

Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

Stewardship Under the Cross Do I have to Tithe?

That is an interesting question: do we have to tithe under the New Testament? After all, tithing, that is, giving 10% of our income to God's work in the Church, is a regulation of the Old Testament. We live under Christ in the New Testament so does this apply to us today?

We might approach our answer to this question by asking whether or not we have to keep the Third Commandment – which reads in full from Exodus 20:8-11

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

So, do we have to keep this commandment? Should we cease from all labor on Saturday as the people of the Old Testament did? Of course not! That was one of the Old Testament prophecies of Christ – and since Christ has fulfilled the Sabbath rest by resting in the tomb on Holy Saturday, we are free from the Old Testament Sabbath regulations. Thus St. Paul writes, "Let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ" (Col. 2:16-17).

And yet, there the Third Commandment stands in our Small Catechism: Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy! What's going on here? Well, look at Luther's explanation of the third commandment: "What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but gladly hear and learn it." So the form of the commandment, the letter of the law, has passed away as a shadow: but the spirit still remains. We are to honor God by our worship, by gladly receiving His Word and Sacraments in His Church.

So it is with tithing. The New Testament nowhere lists the precise regulations about giving this tithe and that tithe to

the Levites and the Temple and so on. Those precise regulations were to point us to Christ: who represents the fullness of humanity though He is one Man, just as the tithe represented the fullness of the income of the people of Israel though it was only 10% thereof. We are in no way bound to these precise legal regulations of Old Testament Israel.

And yet, just as the fulfilling of the Sabbath Day doesn't mean that going to the Lord's House for worship once a week is obsolete – so also the New Testament does not make faithful financial stewardship obsolete. Rather, the New Testament is full of admonitions on this point: "On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as each one of you may prosper." (1 Cor. 16:2); "But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Cor. 8:7); "The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work" (2 Cor. 9:6-8).

So just as the Old Testament's once a week worship became the benchmark for New Testament worship, so also the Old Testament's tithe becomes the benchmark for New Testament stewardship. Not in the way of inflexible, minute regulations – but in the way of pattern and fulfillment. If in the New Testament we are called to give proportionally ("as each one may prosper"), weekly ("on the first day"), and "generously" - then surely the Old Testament tithe is the floor level of Christian giving, not the ceiling. As our worship in the New Testament is a greater fulfillment of the Old Testament Sabbath, so also our New Testament stewardship is called to be an even greater sacrificial fulfillment of the Old Testament tithing regulations.

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

March Birthdays

- 3 Jerry Mittlestaedt
- 8 Karen Wirth
- 11 Ryan Schoenebeck
- 21 Richard Saffran
- 27 Stacy Ann Trossen

March Anniversaries

- 14 Glen and Letha Seering

March Counters

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

March Ushers

- 3 Orville Quandt and Arnie Bubolz
- 6 Mark Krueger
- 10 Orville Quandt and Ron Lang
- 13 Gary Keschull
- 17 Arnie Bubolz and Glenn Seering
- 20 Orville Quandt
- 24 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 28 Mark and Eugene Krueger
- 29 Arnie Bubolz and Gary Keschull
- 31 Jim and Cheryl Jawort

March Altar Committee

March--Nancy Krueger and Ev Charlson
April--Cindy Tennant and Bette Quandt

February Elder on Call

Scott Tennant (920) 639-7899

Life Quotes for Lutherans

March 3: "[W]e were made for light and life. God's Word and Sacraments cast darkness aside in our lives; they draw us closer to Him and make us strong unto salvation ... cling to the promises of Christ. May we recognize that we are blessed For Life even when we are surrounded by darkness, and may we in our darkest seasons, through the work of the Holy Spirit, lean toward the Son for light and for hope." Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 10: "With gentleness and respect, we witness to our faith in Jesus so that others will come to believe in Him and eagerly await His return. All who confess Jesus as Lord look forward to His Second Coming with a joy far greater than idle mirth. We are encouraged as we remind each other that our Savior is coming back, and we pray that He would 'hear and grant our fervent plea.' Come, Lord Jesus!" Dr. Carol Geisler – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 17: "God loves everybody. God loves people that are big and small. God loves people that are every age. God loves people no matter where we live. All people are special to God. The Bible says, 'For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand' (Ephesians 2:10). God has good things for each of us." Timothy, a sixth grader from southern Minnesota, who has Down syndrome – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 24: "So let us be sober, putting on faith and love as our breastplate and the hope of salvation as our helmet, encouraging one another and building each other up as together we faithfully wait, expectantly wait, joyfully wait—for Jesus." Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook, guest speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 31: "The disciples and the first century Christians may have felt like they were on the losing side. They had their doubts and fears. Maybe you do, too. They may have lost some earthly things. You may, too. But Jesus takes away the fear and the doubt. You have hope in His resurrection. You have hope even through the trials of life. You have a living hope in your living Lord." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Announcements

The 2024 youth calendars are available in the narthex. Cost is \$8.

Help wanted for reliable, resourceful individuals to become part of our Outreach Committee. No experience necessary. See any Council member.

If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Stoll (712-212-4590) or Janet Strobusch (715-850-2971). If you would like to be a member of the Prayer Chain, please contact

Lutheran Hour, March 2024

March 3

"Included in Such Company"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 The more you listen to the life of Jesus, the more you admire Him and the more grateful you are to be included in His company.
 (Mark 10:43-45)



March 10

"All Bets Are Off"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Jesus engages his opponents in a battle of wits and wins—for us.
 (Mark 11)

March 17

"The Strangest Request"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe
 (Genesis 22:1-14)

March 24

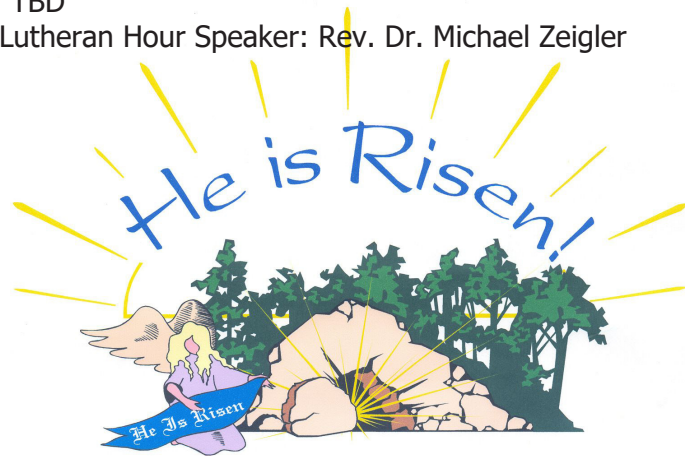
"Repurposed Joy and Junk"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 (Mark 14:6)

March 31

"TBD"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



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



Installation of Church Council Officers: Scott Tennant, Cheryl Jawort, Dan Felker, John Francis, Bette Quandt, and Rick Gipp at the January 28 church service.

Tabor Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Friday, February 16, 2024 (9:00 a.m.)

PRESENT: Pastor Stoll, Dan Felker, Cheryl Jawort, John Francis, Scott Tennant, and Bette Quandt
Guests: Nancy Krueger, Evelyn Charlson, Letha Seering, and Jane Porubcan.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Dan Felker. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Bette Quandt to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the minutes of the January 12 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Bette Quandt and seconded by Scott Tennant to renew the CDs for the four special fund accounts that are coming due in March for another 12 month period. Motion carried. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Cheryl Jawort to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: There were three funerals in January. Pastor asked us to encourage the two confirmands in their studies and faith. The Lent services began with Ash Wednesday on February 14. The ushers' list is posted on the board in the foyer. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Bette Quandt to approve the report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Bette Quandt reported for Rick Gipp that he is getting most of the keys to the new doors back. The short-term project list is being put together by Scott Tennant and Rick Gipp, which will include having the kitchen stove checked for leaks. The trustees will develop the wish list for the bequest fund. The long-term projects include Phase 2 of the flooring project and reupholstering the pews. All members of the Council will contact members who have not signed the constitution signing sheet. Letha Seering discussed with the Council the need for someone to keep our website up to date.

NEW BUSINESS: We will request a status request from those who agreed at the annual voters' meeting to form an Outreach Committee. The soup suppers following the Lent services is going well. Palm crosses are being ordered for the Palm Sunday service.

The Elder on call for March will be Scott Tennant. The

next Council meeting will be Friday, March 8 at 9 a.m. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by John Francis to adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll closed by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jawort

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Seven ladies attended the February 13, 2024 meeting. The Bible study lesson "Equipped" was lead by Diane Fitzpatrick. The message showed the importance of three women who were influential in the life of Jesus—Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna.

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order with a review of the December minutes. A motion to accept by Diane Fitzpatrick, seconded by Tracy Brooks. Motion passed. Treasurer's report by Diane Fitzpatrick shows \$3,806.61 in checking and \$12,987.43 in the Extension Fund. Gifts from the Heart totaled \$71. Motion to accept by Janet Reed, seconded by Bette Quandt. Passed. Nancy passed around thank you letters from the organizations we sent donations to in November and December and a thank you card and donation from the Charlson family.

OLD BUSINESS: Nancy thanked the volunteers who helped or provided food for the Advent services and the annual meeting. It was a great success. Eight quilts have been completed. The new sewing machine purchased with funds from Thrivent is working well.

NEW BUSINESS: Lenten services begin February 14. The Ladies Aid members have volunteered to provide supper each Wednesday following service to include soup, sides, and dessert. Donations will be accepted. Anyone who would like to bring soup should contact Nancy Krueger.

Discussion on perhaps having a rummage sale as a fund raiser in May will continue at the next meeting. The use of funds given to the Ladies Aid from the Glenn Charlson memorial will be determined in the near future.

March 12 is the next meeting. Bette Quandt will lead the Bible lesson "Where is Your Treasure?". Following the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

Tabor Lutheran Church Annual Voter's Meeting (January 21, 2024, 10:50 a.m.)

There were six Council members and 23 congregational members present: Eugene Krueger, Rick Gipp, Cheryl Jawort, Janet Strohbusch, John Francis, Scott Tennant, Richard Saffran, Joann Saffran, Donald Bahr, Gale Bahr, Brenda Carey-Mielke, Evelyn Charlson, Carol Felker, Dan Felker, Brian Fitzpatrick, Sandy Sandri, Dennis Sandri, Nancy Krueger, Darrell Wagenknecht, Jim Jawort, Glenn Seering, Letha Seering, Ron Lange, Arnold Bubolz, Shirley Bubolz, Diane Fitzpatrick, Cindy Tennant Bette Quandt, and Pastor Stoll (later).

The meeting was called to order by President Krueger. An opening devotion was read by Janet Strohbusch. It was established that all members in attendance were eligible voting members. The minutes of the 2023 annual voters' meeting were presented. A motion was made by Glenn Seering and seconded by Jim Jawort to accept the minutes. Motion carried. Betty Quandt reported on the audit of the 2023 church and ladies aid books. All the books were in order. John Francis presented the treasurer's report as printed in the annual report. He explained that the proposed 2024 budget has been substantially reduced because of the change to Pastor's health insurance and mission giving. A motion was made by Brenda Carey-Mielke and seconded by Dan Felker to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES: Rick Gipp reported on the Board of Elders indicating he and fellow Elder, Scott Tennant, have complied with the requirements of their duties, per the constitution guidelines, by providing support to Pastor spiritually and

emotionally for the spiritual welfare of the congregational members. John Francis reported for the Board of Legal Representatives, reminding the congregation of the change to Pastor's health insurance plan. Rick Gipp gave the report for the Board of Trustees. The door project for the church has been completed at a cost of \$13,000, the church parking lot has been resealed and striped at a cost of \$3,200, insulation was installed in the parsonage at a cost of \$1587, new piping and a water heater at the parsonage were installed at a cost of \$1,800. Work that will be done in the spring includes power washing and staining the parsonage deck, installing donated gutters at the parsonage and looking into new track lighting at the back of the church. A motion was made by Letha Seering and seconded by Dan Felker to develop a wish list for families to review when making a bequest to the Bequest Fund. Motion carried. Janet Strohbusch reported on the Finance Committee. She also discussed the Outreach Committee and what the duties of that committee would be. Brenda Carey-Mielke and Leetha Seering will meet to discuss forming that committee. Nancy Krueger reported on the Ladies Aid as printed on Page 5 of the 2023 annual report. She also reported on the W.A.S.P. program and King's Court as printed on Page 8 of the 2023 annual report.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported on membership, worship, and Holy Communion and official acts during 2023 as printed on Page 4 of the 2023 annual report. He reported on Bible Study that meets Thursday mornings at Tabor. There are two stu-

dents in the confirmation class. Pastor will be meeting with members of the usher committee and altar care committee in the near future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: John Francis discussed the proposed 2024 budget as printed on Page 6 of the 2023 annual report. Jim Jawort made a motion and Dan Felker seconded to adopt the proposed budget. Motion carried. The election for the position of President/Head Elder was held. Dan Felker was nominated. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by Brenda Carey-Mielke and seconded by Diane Fitzpatrick for Dan Felker to hold this position. Motion carried. The nominees for Financial Chairperson were Debra Uhlenbrauck and Bette Quandt. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Janet Strohbusch to close the nominations. Motion carried. Ballots were cast. Bette Quandt will hold this position. The installation of the 2024 Council members will be on January 28, 2024. The 2024 worship calendar was reviewed as printed on Page 7 of the 2023 annual report. Pastor closed by leading us in the Lord's Prayer. A motion was made by Nancy Krueger and seconded by Brenda Carey-Mielke to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Jawort, Council Secretary

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - January 2024

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund** (not included in totals)	864.09	80.00		37.98	906.11
6961	Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,383.86	\$ 20.00	\$ 1.27		\$ 2,405.13
9486	Winter	1,810.35		0.96		1,811.31
8722	General Fund	6,462.18		3.42		6,465.60
7894	Parsonage Improvements	4,740.70	300.00	1.32	<u>3,232.15</u>	1,809.87
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Flooring--In Above (1,553.00)	3,148.33	<u>1,378.00</u>	2.02		4,528.35
7759	Bequest Fund	4,494.76		<u>2.38</u>		4,497.14
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	11,787.94				11,787.94
5736	CD General	15,482.01				15,482.01
5714	Winter	7,741.02				7,741.02
5702	Bequest	15,482.01				15,482.01
5725	Scholarship	<u>7,741.02</u>				<u>7,741.02</u>
	TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS	\$81,274.18	\$1,698.00	\$11.37	\$3,232.15	\$79,751.40

**In checking account

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - January 2024

Beginning Balance 01/01/24	2,459.13
January Income:	
General Income	7,674.00
Loose	311.00
Missions	85.00
Flooring.....	280.00
Parsonage Fund.....	3,232.15
Flowers	80.00
Initial Offering	45.00
Lutheran Witness	158.40
Memorials (General).....	105.00
WRLHS Scholarship.....	92.00
Visitor	<u>115.00</u>
Total January Income	12,177.55
January Expenses:	
1 - District Budget.....	1,000.00
12 - Pastor's Salary	4,101.86
13 - Pastor's CDSP	134.41
14 - Pastor's Retirement	519.73
15 - Medicare Reimbursement.....	174.70
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement	448.90
17 - Parsonage Utilities.....	190.01
2 - Mission Designated	85.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.24
22 - Office Supplies.....	318.45
24 - Subscriptions/Publications/Dues	23.92
30 - Custodian Wages	124.67
31 - Church Utilities.....	412.55
36 - To LCEF Building Fund.....	280.00
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted	300.00
41 - Flower Fund.....	37.98
48 - To Scholarship Fund.....	92.00
5 - Organist.....	295.52
50 - To LCEF Bequest Fund.....	105.00
54 - Administrator	668.59
56 - WRLHS Budget	765.00
5A - Organist/Buttons.....	46.17
6 - Worship Supplies	<u>42.99</u>
Total January Expenses	(10,311.69)
Ending Balance 01/31/24	\$4,325.49

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	04 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	05 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	06 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 5:00/5:30 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	07 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	08 9:00 a.m. Board Meeting	09 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett 7:30 a.m. Drive-thru opens \$25 donation requested
10 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mites Collected	11 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	12 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting Quilting after Meeting	13 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 5:00/5:30 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	14 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	15	16
17 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	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 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 5:00/5:30 p.m.** 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanue	21 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center	22	23
24 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRLHS Offering	25 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	26 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	27 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class and WASP	28 7:00 p.m. Combined Divine Service w/Holy Communion @ Tabor	29 1:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service @ Emmanuel 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service @ Tabor	30
31 6:30 a.m. Divine worship/Holy Communion @ Emmanuel 8:30 a.m. Divine worship/Holy Communion @ Tabor 10:00 a.m. Divine worship/Holy Communion @ Emmanuel w/breakfast following						
				** 5:00 p.m. Tabor--Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 p.m. Emmanuel Soup and Sandwich Supper		

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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