service. A couple members will bring bread and bars to complete the meal. A sign-up sheet will be put out so we can prepare the correct amount of food. Please join us. Quilting is off to a slow start without any completed so far. We need a couple more people to come and help with sewing on Tuesday mornings.

New Business: Ev Charlson will request a Thrivent grant to help with the purchase of quilt batting. Tracy Brooks will get information of purchasing poinsettias for our Christmas altar decorations. On December 5

we decorate the Christmas tree and the church. If you have a recipe to share, send it to Jane Porubcan to be published in a future newsletter. The LWML rally will be from June 13-15, 2024 in Appleton. The theme is "Let your light shine". Suggestions for a banner, size 32" x 58" can be given to Janet Strohbusch. A review of the list of annual donations was made with a couple organizations eliminated and a couple others added. Diane Fitzpatrick will prepare and mail checks in the next few weeks. On December 3 new members of our Congregation will be welcomed with an expanded coffee hour following the service. We will take our Christmas tree and decorations down on Tuesday, January 9. Our potluck luncheon will follow at 11:30 a.m. There will be a sign-up sheet and jot down what you would like to share. All church members are welcome.

The next Ladies Aid meeting will be on December 12. Tracy Brooks will lead the Bible Study, "Sent, Go, Proclaim". Nancy Krueger closed the meeting by leading us with the Lord's Prayer.



Ev Charlson, Secretary

Prayer Chain Requests

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Stoll (712-212-4590) or Janet Strohbusch (715-850-2971).



If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please contact Janet Strohbusch (715-850-2971).

Chicken Booyah is still available in the Narthex. Cost is \$8 for a quart.

Help Wanted

Reliable, resourceful individuals to become part of our Outreach Committee. No experience necessary. This is an excellent opportunity to serve the Lord. See any Council member for details.

Monthly Newsletter

To help us have the monthly newsletter available by the last Sunday of the month, please have your article or any information submitted to Jane at least one week in advance. Submissions can be emailed to Jane at janeporubcan@gmail.com. Thank you.



Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - October 2023

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund** (not included in totals)	1,366.08			43.16	1,322.92
6961	Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,181.21	69.00	\$ 1.22		\$ 2,581.43
9486	Winter Savings	1,806.57		0.90		1,807.47
8722	General Fund	14,859.68		6.64	4,000.00	10,866.32
7894	Parsonage Improvements	3,833.82	300.00	2.20		4,136.02
7906	Church Building/Maintenance	8,439.34		4.16	<u>3,610.00</u>	4,833.50
	Door Fund--In Above	3,018.09				
7759	Bequest Fund	3,955.73	<u>531.00</u>	2.34		4,490.07
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	11,569.48				11,569.48
5736	CD General	15,174.49		152.99		15,327.48
5714	Winter	1,807.47		.99		1,808.46
5702	Bequest	15,174.49		152.99		15,327.48
5725	Scholarship	<u>7,587.25</u>		<u>76.50</u>		<u>7,663.75</u>
	TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS	\$92,171.21	\$900.00	\$476.53	7,610.00	\$85,937.74

*Interest paid quarterly (\$0.125%)

**In checking account

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - October 2023

Beginning Balance 10/01/23 (325.56)

October Income:

General Income.....	7,875.00
Loose	721.50
Missions.....	25.00
Church Maintenance	50.00
Thrivent.....	79.00
From Emmanuel.....	2,926.75
WRLHS Scholarship	71.00
From Bldg Fund.....	3,610.00
Booyah	420.00

Total October Income 19,778.25

October Expenses:

1 - District Budgeted.....	1,166.67
11 - Confirmation	66.28
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,051.48
13 - Pastor's Health Insurance/Pension	87.40
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	261.35
17 - Parsonage Utilities	122.88
2 - Mission Designated.....	25.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	143.82
24 - Subscriptions/Pub/Dues	95.68
30 - Custodian Wages.....	124.67
31 - Church Utilities	115.34
33 - Gen Maintenance/Repair Church.....	3,610.00
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Maintenance Fund	129.00
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted	300.00
4 - Guest Pastor	170.00
41 - Flower Fund.....	43.16
43 - Pass Through	420.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund	71.00
5 - Organist	291.52
54 - Administrator Wages.....	665.60
55 - Guest Pastor Mileage	98.26
5A - Organist/Buttons.....	46.17

Total October Expenses (12,105.28)

Ending Balance 10/31/23 7,347.41

Financial Status Compared to Adopted Budget

Income	January	\$11,531.75	Does not include \$9,000.00 from Special Funds Includes \$2,737.00 from Door Fund Includes \$3,000.00 from Gen Fund Brat Fry \$1,442.00 Actual Giving 10,733.00 99,030.37 11,748.25
	February	11,882.75	
	March	15,649.76	
	April	15,862.75	
	May	14,505.87	
	June	11,272.75	
	July	14,770.75	
	August	12,468.50	
	September	13,366.75	
	October	19,778.25	

Total

Funds Needed for Adopted Budget \$150,637.30 \$15,063.73 each month
 Funds Shortfall (33,178.45)

DECEMBER 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03 8:30 a.m. Tabor 10:00 a.m. Emmanuel New members welcomed	04 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	05 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting Decorating Christmas tree	06 4:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Tabor Soup supper after service 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Emmanuel	07 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	08 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting	09 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
10 8:30 a.m. Tabor 10:00 a.m. Emmanuel Mite Collection	11 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	12 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting Quilting after	13 4:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Tabor Soup supper after service 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Emmanuel	14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	15	16
17 8:30 a.m. Tabor 10:00 a.m. Emmanuel	18 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	19 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	20 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay in Suring 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens in Gillett 4:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Tabor Soup supper after service 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Emmanuel	21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center	22	23
24 8:30 a.m. Tabor 10:00 a.m. Emmanuel 7:00 p.m. Combined @ Emmanuel	25 9:00 a.m. Combined service @ Tabor	26 NO Quilting	27	28 NO Bible Study	29	30
31 8:30 a.m. Tabor 10:00 a.m. Emmanuel WRLHS Offering	1 No Services	Communion is celebrated every Sunday of each month; plus Holy Days Wednesdays: 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class and WASP				

Merry Christmas