

Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

As we continue our "Stewardship under the Cross" we ask, Why should I tithe? A Bible study on money offerings.

We do not make God poor when we fail to give money to Him properly, but we do make ourselves poor if we do not give according to the standards He sets for us in His Word, the Bible. God does not need our money, but we need to give the way the Bible tells us in order to overcome the negative influence money and the things of this world can have on us.

"Jesus said, 'No one can serve two masters. For you will hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'" (Matt. 6:24)

Some of the teachings of the Bible are more difficult than others. For many the teachings about money, possessions and offerings are among the most difficult. But, God's instructions are for our Good, not for Him. If we follow His instructions, we will be free and content. Jesus said in John 8:36, **"If the Son sets you free, you will indeed be free."** We also read in 1 Timothy 6:6 that **"... godliness with contentment is great wealth."** That is God's desire for His people: freedom, godliness, and contentment. That is also the desire of this church for its members and associates. That is why this Bible study is presented to you. Please pray for the Lord to make you open to His message, then go through the study. If you live in a family setting, it would be good to do the study together.

1. To whom does my money belong?

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine," says the Lord Almighty (Haggai 2:8)

King David said to God, **But, Who am I, and who are my people that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!"** (1 Chronicles 29:14)

So everything I have really belongs to God. I am merely His manager of those things.

2. What five requirements does God make on every Christian regarding money offerings?

a. 2 Corinthians 9:7 **You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully."**

So the Lord wants me to make my money offerings willingly.

b. Proverbs 3:9-10 **"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first part of everything your land produces. Then he**

will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with the finest wine."

The Lord wants me to make my money offerings to Him first. He is not pleased when I give Him leftovers.

c. 1 Corinthians 16:2 **"On the first day of every week, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once."**

This tells me that the Lord wants me to take my money offerings to Him regularly, that is, whenever I have income, whether I am able to go to church that week or not.

d. 1 Corinthians 16:2 **"On every Lord's Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once."**

Deuteronomy 16:17 **"Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you."**

Luke 12:48 **"Much is required from those to whom much is given, and much more is required from those to whom much more is given."**

The Lord tells me that it is not the amount itself that is important. What is important is that I make my money offering proportionately. In other words, I should give a generous percentage of the income the Lord enables me to earn through my work and investments.

e. 2 Corinthians 8:1-4 **"Now I want to tell you, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done for the churches in Macedonia. Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, their wonderful joy and deep poverty have overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford but far more. And they did of their own free will They begged us again and again for the gracious privilege of sharing in the gift for the Christians in Jerusalem."**

Luke 7:47 **"Jesus said, 'I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows little love.'"**

So my money offerings to the Lord should also be made Generously.

Next Month we will continue looking at what Scripture has to say about Tithing.

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

April Birthdays

- 3 Sandra Wittlieff
- 7 Keith Uhlenbrauck
Barbara Palmer
- 12 Gary Kebschull
- 17 Derek Schultz
- 28 Ricky Shroyer
- 29 David Buchert, Sr.
- 30 Jane Porubcan

April Anniversaries

- 8 Tom and Sandy McCarthy
- 26 Gene and Debbie Alsteen

April Counters

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

April Ushers

- 7 Orville Quandt and Glen Seering
- 14 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 21 Gary Kebschull and Ron Lang
- 28 Jim and Cheryl Jawort

April Altar Committee

April--Bette Quandt and Cindy Tennant
May--Carol Felker and Donna Tetzlaff

April Elder on Call

Rick Gipp (920) 595-0989

Life Quotes for Lutherans

April 7: "In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God's approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have 'fallen asleep in Him' shall be raised to life eternal." Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

April 14: "So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-work-

ers understand the value that God places on all human life." Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

April 21: "Scripture and prayer are our strongest weapons to change hearts, and we must persist and never give up, no matter how disappointing things get with evil laws being enacted or evil intent coming our way." Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

April 28: "It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives." Deaconess Bethany Stoever,

Poor Sick Boy

Marty, a little boy, was in church one Easter Sunday with his mother Doris, when he started feeling sick.

'Mummy,' he inquired, 'can we leave now?'
'No,' his mother replied, 'the service isn't over yet.'

'Well, I think I'm about to throw up.' Marty announced. 'Then go out of the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush.' said Doris.

After about sixty seconds, Marty returned to his pew, alongside his mother.

'Did you throw up?' Marty's Mum asked quietly.
'Yes,' Marty answered, embarrassed.

'How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?' Doris demanded.

'I didn't have to go out of the church, Mummy. They have a box next to the front door that says, "For the Sick".'



Lutheran Hour, April 2024

April 7

"Raise the Flag"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Acts 1:1-11)

April 14

"Breathe In, Breathe Out"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez
The Holy Spirit breathes life into the Church and the Church breathes that life out to the world, with the love of Christ.
(Acts 2:42-47)

April 21

"More Than He Bargained For"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Acts 3:6)

April 28

Not available at this time.



**God's Bounty
Best Broccoli Salad**

Ingredients

- 3 to 4 cups of fresh broccoli, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/2 red onion, chopped into small pieces
- 1/2 cup dried small imitation bacon bits
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries (or raisins, if preferred)
- 1/3 cup salted soy nuts
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1 cup grape tomatoes, cut into halves
- 1 cup cubed Cheddar cheese (small cubes)
- 1 cup low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- 2 packets Splenda (or sweetener of your choice)
- 3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- salt, to taste

Instructions

1. Rinse and strain the broccoli, carrots, and tomatoes.
2. Chop the broccoli into manageable, bite-sized pieces. Or, buy pre-chopped and pre-washed broccoli. Set aside.
3. Slice the tomatoes and onion.
4. Combine the broccoli with the red onion, dried cranberries, soy nuts, shredded carrots, tomatoes, and Cheddar cheese in a large bowl.
5. To prepare the dressing, mix the Greek yogurt, Splenda, vinegar, and pepper together until smooth.
6. Add bacon bits to the dressing mixture and stir until thoroughly combined.
7. Stir and toss the dressing mixture into the vegetable mixture.
8. Let salad chill for about 3 hours.
9. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve.

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 Council Meeting (3/8/24)

Present: Pastor Stoll, Dan Felker, John Francis, Scott Tennant, Rick Gipp, and Bette Quandt

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Dan Felker. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the minutes of the February 16 meeting. MC

The treasurer's report was distributed by John Francis. Items were discussed including the special funds, the CDs, and the interest rate we are receiving, the Wolf River yearly donation, and the Bequest Fund. Motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant. MC

Pastor's Report All those confined to their homes and others were visited this past month. The new Townsend pastor will be installed on April 21. Pastor's Spring Conference will be May 20-22 in Iron Mountain, and Continuing Education in Shawano July 15-17. Motion to approve Pastor's report by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant. MC

The "Soup Suppers" after the Lenten Services have been working well. Thanks to the ladies for cooking and all for staying and enjoying the meals.

Old Business Rick Gipp reported on getting members comfortable with the "Key Box" and that is working well. Please contact Rick if you have any questions. The kitchen range has been repaired and is working well. The track lights in the back of the church need to be replaced. They will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Other projects include: bequest items list, altar candles, the flooring project Phase 1 was discussed and will be moving along in the near future, landscaping at Church, seal coating and deck finishing and repair at parsonage, outreach committee, and website reviewed "visits" and "hits" for years 2020 through January and February 2024. The Elder on call for April is Rick Gipp. The next meeting will be April 12 at 9 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Tennant and seconded by Rick Gipp. MC Pastor closed the meeting by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bette Quandt



PLEASE REMEMBER!--Request that members be reminded that they are not to attempt repair jobs or other jobs on their own without PRIOR APPROVAL of the BOARD or Elder/Trustees.

In the event of a perceived emergency, the President and/or an Elder/Trustee should be notified immediately.

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Eight members of the Ladies Aid met on March 12, 2024. Bette Quandt lead the Bible study Lesson, "Where Is Your Treasure?"

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order. A motion to accept the minutes of the February 13 meeting was made by Janet Strobusch and seconded by Bette Quandt. Motion passed.

Diane Fitzpatrick gave the Treasurer's report showing \$5,089.12 in the checking account and \$12,993.86 in the Extension Fund. There is \$152 in the Gifts from the Heart Fund. New items have been added to the display. Motion to accept by Bette Quandt, seconded by Cindy Tennant. Motion passed.

Old Business: The Wednesday soup suppers following the Lent services are going well. It's a good time to spend with our church members. Donations received will go toward the Flooring Fund. The gas leak in the stove has been fixed, so we can use it again. Discussion not to have a rummage sale but possibly adding a bake sale to our Brat Sale at the SuperValu on June 14. Diane will contact the store management to get an okay.

New Business: Palms and Easter lilies have been ordered. A sign-up sheet is on the table for the plants at \$10 each for anyone who wished to purchase one to add to our Easter Service. Following the Easter Service our Ladies Aid will donate coffee cakes, colored eggs, and coffee. March 19 has been chosen for a morning of organizing and cleaning up the kitchen. Nancy Krueger read a thank you letter from Camp Luther for our donation. The Spring Rally will be April 20 at Faith United in Gillett. Janet Reed is working on designing a banner for the North Wisconsin District Convention to be held June 13-15 in Appleton. Registrations to attend are due by May 15. A discussion was held on whether we would be interested in having a 'craft' table at another location in the future as a fund raiser.

Cindy Tennant will lead the Bible Study "Five Stones for Service" at our meeting on April 9. The meeting was closed by singing a hymn.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

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Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - February 2024

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund (In checking)	906.11	150.00		62.98	993.19
8722	General Fund	\$6,465.60		3.20		\$ 6,468.80
7894	Parsonage Improvements	1,809.87	300.00	.95		2,110.82
9486	Winter Savings	1,811.31		.90		1,812.21
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Flooring Fund--In Above	4,528.35 2,630.00	280.00	2.29		4,810.64
7759	Bequest Fund	4,497.14	105.00	2.24		4,604.38
6961	Scholarship Fund	2,405.13	92.00	<u>.98</u>	<u>765.00</u>	1,733.11
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		\$79,751.40	\$777.00	\$10.56	\$765.00	\$79,773.96

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - February 2024

Beginning Balance 02/01/24 4,325.49

February Income:

General Income.....	7,1720.00
Loose	531.00
Missions.....	100.00
Ladies Aid	900.00
Church Maintenance	40.00
Thrivent Choice	859.00
Flooring	79.00
From Emmanuel.....	4,496.56
Flowers.....	150.00
Lutheran Witness	26.00
Memorials/General	1,050.00
From Scholarship.....	765.00
Wolf River High School	95.00
Visitor.....	30.00
Lent	<u>283.00</u>

Total February Income 16,576.56

February Expenses:

1 - District Budget	1,00.00
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,101.86
13 - Pastor's CDSP.....	134.41
14 - Pastor's Retirement	519.73
15 - Medical Reimbursement	174.40
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	582.23
17 - Parsonage Utilities	176.43
2 - Mission Designated.....	100.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.24
23 - Postage	204.00
24 - Subscriptions/Publications/Dues.....	12.90
30 - Custodian Wages.....	131.60
31 - Church Utilities	260.23
36 - To LCEF Building/Main Fund	978.00
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted	300.00
40 - Ladies Aid	900.00

41 - Flower Fund	62.98
46A - Groundskeeping Snow	400.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund	95.00
5 - Organist	369.34
50 - To LCEF Bequest Fund	1,050.00
54 - Administrator	668.60
5A - Organist/Buttons	91.36

Total February Expenses
Ending Balance 02/29/24

(12,457.31)
8,444.74

APRil 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03	04	05	06
		9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Circuit pastors meet @ Emmanuel, Breed	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting Quilting after Meeting	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	9:00 a.m. Board Meeting	Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett 7:30-9:30 a.m. Registration
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mites Collected	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	9:00 a.m. Worship @ The Bay @ Suring 1:30 p.m. Serenity Gardens @ Gillett 4:00 p.m. Confirmation/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center		Ladies Aid Spring Rally @ Faith United in Gillette
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion 3:30 p.m. The new pastor at St. John's, Townsend will be installed	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
28	29	30				
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRHS door offering	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting				

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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