

Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding” (*Prov. 3:5*)

When we ponder the question of why we give and how much we give, we are really thinking about where our trust lies. If we are hoarding our money, giving grudgingly, if at all, we are putting our trust in ourselves, storing up “treasures on earth” (*Matt. 6:19*) As we place our trust in the Lord, He opens our eyes and hearts to enable us to see the needs of others, and we hold our possessions loosely cheerfully sharing the resources God has entrusted to us. We then “store up for ourselves treasures in heaven” (*Matt. 6:20*). If we examined our checkbooks, would they indicate we’re trusting in God or in ourselves?

Trust!

God want us to put him to the test, “bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need”” (*Mal. 3:10*) God promises his people that he will bless them if they give generously. God wants to be put to the test, so that he can prove to us that he is faithful in his promises.

2 Corinthians 9:8 reads, ‘And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times having all that you need you will abound in every good work.’ God promises that, through his abundant grace, we will be enabled to abound in generous giving. God is able to give us all we need all the time for every good work.

The Apostle Paul wrote in *Romans 8:32*, ‘He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him graciously give us all things?’ Paul is saying that, since God has given His Son for us, nothing else could be too much. Certainly, God will freely meet our needs if he is willing to sacrifice his own Son.

God is a God of love and goodness. Because He is omniscient, He knows what needs we have, and He will provide them when He believes the time is proper. He is faithful to those who believe in him. Jesus said that, If God feeds the birds of the air and provides for the flowers in the fields, we can be sure that He will take care of those He loves (*Luke 12:22-31*)

Philippians 4:19 reads, ‘And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Jesus Christ. God does not provide any a fractional amount of the needs we have; God knows what is best for us and He will provide all that for us.

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God” (*2 Corinthians 9:10-11*). These verses assure us that God will not only provide for us, but He will give us even more than we need. God does not limit the gifts He gives to his people but blesses His people with blessings that may or may not be material in nature. If God chooses to bless us financially, He is putting us in a position to be even more generous with our money. Any blessing He gives is cause for giving thanks to him. The more we give, the more we receive, so we will be able to keep on giving to bring thanksgiving to God.

Giving is not a natural inclination. Because of our self-interest, we are inclined to take care of ourselves first and others second. If we rely on our own strength to give, we are likely to hoard what we have. Our heavenly Father knows that our giving helps us break the grip that money may have over us. When we give our first and best to the Lord, we show him that our faith and trust are in Him rather than in our money and possessions.

In *2 Corinthians 9:6*, the Apostle Paul gives us the principle of sowing and reaping: ‘Remember this...whoever sows generously will also reap generously.’ God’s generosity allows us to be greater conduits of His riches to share with others and to extend His kingdom. When we invest in God’s kingdom, we receive God’s supply so we can be generous on every occasion with our time talents, and treasures. We are blessed to be a blessing. God could have chosen to use His army of angels, but instead He chose to use us to help others and to bring His Word to the world. As we trust in Him, God equips us and enables us to serve Him through our giving. (Stewardship Advisors, 2017)

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

January Birthdays

- 6 Valerie Fingal
- 8 Ashlyn Schultz
- 10 Kim Schoenebeck
- 11 Judith Buhandt
Diane Fitzpatrick
- 12 Cecelia Trossen
- 14 James Vorpahl
- 27 Jim Jawort
- 31 Dallas Krieger

January Anniversaries

- 5 Nels and Elsie Jensen

January Counters

- 7 Orv and Bette Quandt
- 14 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 21 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 28 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri

January Ushers

- 7 Orv and Bette Quandt
- 14 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 21 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 28 Jim and Cheryl Jawort

January Altar Committee

January--Janet Strobusch and Laurie Schoenebeck
February--Brenda Urban and Bette Quandt

February Elder on Call

Scott Tennant (920) 639-7899

Life Quotes for Lutherans

January 7: "What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father's Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!" Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

January 14: "Abortion has only ever represented a symptom. The sickness has always consisted of the

deeper reality of sin. So, law never embodied the finish line or the prize. Our Savior's victory invites us to settle for nothing less than sharing life, abundant and everlasting, with each human being and receiving them all as gift and privilege. Let's press ahead with renewed enthusiasm!" Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

January 21: "As Christians, each one of us should be deeply steeped in God's Word. That is where the truth lies. We don't want to be 'right' for our own sake so we can boast in our 'right-ness.' We should want to be 'right' because God is revealing His truth to us, and we have been aligned with His truth. As we labor together in the life arena, let each one of us be so grounded in God's Word that we recognize God's truth and speak it in love." Barbara Lane Geistfeld, DVM, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

January 28: "The Holy Spirit teaches us and enables us to be more effective with our body language, to hold the hands of those who are afraid of walking alone, to hug the ones who are falling apart for whatever reason, to lift those who sinned against God and against their brothers. We do all this by sharing the forgiveness that is found in Christ." Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Lutheran Hour, January 2024

January 7

"As We Forgive"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

January 14

"How Could She Ever Forgive Him?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice.
(Matthew 18:27)

January 21

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



January 28

"Forgiveness Is a Gift from Far Away"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
(Psalm 103:11-12)

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

Tickled to Death

While traveling to India for the first time, I was blessed with the company and counsel of a veteran missionary to South Africa. He had served among the Zulu people for 10 years and, after an absence of some time, was returning to the work he loved.

Upon embarking at Cape Town, he and I boarded a train for Durban, where I was able to catch a ship sailing eastward to Bombay. Enroute to Durban we stopped twice to visit missionary and Christian Zulu friends of his. At the Zulu Bible Institute in Pietermaritzburg, he was reminded of the first time he had preached to the tribes people. So he told me about it.

Assisted by a skilled translator, my friend--unsure of his Zulu at the time--addressed a large youth gathering. One of his illustrations involved a man who was thrilled about an answer to prayer. Said my friend: "He was simply tickled to death." The Zulu interpreter looked puzzled, asked him to repeat the phrase, thought for a

moment, and then rapidly spoke a sentence in Zulu.

After the meeting, veteran missionaries asked the young preacher if he knew how the interpreter had translated. "He was simply tickled to death." My friend shook his head. "Well," said one of them, smiling broadly, "in Zulu it came out something like this: 'He itched and he itched and then he died!'"

The Rev. Frank E. Wilcox, Fullerton, CA



Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Seven members attended the meeting on December 12, 2023. The Bible study lesson "Sent, Go, Proclaim" was lead by Tracy Brooks. The missionary in the Philippines for 11 years was sent to proclaim God's Love. We need to encourage our congregation to share your love by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Krueger. A motion to accept the minutes of the November 14 meeting was made by Diane Fitzpatrick, seconded by Tracy Brooks. Motion passed. Treasurer's report by Diane Fitzpatrick shows \$3,771.77 in our checking account after our annual donations were sent out. There is \$12,973.67 in the Extension Fund. So far for December the donations to the Mite boxes totaled \$111.22. Thanks. Motion to accept by Ev Charlson, seconded by Janet Strohbusch. Motion passed.

Old Business: We have completed one quilt due to so many other projects and lack of help to assemble, sew and tie them. Can you help on Tuesday mornings? Thanks to Ev Charlson for getting Thrivent funds to purchase two rolls of quilt batting. Nancy Krueger also got Thrivent funds for the purchase of a new Singer Patchwork sewing machine. Thanks.

New Business: Thank you to Shirley Bubolz for making the beautiful swag decorations for the church. Thanks to the members who beautifully decorated the church and Bill and Tracy Brooks and Nancy Krueger for getting the poinsettias.

Our Christmas pot-luck lunch for everyone will be on Tuesday, January 9, at 11:30 am. There will be a sign-up sheet so we know how many plan on attending. Please bring items for the Food Pantry. The soup suppers following the Advent services have been well attended. Donations go toward the Flooring Fund.

Diane Fitzpatrick will lead our Bible Study titled "Equipped" at our next meeting on January 16.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

Special Board Meeting

(Sunday, December 3, 2023)

PRESENT: Eugene Krueger, Rick Gipp, John Francis, Janet Strohbusch, and Nancy Krueger

A short meeting was called to accept the transfer of Dan and Carol Felker. A motion was made by Janet Strohbusch and seconded by Rick Gipp to accept the transfer. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Board Meeting (Friday, December 8, 2023)

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Krueger. A motion was made by Janet Strohbusch and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave the opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the minutes of November 10 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Janet Strohbusch and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Catechism classes are going well with two students attending. An updated shut in list was given and report on the surgeries of our members. Pastor and Paula will be out of town from December 26 through January 1, 2024. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Janet Strohbusch to accept Pastor's report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Pastor's health insurance was discussed, and John Francis will rework the figures for the budget. Rick Gipp gave a report on the short term project of the parsonage hot water heater and piping issues. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Janet Strohbusch to use the money in the parsonage fund to replace the needed heater and piping. Motion carried. The doors have been finished and can be taken off the agenda. The project of rain gutters and the deck staining will be done in the spring. The track lighting will be discussed at the January meeting. The long term projects continue to be floor covering and kitchen updates. Inactive members discussion continues, and we are still looking for an Outreach Committee. The nominating committee continue searching for candidates for president and financial chairperson.

The Advent Soup Supper was well attended and will be continued for after the next Advent services.

NEW BUSINESS: The annual meeting is set for January 21, 2024. The Ladies Aid has been asked to prepare a brunch between church service and the annual meeting. Tabor members are remind to pick up and read the constitution, as well as, sign that you have done this because you must do this in order to vote at the annual meeting. Christmas Eve candlelight service is at Emmanuel at 7:00 p.m.. Dan and Carol Felker have been received into membership at Tabor. Wolf River High School has asked for our continued support for 2024. The Advent Creche should be put up before Advent begins and taken down after January 6, 2024. The Elder on call for January will be Scott Tennant. The next council meeting will be January 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Rick Gipp to adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll closed by leading us in the Lord Prayer.

Submitted by Nancy Krueger

Sunday Morning Show Stopper

While visiting at First Assembly Congregation in Eugene, OR, I noticed a lively youngster in the front row. she must have been about four years old.

She certainly was active, and her antics entertained the whole congregation during the hymns and the pas-toral prayer. Seated several rows back, her mother tried repeatedly to get her attention. She failed.

Finally, just before the sermon, she walked briskly forward, grabbed her daughter by the shoulder, and began marching her down the aisle.

With each step she would drag her heels and yell, "No, Momma, no!" The battle drew every eye.



Then, a few feet from the narthex doors, the young-ster apparently had a vision of her soon-to-be-re-alized fate. Just before disappearing, she cried out with great urgency: "Oh, my goodness! Somebody pray!"

It was a hard act for the poor minister to follow.

Bonney Stuart, Wash-
Tucna, WA

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - November 2023

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund** (not included in totals)	1,322.92			274.75	1,048.17
6961	Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,251.43	71.00	\$ 1.18		\$ 2,323.61
9486	Winter Savings	1,808.46		0.93		1,809.39
8722	General Fund	10,866.32		5.43	4,413.00	6,458.75
7894	Parsonage Improvements	4,136.02	300.00	2.22		4,438.24
7906	Church Building/Maintenance	4,833.50	<u>129.00</u>	2.52		4,965.02
	Door Fund--In Above	3,666.00				
7759	Bequest Fund	4,490.07		2.31		4,492.38
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	7,587.25		76.50		7,663.75
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	\$85,478.76	\$500.00	\$473.57	4,413.00	\$82,039.33

**In checking account

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - November 2023

Beginning Balance 11/01/23		7,347.41
November Income:		
General Income.....	5,926.00	
Loose	193.00	
Church Maintenance	16.00	
Thrivent.....	123.00	
From Emmanuel.....	3,048.86	
Other.....	195.66	
WRLHS Scholarship	159.00	
From Bldg Fund.....	4,413.00	
Booyah	<u>56.00</u>	
Total November Income		14,130.52
November Expenses:		
1 - District Budgeted.....	1,166.67	
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,051.48	
13 - Pastor's Health Insurance/Pension	5,291.90	
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	651.07	
17 - Parsonage Utilities	267.84	
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.21	
29 - Workman's Comp Insurance.....	921.00	
30 - Custodian Wages.....	128.13	
31 - Church Utilities	97.63	
34 - Insurance Church	3,492.00	
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Maintenance Fund	195.00	
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted	300.00	
41 - Flower Fund.....	274.75	
43 - Pass Through	100.00	
48 - To Scholarship Fund	59.00	
5 - Organist	69.27	
54 - Administrator Wages.....	665.60	
5A - Organist/Buttons	137.52	
6 - Workshop Supplies	<u>85.98</u>	
Total November Expenses		(18,099.05)
Ending Balance 11/30/23		<u>3,378.88</u>

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	
	September	13,366.75	
	October	19,778.25	
	November	14,130.52	
Total			9,541.86
Funds Needed for Adopted Budget		\$155,220.39	\$15,063.73 each month
Funds Shortfall		(38,700.32)	

JANUARY 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion NO SERVICE Pastor and Paula return	02 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	03 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class and WASP	04 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	05	06 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
07 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion	08 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	09 9:00 a.m. Take down Christmas decorations 11:30 a.m. Potluck Luncheon	10 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class and WASP	11 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	12 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting	13
14 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Mites Collected	15 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	16 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting & Quilting	17 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay in Suring 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens in Gillett 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class and WASP	18 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center	19	20
21 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Brunch & ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING	22 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	23 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	24 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class and WASP	25 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	26	27
28 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion WRLHS Offering	29 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	30 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	31 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class and WASP			



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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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