

Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

As we continue considering stewardship and what is appropriate giving to the Lord, I prefer to give to the Lord instead of to the church. The church may be the temporal recipient of our offerings, but we make our offerings to the Lord. Sometimes the church disappoints us. Sometimes the people in the church disappoint us. The Lord, however, never disappoints us. He alone is faithful to the end.

Here's the list of Biblical principles when it comes to making money offerings:

1. Willingly
2. First
3. Regularly (whenever I have income)
4. Proportionately (percentage)
5. Generously (Faithful Christian giving starts at a tithe)

3. What if I serve the Lord faithfully, even exceptionally, in other areas? Does that mean I don't need to follow these directions about money offerings?

2 Corinthians 8:7 "Since you excel in so many ways—you have so much faith, such gifted speakers, such knowledge, such enthusiasm, and such love for us—now I want you to excel also in this gracious ministry of giving."

Matthew 23:23 Jesus once compared offerings with "the important things of the law—justice, mercy, and faith." And he said, "You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things."

So, no matter how well or faithfully I may serve in some areas, the Lord expects me to follow His directions regarding money offerings, also, and even to excel in this area.

4. What exactly is "tithing" and what does God say about it?

"To tithe" literally means "to give 10%." The command about tithing was part of the Old Testament laws for the nation of Israel. So what God said in the Law is no longer a requirement, although the principle remains. (The principle in the Bible is that offerings begin at 10%.) But the Lord's promises never change. And consider this promise about tithing:

Mal. 3:10-11 "Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and dis-

ease. Your grapes will not shrivel before they are ripe," says the Lord Almighty."

5. Is it true that some people have tried tithing and it didn't work for them?

If that's true, then God's Word is not true. We should remember that the Bible does not say that tithing can be done without sacrifice. But God does say that the blessings will far outweigh any hardship if the tithing is done consistently and from the heart.

6. Is getting a blessing from God my motivation for tithing?

No, the motivation is His amazing love for me. Consider these three Scriptures:

Galatians 2:20 "I myself no longer live, but Christ lives in me. So I live my life in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

2 Corinthians 8:9 "You know how full of love and kindness our Lord Jesus Christ was. Though he was very rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich."

2 Corinthians 5:15 "He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them."

7. Please prayerfully consider the following statements. If you live in a family setting, please talk and pray about them together.

The Lord has blessed us with all we need for this body and life.

Have we been making first-fruit, regular, proportionate and generous (at least 10%, a tithe) money offerings to the Lord from the heart?

If so, what other needs in our church and community can use our attention?

If not – what steps can we take to move in a faithful direction?

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

May Birthdays 🎂

- 3 Robin Olsen
- 4 William Brooks
- 5 Ron Lange
- 10 Jerome Moede
Tracy Brooks
- 13 Mark Krueger
- 18 Deborah Buchert
- 23 Patricia Klawitter
- 29 Brian Bartmann

May Anniversaries 🎉

- 10 Byron and Alice Erdman
- 14 Jerry and Judith Mittlestaedt
- 26 Kim and Laurie Schoenebeck

May Counters 🌿

- 5 Steve and Jane Stolltenow
- 12 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 19 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 26 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri

May Ushers 🙋

- 5 Orville Quandt and Glen Seering
- 12 Arnie Bubolz and Gary Keschull
- 19 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 26 Jim and Cheryl Jawort

May Altar Committee 📖

May-Carol Felker and Donna Tetzlaff
June--Nancy Krueger and Bette Quandt

May Elder on Call

Scott Tennant (920) 639-7899

The Father's What!

When I was serving a Lutheran congregation in Davenport, IA, my wife often would get phone calls for "the father." She would tell the callers that they wanted Holy Family **Catholic** Church, not Holy Cross **Lutheran** Church.

One day an elderly woman called and asked to speak with the father. My wife explained the mistake. Well, this woman called again. Once more my wife patiently explained, "You want Holy Family...." The phone rang a third time and, sure enough, it was the same woman.

"By the way," she asked, "who am I speaking to?" The answer: "You are speaking to the father's **wife!**"

Bang went the receiver. Message received!

The Reverend Walter S. Wendt
Davenport, IA

Wish list for the Bequest Fund



Volunteer Needed!

A volunteer is needed to help organize the bake sale that coincides with the brat fry for the ladies aid. You will need to get the baked items arranged and to staff the table, which will be separate from the brat stand. Let Nancy Krueger know if you will take on the job. Thank you.

God's Bounty

For anyone who has gone to the Olive Garden for their soup and salad, here is the Zuppa Toscana recipe. Enjoy!

Zuppa Toscana

Ingredients:

- 1 pound spicy Italian sausages (can use meat, too) (If you don't like a lot of spice, use medium sausage/meat)
- 4-6 russet potatoes, cut in half the long way and sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup REAL bacon (optional)
- 2 Tablespoons minced garlic (about 3-4 cloves)
- 32 ounces chicken broth
- 1 cup kale or Swiss chard, chopped
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream (can use milk)
- 2 Tablespoons flour

Directions:

Brown the sausage links/meat in a saute pan. Cut links in half lengthwise, then cut in slices. Place sausage, chicken broth, garlic, potatoes, and onion in slow cooker. Add just enough water to cover the vegetables and meat. Cook on high for 3-4 hours (low 5-6 hours) until potatoes are soft.

30 minutes before serving:

- Mix flour into cream (or milk) removing lumps
- Add cream, kale, and bacon to the crock pot, stir.
- Cook on high for 30 minutes or until broth thickens slightly.
- Add salt and pepper for taste. May add cayenne if you like really spicy soup.

Lutheran Hour, May 2024

May 5

"Rejoicing On the Way"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. (Acts 8:28-39)

May 12

"Unforecastable"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
(Acts 9:31)

May 19

"Waiting, But Not Alone"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone. (Acts 2:1-21)



May 26

"Penultimate Sacrifice"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater. (Acts 10:1-2)

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 Church Council Meeting

Friday, April 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Dan Felker, Cheryl Jawort, John Francis, Scott Tennant, Bette Quandt, and Rick Gipp.

A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Bette Quandt to approve the agenda. Motion carried. In Pastor Stoll's absence Dan Felker gave an opening prayer. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the minutes of the March 8 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dan read the pastor's report as prepared by Pastor Stoll. Due to circumstances out of our control there hasn't been Catechism class in four weeks. We were asked to encourage the children and their parents in daily devotional life in addition to being prepared for class with having passages memorized and read through the part of the Catechism and doing the assigned Bible reading. Students are Ashlyn Schultz, Tabor and Skylar Bristol, Emmanuel. Like Confirmation class Bible study on Thursday mornings has either been cancelled due to weather and weather-related problems or other personal issues which have resulted in one to two people attending. Bible study has not been held in four to five weeks. There will be a meeting with the Elders on April 28 at 1 p.m. at Tabor. Richard and Joann Saffran are now residing at Serenity Gardens in Gillett and Betty VanRens from Emmanuel is now at Evergreen Assisted Living in Shawano. Hogan John Firgens was baptized at Emmanuel on March 24. There were no funerals in March.

OLD BUSINESS: Responsibilities for the Outreach Committee need to be determined before they can move forward. The track lighting will be installed sometime this month. The flooring project is progressing as planned. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Scott Tennant to purchase the flooring from Floors Unlimited Carpet One in Shawano. Motion carried. There was discussion about how to raise funds for reupholstering the 22 pews. The landscaping by the front of the church will include raised treated wood, stones and potted plants. The inactive member list and how to make contact was tabled until next month when Pastor Stoll is present.

NEW BUSINESS: The wish list for the bequest fund includes church flooring, reupholstering the chairs in the back of the church, communion ware, and hymn board letters. This list will be printed in the newsletter. There will be a training session for all interested members on how to use the defibrillator. That date will be set when the trainer is available and we know how many members want to attend. Rick Gipp will check with Bethesda in Green Bay to see if they would be interested in the old organ.

The Elder on call for May will be Scott Tennant. The next Council meeting will be Friday, May 10 at 9 a.m. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by John Francis to adjourn. Motion carried. Dan Felker closed by leading us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jawort

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Six ladies gathered on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 for the monthly meeting. Cindy Tennant led the Bible study "Five Stones for Service". We are all made for God's purpose. He created, redeemed and equipped all of us to use our talents to serve the Lord.

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order. Janet Reed made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 13 meeting. This was seconded by Janet Strobusch. Motion passed. Treasurer Diane Fitzpatrick reported the current checking account is \$5,140.54. The Extension fund balance is \$13,000.29. Mites for the month were \$86.35. A motion to accept the financial report by Cindy Tennant and seconded by Ev Charlson. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Twenty-two quilts have been finished. Ev Charlson took quilts to two shelters. Janet Strobusch has donated a large bin of knitting yarn and crochet cotton for whoever has the talents to make use of some of it. Nancy thanked Tracy Brooks for ordering and delivering the Easter lilies, Sonja Schultz and Ev for providing the treats after the church service, and the ladies for the kitchen clean-up and storage room organization. Janet Reed checked out several old unused sewing machines. If no one wants them, they will be disposed of.

NEW BUSINESS: Diane Fitzpatrick has a sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff the brat stand at the Super Valu on Friday, June 14. There are many changes

this year with longer hours required until 5 pm. Can you help? The SuperValu will allow a bake sale, however, a volunteer is needed to organize it, get the baked items arranged for and to staff the table—separate from the brat stand. Let Nancy know if you will take on the job.

A big THANK YOU goes to Janet Reed for creating a beautiful large banner to be used at the June 13-15 LWML Convention at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. Early registrations are due by May 15. See a Ladies Aid member to get a registration form if you would like to attend.

Our next meeting will be on May 14 at 9:00 a.m. It will also be the last day of quilting until the Fall. Diane Fitzpatrick volunteered to lead the Bible study "Baptized. Equipped. Serving."

We closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Ev Charlson, Secretary



Comments Never Heard At Church

Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.

I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.

Personally I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.

I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.

I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.

Forget the denominational minimum salary, let's pay our pastor so he can live like we do.

I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!

Since we're all here, let's start the service early.

Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Bible seminar in the Bahamas.

Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign

TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

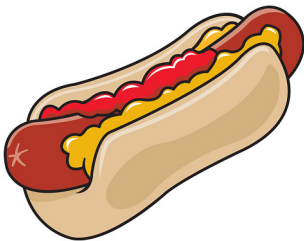
Ladies Aid Brat Fry and Bake Sale

WHEN: Friday, June 14, 2024

Serving 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: SUPERVALU BRAT FRY STAND

WHAT: Serving Brats, Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Cheese Burgers, Soda, and Water



A Thrivent Action Team Sponsored Event

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - March 2024

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund (In checking)	993.19	160.00		176.00	977.13
8722	General Fund	\$6,48.80		3.20		\$ 6,472.00
7894	Parsonage Improvements	2,110.82	300.00	1.14		2,411.96
9486	Winter Savings	1,812.21		.90		1,813.11
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Flooring Fund--In Above	4,810.64 2,798.00	978.00	2.70		5,791.34
7759	Bequest Fund	4,604.38	1,050.00	2.62		5,657.00
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,733.11	<u>95.00</u>	<u>.89</u>		1,829.00
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	\$79,773.96	\$2,423.00	\$11.45		\$82,208.41

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - March 2024

Beginning Balance 03/01/24	8,444.74
March Income:	
General Income.....	7,895.00
Loose	327.00
Thrivent.....	508.00
Flower Fund.....	160.00
From Emmanuel	2,248.28
Lent	626.00
OGF-Other General Fund.....	57.75
WR-Wolf River Lutheran High.....	<u>90.00</u>
Total March Income	12,080.03
March Expenses:	
1 - District Budget	1,000.00
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,101.86
13 - Pastor's CDSP.....	125.44
14 - Pastor's Retirement	485.02
15 - Medical Reimbursement	174.70
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	603.67
17 - Parsonage Utilities	202.41
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.24
24 - Subscriptions/Publications/Dues.....	12.90
26 - Office Equipment and Maintenance	240.00
27 - State Withholding/Department of Revenue	379.53
28 - Federal Tax/Social Security	1,325.34
30 - Custodian Wages.....	83.11
31 - Church Utilities	223.31
33 - General Maintenance/Repair Church	417.00
36 - To LCEF Building/Main Fund	208.00
41 - Flower Fund	176.00
46 - Groundskeeping	50.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund	390.00
5 - Organist	337.81
52 - Website/Domain Maintenance	30.00
54 - Administrator Wages.....	668.60

5A - Organist/Buttons 183.70
 6 - Worship Supplies..... 337.64
 FE - From Emmanuel 168.00

Total March Expenses
 Ending Balance 03/31/24

(12,368.28)
 8,156.49

MAY 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
			4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
05	03	07	08	09	10	11
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	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		Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett 7:30-9:30 a.m. Registration
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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 Meeting before Quilting and last day of Quilting for the season	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	9:00 a.m. Board Meeting	Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion LCMS Observation of Armed Forces Day	PASTOR'S DAY OFF		4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRHS door offering	PASTOR'S DAY OFF Memorial Day		4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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