

Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To The Saints

Stewardship Under the Cross Overcoming the Fear of Tithing

Your Heart will always go where you put God's money.

Jesus said that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. As the hymn verse has it: "We give thee but thine own." But God is the ultimate giver of our incomes: all these gifts come from him. To acknowledge this gift and our dependence on the Lord, God calls us to give a portion of our incomes back to him for the maintenance of His church. Indeed, the Scriptures are very clear: God calls His people to give generously to the work of the church. As we have seen, God commanded Israel to support the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Levites in the temple with the tithe (10%) of their income. Can we call ourselves generous by doing less?

This calls for faith. Do we trust God's Word? Do we trust that what he says is for our benefit, not our harm? **If you have never tithed before, it can be a scary proposition.** Give 10% of my income away? You've got to be kidding. But God doesn't ever kid with His Word. Instead, He tells us how to live holy and blessed lives full of peace and contentment. Consider these Scriptures:

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matt. 6:19-21).

"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But ask, 'How do we rob you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it" (Mal. 3:8-10).

"On the first day of the 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).

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 set 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.

God will never tell us to do something that will be to our harm—He loves us too much for that. Jesus gave His life on the cross for me. He loves me and knows what is best for me—so I can know that what he says about stewardship is meant for my benefit. He wants my heart to be with him—and my heart will always follow where I put God's money. Tithing is not easy: it is godly. It will change your life. Stepping out in faith always does. You may have to change your lifestyle to accommodate following God's Word in this matter, but tithing will change your life in other ways too: it will give you a peace and contentment that can only come from actually putting yourself in the hands of the Lord. (Excerpt from Stewardship Under the Cross, 2013)

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

June Birthdays 🎂

- 1 Jeffrey Tachick
- 2 Orville Quandt
- 6 Dennis Sandri
- 9 Bette Quandt
- 10 Sandy Sandri
- 16 Emily Urban
- 19 Nancy Krueger

June Anniversaries 🎉

- 1 Richard and Joann Saffran
- 5 Daniel and Valerie Fingal
- 9 Ricky and Deborah Shroyer
- 16 David and Karen Wirth
- 23 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick

June Counters 🌿

- 2 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 9 Steve and Jane Stolltenow
- 16 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 23 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 30 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri

June Ushers 🙋

- 2 Orville Quandt and Glen Seering
- 9 Arnie Bubolz and Orville Quandt
- 16 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 23 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 30 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Keschul

June Altar Committee 🚗

June--Nancy Krueger and Bette Quandt
 July--Jane Porubcan and Tracy Brooks

June Elder on Call

Dan Felker 715-850-2075 (C)/715-276-6002 (H)



Thank you to Dan Felker for the cartoon.

Wish list for the Bequest Fund



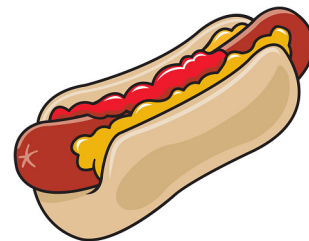
TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ladies Aid Brat Fry

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

DONATIONS-LANDSCAPE PROJECT-DONATIONS

Friday, May 17, the Landscape Project will be done, weather permitting. If you wish to lend a hand and/or help with the cost just use a pew envelope and mark it "LANDSCAPE". Questions can be directed to Rick Gipp 920-595-0989.

The Outreach Committee has been put on hold due to **Lack of Interest**. If there is someone or a group interested, they can contact any Board Member.



Lutheran Hour, June 2024

June 2

"Lit Up"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Law and Gospel light of Jesus is both an exposing searchlight that reveals our shortcomings and a warm grow light that nurtures us. (Acts 11:24)

June 9

"Selfless Sending"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Jeff Cloeter
The Christians of ancient Antioch were known for their spirit of selfless sacrifice. The spirit of Antioch continues in the Church today because Christ Himself is with us. (Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3)

June 16

"Water Power"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's mission is like water. Without changing what it is, the Good News of God's Kingdom takes the shape of its cultural container, crossing boundaries and barriers. (Acts 16:5)

June 23

"You're Really into This, Aren't You?"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
People can be passionate about sports, gardening, video games, or family. All those things can be good, but none of them can save you. (Acts 16:30)

June 30

"An Eager Conversationalist!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock
The Holy Spirit empowers us to open our mouths and share Jesus, so that all might have what none of us deserve. (Acts 17:16-31)

Life Quotes for Lutherans

June 2 "So, what are we as Christians to do in a culture that rejects God's gift of marriage, sex within its bounds, and children? Repent. Turn from your sin. Receive Jesus' forgiveness. And do not forget to pray. Pray for all marriages and all families, that the Lord who makes two into one flesh would richly bless them with His love, joy, and mercy." Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

June 9 "For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn't just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for her needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home." Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

June 16 "I can finally perceive that God put some of the most difficult neighbors in my life at some of the most difficult times in order to bring me to the end of myself. Jesus didn't say that what God asks us to do would be easy. What God asks is impossibly difficult if God were not actually alongside us, helping us every step of the way. But the good news is that He is alongside us, helping us every step of the way." Donna Harrison, M.D., American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

June 23 "The state of marriage is under a full assault from the devil. He will use whatever means necessary to destroy what God has created. Pray also for all God's children. Pray that love may abound in all homes. Pray that forgiveness may be the first word spoken between husbands and wives, parents and children. Pray that you and all people receive an increase of the Holy Spirit, for it is only through Him that we may repent of our sinful lives, amend our ways, and live joyfully in the comfort of God's grace." Rev. Matthew Wietfeldt, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

June 30 "History, science, and Holy Scripture affirm: No matter what age, every human life has irreducible worth. No matter what appearance, every human life has inestimable purpose. No matter what abilities, every genetic member of this one race and species of ours has incomparable and irreplaceable sanctity—the cute little babies and the dear old ladies, yes; but also those who in pride promote, those who in anger permit, those who in fear participate in the devil's deception that death supplies a suitable solution to difficulty—none so helpless, dependent, and undeserving as we ourselves." Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – 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

Labor Ladies Aid Meeting

Eight members of the Ladies Aid met on May 21, 2024. Diane Fitzpatrick led the Bible Study titled Baptized, Equipped, Serving. God has created us and equipped us to do good things. He has also prepared or created opportunities for us to serve Him and His people. Through these works, we are able to show God's glory.

President Nancy Krueger opened with meeting asking for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 9 meeting. A motion to accept was made by Diane Fitzpatrick, seconded by Tracy Brooks. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report by Diane Fitzpatrick shows \$5,244.21 in the checking account and \$13,007.39 in the Extension Fund. Motion to approve by Janet Strobusch, seconded by Janet Reed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: We have completed 30 quilts. Nancy Krueger will take two to be given to veterans in the DePere area. She will also donate one to the Heise family who had a fire at their home. Tracy Brooks will take six quilts and pillow cases to the Safe Haven Shelter in Shawano. We are done quilting until we resume again in the Fall. Janet Strobusch reported on the LWML rally held in Gillett. There were many good comments on the banner Janet Reed created for the District LWML Convention to be held June 13-15 in Appleton. Janet Strobusch will be attending the convention and will take our Ladies Aid donation of \$200 to be included in the collection on Day 3, which will go toward the missionaries in Puerto Rico. The Fall Rally date has not been announced yet. Lots of discussion followed regarding the changes and jobs needed to be done for the Ladies Aid brat fry on Friday, June 14, at the Brat Shack at the SuperValu in Lakewood. Cindy Tennant will take charge of the event since Diane is unable to be there that day. Volunteers will provide some items and staff the event. Thanks. The bake sale is not going to be held. Bette Quandt has an extra church key for use by the alter committee for setting up communion. It will not be needed if communion is set up on Sunday morning before church service.

NEW BUSINESS: No one had information on the VFW's plans for using the Church Fellowship Hall following the Memorial Day service at the cemetery on Monday, May 27. If it is going to be used, one or two Ladies Aid members should be present to 'help' the group find things in the kitchen.

The next meeting is June 11 at 9 am. Nancy Krueger closed by leading us with the Lord's Prayer.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

Labor Lutheran Church Council Meeting (May 17 at 9 a.m.)

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Felker. Rick Gipp confirmed that testing of the defibrillator was completed. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by John Francis to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Bette Quandt to approve the minutes of the April 12 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Bette Quandt to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: There were no baptisms or funerals in April. Confirmation classes will end this month. Pastor reported on the five shut-in members. Two members will undergo surgery soon. The North Wisconsin District Pastor's Conference will be May 20-22. Pastor will be attending the ACEL Conference in Kansas City June 14-20. Pastor will be on vacation July 29 through August 8. The copy for the post cards being sent to inactive members was reviewed. Council members will address the post cards once they are printed. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Rick Gipp to disband the Outreach Committee at this time due to lack of participation. Motion carried. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Bette Quandt to approve Pastor's report.

OLD BUSINESS: The lights in Pastor's office will be replaced. The landscaping in front of the church and the down spouts on the parsonage will be completed by the next meeting. The seal coating of the parsonage driveway will be postponed until next year.

LONG TERM PROJECTS: John Francis is getting a second quote for the reupholstering the church pews. There was discussion about how and where to hold Sunday church service while the pews may be removed during the carpet installation.

NEW BUSINESS: There will be a training session this fall, open to all, on how to use the defibrillator. The old organ and piano will be taken to the Mountain Recycling Center. There was a discussion about who is responsible for turning off the speakers and turning down the heat after church services.

The Elder on call for June will be Dan Felker. The next Council meeting will be Friday, June 7, at 9 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's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Cheryl Jawort

Of Customs and Customers

When my wife and I first came as missionaries to Paranavai, a town in Brazil's interior, we had a free morning for sight-seeing. Spying a row of horse-drawn carts--each with a driver and room for two riders--we thought, What a better way to see the town! So, we hired a cart.

Up and down the streets we went, until we noticed a small Presbyterian Church. I asked the driver to stop, went to the door, and knocked. The pastor answered. I introduced myself as the new Lutheran minister from America. He appeared pleased.

Then I pointed to my wife, who is very blond, sitting in the horse-drawn cart. All of a sudden a surprised and shocked look came over his face. Abruptly, he excused himself. I was left standing there, mystified, with nothing to do but hop back in the cart. We continued our ride.

The reason for my Presbyterian colleague's behavior became embarrassingly clear several weeks later. Someone told us that those horse-drawn carts are used exclusively for transporting customers to the prostitution zone at the edge of Paranavai and to bring the girls to town. To make matters worse, the only women around as blond as my wife were "ladies of the night."

So we had spent our first morning masquerading all over town and at the Presbyterian Church as prostitute and customer. What a way to start a ministry!

The Rev. Jack C. Aamot, Bloomington, MN

Not Quite Perfect

An Air Force chaplain, a Southern Baptist, spent several evenings with our group of young missionaries in Darjeeling, northeast India. He and some of his men were on leave from one of the American airfields in Bengal from which tons of supplies had been flown over "the Hump." (Himalayas) into China during World War II.

One evening when we were exchanging stories, he recounted memories of the first wedding he had performed in his first parish. Our chaplain friend knew the wedding would be the outstanding event of the social season in that small southern Oklahoma town. It would bind in matrimony the son of the local physician and the daughter of the local bank. So, to avoid any fumbling or stumbling during the service, he practiced several hours each day for at least two weeks. The wedding rehearsal was a model of smooth pastoral performance.

The day of the wedding came--a sultry, southern Saturday. In the packed church the air was heavy with the scent of flowers. "The service moved along effortlessly," our chaplain friend recalled. "Then I came to the climactic moment. With finality in my voice, I solemnly intoned, 'and now I pronounce you male and female.'"

The Rev. Frank E. Wilcox
Fullerton, CA

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - April 2024

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund (In checking)	977.13	25.00			1,002.13
8722	General Fund	\$6,472.00		3.54		\$ 6,475.54
7894	Parsonage Improvements	2,411.96	300.00	1.42		2,713.38
9486	Winter Savings	1,813.11		.99		1,814.10
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Flooring Fund--In Above	5,791.34	676.00	3.40		6,470.74
7759	Bequest Fund	5,657.00		3.09		5,660.09
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,829.00	90.00	1.03		1,920.03
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*	7,741.02				7,741.02
TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS		\$82,208.41	\$1,066.00	\$13.47		\$83,287.88

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - April 2024

Beginning Balance 04/01/24 8,156.49

April Income:

General Income.....	9,315.00
Loose	450.00
Thrivent.....	153.00
CBF - Church Building Fund.....	45.00
Flower Fund.....	25.00
From Emmanuel.....	2,248.28
Flooring Fund.....	62.00
Missions.....	30.00
WR-Wolf River Lutheran High.....	69.00

Total April Income 12,397.28

April Expenses:

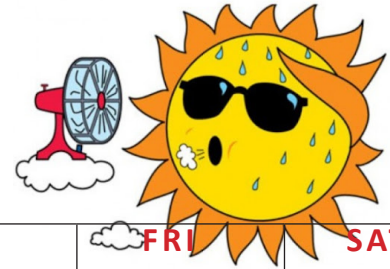
1 - District Budget	1,000.00
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,101.86
13 - Pastor's CDSP.....	131.42
14 - Pastor's Retirement	508.16
15 - Medical Reimbursement	523.20
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	638.51
17 - Parsonage Utilities	162.13
18 - Conferences/Conventions.....	95.00
19 - Pastor Continuing Education.....	150.00
2 - Mission Designated.....	30.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	143.88
24 - Subscriptions/Publications/Dues.....	12.90
30 - Custodian Wages.....	55.41
31 - Church Utilities	202.90
33 - General Maintenance/Repair Church	3,607.17
37 - Parsonage Fund	300.00
4 - Guest Pastor	85.00
45 - Other.....	4.35
46 - Groundskeeping Lawn.....	75.00
46A - Groundskeeping Snow	125.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund	69.00
5 - Organist	138.52
54 - Administrator Wages.....	668.60
55 - Guest Pastor Mileage	50.25
5A - Organist/Buttons	92.35
6 - Worship Supplies.....	63.30
C-1 Thrivent.....	153.00
CBF - Church Building Fund.....	45.00

FF - Flooring Fund
 Not categorized
 Total April Expenses
 Ending Balance 04/30/24

62.00
 165.00

(13,458.91)
 7,094.86

JUNe 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	03 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	04	05	06	07 8:00 a.m. Board Meeting	08 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
09 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mites Collected	10 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	11 9:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting	12 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay @ Suring 1:00 p.m. Serenity Gardens @ Gillett	13	14 Ladies Aid Brat Fry @ SuperValu in Lakewood Pastor at con- ference in KS City	15 Pastor at conference in KS City
16 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Pastor at con- ference in KS City	17 Pastor at conference in KS City	18 Pastor at conference in KS City	19 Pastor at conference in KS City	20 Pastor at conference in KS City	21	22
23 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	24 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	25	26	27 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center	28	29 PASTOR ON VACATION
30 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRHS door offering PASTOR ON VACATION						

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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