
Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

Stewardship Under The Cross: Putting It All Together
Over the past several months we have set out as a congregation to learn what God's Word has to say about stewardship. One thing we learned is that stewardship is a lifestyle. So let's review some of the things God's Word has to say about stewardship as you consider your own study in the year ahead. No matter where you are at in your stewardship—tithing, going beyond a tithe, or still considering the concept of tithing—let this study lead you to think about pray about stewardship based upon God's Word.

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 (is sung in many congregations) at the offertory: We give thee but thine own. 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 income back to him for the maintenance of his church. Indeed, the Scriptures are very clear: God calls people to give at least a tithe of their income (10% of whatever "comes in") back to him at their place of worship.

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 us in 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 unearthy, 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 man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you 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." (Malachi 3:8-10)

"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)

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 to in order to overcome the negative 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

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August Birthdays

- 2 Jeff Tienor
- 8 Letha Seering
- 17 Ronald Klawitter
- 24 Joann Saffran
- 25 Eugene Krueger

August Anniversaries

- 2 Mike and Brenda Urban
- 11 Al and Sandy Wittlief
- 19 Pastor Steven and Paula Stoll
- 20 Don and Gail Bahr

August Counters

- 4 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 11 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 18 Steve and Jane Stoltenow
- 25 Orville and Bette Quandt

August Ushers

- 4 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 11 Gary Keschull and Glen Seering
- 18 Orville Quandt and Ron Lang
- 25 Jim and Cheryl Jawort

August Altar Committee

August--Cheryl Jawort and Carol Felker
September--Shirley Bubolz and Nancy Krueger

August Elder on Call

Scott Tennant 920-639-7899

Life Quotes for Lutherans

August 4 "If the Christian church is passionate about protecting every life, then we will need to learn how to meet relational needs. When an unplanned pregnancy happens, the baby's parents often have massive needs to help them grow as people and, perhaps, as a couple. Could you be God's way of meeting such needs?" Pastor Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

August 11 "Not only does Scripture provide God's intent and meaning, it also encourages us to be truthful (Proverbs 12:19), timely (Proverbs 17:28; Matthew

18:15), gentle (Titus 3:2), and more. Most importantly, it reminds us, in God we find the strength to speak truth in the face of evil (Psalm 118:6; Ephesians 6:13). Stand strong, choose words carefully, and remember the Lion's got your back." James MacGregor, COL, USA (RET), Director at Large, LFL of Kansas Director-at-Large – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

August 18 "Through our vocations, both permanent and temporary, Christians are gifted opportunities to share the Gospel-motivated message that every life is valuable, and in so doing, carry the light of Christ into dark places filled with sin and death. It's true, this work won't always be easy; there may be times when we wonder about the path God has placed us on. But we can be confident that we aren't traveling alone. Christ goes with us, and His grace is sufficient. Always." Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

August 25 "We live in the presence of evil. Some of it is twisted to sound good. We hear of 'the compassionate relief of suffering' or 'death with dignity' or 'right to health care' or 'simple medical procedure.' You know many more. God calls us to confront these with His truth, to reveal the evil behind them. God calls us to educate fellow Christians in His truth so they do not end up 'possessed' by this way of thinking. God calls us to call evil what it is, but also to share the truth of what God has done about evil. For that we fix our gaze upon Jesus (Hebrews 12:2). He speaks to us through His Word of truth and grace." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

New Carpet

You are going to see strings, etc. on the carpet for some time. PLEASE--Just point them out to a Council Member. This is Commercial Carpet, known as Loop Carpet. If you see a snag or a string hanging out, DO NOT PULL IT!!! This will cause an issue that cannot be repaired. Just report the issue. Thank You!

Pews

We are a little over halfway to our goal. We need 18 or so members to step up to go over the finish line. \$220 for Half a Pew or \$440 for a Whole Pew. We are hoping to get underway in about two weeks.

Lutheran Hour, August 2024

August 4

“Jesus’ Resurrection: God’s Public Guarantee”
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 Archives August: A crucified Savior, a resurrected, living Lord: the public guarantee of God, at work in the world for you.
 (1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

August 11

“God’s Peacemakers for a Troubled World”
 Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 Archives August: Don’t let anger, disagreement, and stress damage your relationships. Hear how God changes troublemakers into peacemakers.
 (Philippians 4:4-13)

August 18

“The Child Glad to Be Born”
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 Archives August: The Child Who wanted to be born can make you glad to be alive! That joy for living comes when you hear His story.
 (Luke 2)



August 25

“When the Monsters Come”
 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer
 Archives August: We can never be too vigilant against the devil’s attacks but in Christ we can always be confident that the victory is ours. (Job 40:15-41:34)

| 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, July 12, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President, Dan Felker. Rick Gipp confirmed that testing of the defibrillator was completed. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the agenda. Motion carried. President Felker gave an opening devotion. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the minutes of the June 7 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 and two funerals in June. The confirmation schedule for this fall is being planned. All shut-ins were visited in June. Pastor will be attending a class in Shawano next week Monday and Tuesday. Pastor reported on the Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Congregations he attended in Kansas City last month.

OLD BUSINESS: We are still gathering suggestions to complete the landscaping by the entrance to the church. The repair work on the west side of the parsonage deck has been completed. The lighting project will be completed this month. A quote to patch and paint the ceiling in the fellowship hall was received. For now, that will be put on hold. An anonymous donor purchased the new mats by the entrance doors. The new carpet should be cleaned once a year. Janet Strohbusch reported on the Portals of Prayer distribution and what is being done to eliminate some of the clutter in the church. The reupholstering of the pews should begin by the end of this month. Postcards continue to be returned from the inactive members of the church.

NEW BUSINESS: The new drainage for the sump pump at the parsonage will be completed by this fall. Four chairs will be placed in the back of the church for those needing them. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Bette Quandt to return the Christian and American flags to the front of the sanctuary. Motion carried. There was discussion about what kind of fund-raiser to do with the booyah Darrell Wagenknecht has volunteered to make. A date for the joint church picnic needs to be set.

The Elder on call for August will be Scott Tennant. The next Council meeting will be Friday, August 9 at 8 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

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

On July 9, 2024 six member of the Ladies Aid attended the monthly meeting. Janet Strohbusch led the Bible Study "Giving and Receiving". God will supply, but we must apply, "Freely you have received, freely give.(Matthew 10:8b)

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Janet Strohbusch, seconded by Tracy Brooks. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report given by Diane Fitzpatrick shows \$13,020.50 in the Extension Fund and \$5,873.52 in the checking. Mites sent in amounted to \$109.20. Motion to accept by Janet Strohbusch, seconded by Bette Quandt. Motion carried. Thanks you to Cindy Tennant and Sonja Schultz for taking the lead on organizing the sales at the Brat Shack.

OLD BUSINESS: The Ladies Aid brat fry on June 14 netted \$966 and an additional \$185 on a late decision to hold a bake sale. Thanks to all who helped with the sales it was a good day with great results. Nancy passed around a thank you note from the Heise family for the quilt we provided them after their house fire. Janet Strohbusch shared highlights from the District LWML Convention held in Appleton in June. She presented the banner, which Janet Reed created, during the ceremony before the 256 people in attendance. In 2025, the National LWML Convention will be in Omaha, NE. The 2026 District Convention will be in Marquette, MI.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed the Summer picnic. We will firm up plans when the Church Council sets the date. Ev Charlson made a motion for the Ladies Aid to donate \$440 the cost to reupholster one church pew. Seconded by Diane Fitzpatrick, motion carried. Diane did make out a check for same.

Nancy Krueger closed the meeting by leading us with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is August 13 at 9 a.m. All ladies are welcome to join these meetings.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

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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 peace and contentment that can only come from actually putting yourself in the hands of the Lord.

So read through the Scriptures again. Pray through the following questions and step out in faith this year with giving that is in accord with God’s Word. And just see if you are not blessed in it.

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| The Lord loves me and gave himself for me on the cross. | Y | N |
| All that I have comes from the Lord. | Y | N |
| The Lord blessed me to live in the richest land in the world. | Y | N |
| If I start living on 90% of my current income tomorrow, I or someone in my family would starve. | Y | N |
| I/We have been making first-fruit, regular proportionate and generous (at least 10%, a tithe) money offerings to the Lord from the heart. | Y | N |
| If “Yes”, the Lord gets all the glory for that. | Y | N |
| If “no”, The Lord wants me to change the way I make money offering to him. | Y | N |
| If the Lord wants me to change, I should change now, not later. | Y | N |
| It is the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ that changes me for the better. | Y | N |

Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML)

2024 District Convention Theme:
Let Your Light Shine

What a glorious summer the Lord is giving us. Have you used this beautiful weather to Let Your Light Shine?

August Challenge: Have an outdoor bar-b-que and invite a neighbor. Take a grandson or granddaughter fishing; bring a picnic lunch. Plan a day trip with family and friends to one of Wisconsin’s beautiful State Parks. Please be sure elderly neighbors have cooling during the hot summer months.

REMINDER: Sunday, August 11 is **Mighty Mites** Sunday. Bring in your mite and deposit in the mites collection box.

Upcoming Joint Picnic

Watch for the date in the September newsletter



**Tabor/Emmanuel
Pot-Luck Picnic**

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - June 2024

| Acct # | Name | Beg. Balance | Deposit | Interest | Withdrawals | End. Balance |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Flower Fund (In checking) | 977.13 | 25.00 | | | 1,002.13 |
| 8722 | General Fund | \$6,478.97 | | 2.49 | <u>3,240.00</u> | \$ 3,241.46 |
| 7894 | Parsonage Improvements | 3,014.91 | 300.00 | 1.55 | | 3,316.46 |
| 9486 | Winter Savings | 1,815.06 | | .87 | | 1,815.93 |
| 7906 | Church Building/Maintenance Flooring Fund--In Above (100.00) Pews (5,210.00) | 2,081.60 | 1,045.00 | 1.39 | | 3,127.99 |
| 7759 | Bequest Fund | 660.95 | | .32 | | 661.27 |
| 6961 | Scholarship Fund | 989.64 | <u>170.00</u> | .54 | | 1,160.18 |
| 8298 | CD 40 Month Fixed 4% | 11,569.48 | | 218.46 | | 11,787.94 |
| 5736 | CD General* | 15,000.00 | | 482.01 | | 15,482.01 |
| 5714 | Winter* | 7,500.00 | | 241.02 | | 7,741.02 |
| 5702 | Bequest* | 15,000.00 | | 482.01 | | 15,482.01 |
| 5725 | Scholarship* | <u>7,500.00</u> | | <u>241.02</u> | | <u>7,741.02</u> |
| TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS | | \$71,610.61 | \$1,515.00 | \$1,671.68 | \$3,240.00 | \$71,557.29 |

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - June 2024

Beginning Balance 06/01/24 6,377.22

June Income:

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| General Income..... | 9,593.00 |
| Loose | 362.00 |
| Thrivent..... | 107.00 |
| Church Bldg Fund..... | 220.00 |
| From Emmanuel..... | 2,248.28 |
| Flooring Fund..... | 5,210.00 |
| Missions..... | 300.00 |
| OGF-Other General Fund..... | 65.00 |
| V-Visitor..... | 15.00 |
| WRLHS Scholarchip..... | <u>39.00</u> |

Total June Income 18,159.28

June Expenses:

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| 1 - District Budget | 1,000.00 |
| 12 - Pastor's Salary..... | 4,101.86 |
| 13 - Pastor's CDSP..... | 262.84 |
| 14 - Pastor's Retirement | 1,016.32 |
| 16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement..... | 1,078.03 |
| 17 - Parsonage Utilities | 128.61 |
| 2 - Mission Designated..... | 300.00 |
| 21 - Church Phone/Internet | 143.88 |
| 23 - Postage | 100.00 |
| 24 - Subscriptions/Pub/Dues | 25.80 |
| 27 - State Withholding/Dept of Revnue | 426.70 |
| 28 - Federal Tax/Social Security | 1,320.91 |
| 30 - Custodian Wages..... | 55.41 |
| 31 - Church Utilities..... | 117.09 |
| 33 - Gen Maintenance/Repair Church..... | 4,692.00 |
| 36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Main Fund..... | 107.00 |
| 37 - Parsonage Fund | 300.00 |
| 4 - Guest Pastor | 85.00 |
| 48 - To Scholarship Fund | 39.00 |

5 - Organist 138.52
 54 - Administrator Wages..... 668.60
 55 - Guest Pastor Mileage 26.47
 5A - Organist/Buttons 92.35
 6 - Worship Supplies..... 527.44
 CBF Church Building Fund 5,430.00

Total June Expenses
 Ending Balance 06/30/24

(22,183.83)
 2,352.67

AUGust 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | 01 | 02 | 03 |
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| 04 | 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 |
| 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion | PASTOR'S DAY OFF | | | | 8:00 a.m. Board Meeting | Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mighty Mites Due | PASTOR'S DAY OFF | 9:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting | | 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center | | |
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| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion ol | PASTOR'S DAY OFF | | 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay @ Suring 1:00 p.m. Serenity Gardens @ Gillett | | | |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Door Offer for WRLHS | PASTOR'S DAY OFF | | | Shawano County Fair WRLHS looking for volunteers | Shawano County Fair WRLHS looking for volunteers | Shawano County Fair WRLHS looking for volunteers |

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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