
Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

What is tithing? Or what do we call tithing?

For the last couple of generations tithing has simply been known as or referred to as "Time, Talents, and Treasure." Three "T's" which obviously points us to the triune God. That has been the stewardship Cliche' for a good long time in American and it is an excellent introduction to Keeping our Lutheranism up front.

There is nothing wrong with talking about time, talent, and treasure. It can be a handy way to draw all of life into the stewardship equation. But I don't prefer to use those terms. It was probably invented by some pastor who was afraid to talk about money. He wanted to couch our giving of money to God's church in a wider context of generosity. These days, while the 3 (or 5 or 7) "T's of stewardship" are still out there, folks seem to like the "whole life stewardship better."... Both concepts are trying to get at an idea that we Lutherans had long before the first stewardship committee was ever created: vocation.

God has work for each of us to do according to our vocations, and we are to use the resources—the gifts—we have from God according to our vocation. That's a Lutheran way of thinking and processing the Word of God. We don't need hokey gimmicks chalk full of alliteration: we just need good Lutheran theology brought to bear on the topic of funding Word and Sacrament ministry.

One final word is needed about the somewhat controversial topic of the tithe. Among us contemporary confessional Lutherans there is some disagreement on this score. Some Lutherans insist that we cannot speak of the tithe when we speak about stewardship because the tithe was a bit of the Old Testament law specifically given to Israel. In the New Testament we are free from such minutiae. Rather, in the New Testament, we are simply told to be generous in our freedom in the Gospel of Christ. Therefore any mention of the tithe when

it comes to instructing Christians to give is an abuse along the lines of telling Christians not to eat blood sausage, or get tattoos.

There is much that is true in this perspective. For example, there are actually three tithes required of God's Old Testament people (see Lev. 27:30-33, Deut. 12:5-19, Deut. 14:28-29). Clearly all details of these fall under the specific ceremonial laws of the Old Testament.

Yet other Confessional Lutherans point out that the example of the tithe in the old Testament does have some application for us today. Kenneth Kirby, in fact, was fond of saying that if you are not tithing you are robbing God. The idea here is that while the Old Testament law is not strictly binding on Christians, it's impossible to think of Christians doing less than the Old Testament minimum requirements for supported Word and Sacrament Ministry (The tithe required for the Levites and upkeep of the temple; consider also what Jesus says about tithing as a minimum requirement in Matt. 23:23, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weighty matters of the Law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done without neglecting the others." Think of it on the lines of the Third Commandment: If Israel had to worship at least once a week, is it conceivable that Christians would do less? If Israel was called upon to tithe—and if this meets with our Lord's approval as of the minor points of the law—is it conceivable that Christian generosity to the church and the poor could be less than the tithe?

The tithe is a useful benchmark for Christians to use today in considering their generosity in light of God's Word, and especially in light of God's grace revealed in his Word. As we grow together believing in our forgiveness from God may we likewise grow together in meeting the needs of the church and the poor; the poor in body and the poor in soul.

Together on the Way! Pastor Stoll

September Birthdays

- 4 Scott Tennant
- 6 Elsie Jensen
- 11 Donna Tetzlaff
John Francis
- 12 Byron Erdman
Evelyn Charlson
- 22 Brian Gerndt
Terri Bartmann
- 26 Tom McCarthy
- 28 Kevin Uhlenbrauck
- 29 Charles Krueger

September Counters

- 1 Steve and Jane Stolltenow
- 8 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 15 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 22 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 29 Bill and Tracy Brooks

September Ushers

- 1 Orville Quandt and Arnie Bubolz
- 8 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 15 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 22 Orville Quandt and Bette Quandt
- 29 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Keschull

September Altar Committee

September--Shirley Bubolz and Nancy Krueger
October--Brenda Urban and Deb Alsteen

September Elder on Call

Dan Felker 715-85-0-2075 (C)/715-276-6002 (H)

NWD Adult Gathering - October 15, 2024 North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering

Make plans now to attend the NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration and morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, will share a message based on his book "overcoming Life's Sorrows: Learning from Jeremiah" which is included with each registration. Dr. Lessing currently serves in various roles such as The Edwin F. and Esther L. Laatsch Chair of Old Testament Studies, and Director of the Center for Biblical Studies at Concordia

University in St. Paul just to name a few. The \$40 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, lunch and Dr. Lessing's book. Registration deadline is October 1. A freewill offering will be collected to support Peru missions. Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at www.nwdlcms.org under 'Events and Info'.

Lutherans for Life Quotes

September 1 "May we all faithfully live out our sojourn on this earth, however long it may be, in anticipation of the New Creation, the end of our earthly sorrows, and our final Resurrection of body and soul to live with our Lord in righteousness and purity forever." Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

September 8 "Let us never forget and continue to trust in God as our only resource when we face difficult life issues. Continue to pray for our country as some leaders continue to pursue making laws that jeopardize precious lives and challenge God's plan for life. Let us put our trust in God, not man." Virginia Flo, Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

September 15 "I pray that you will recognize and value those people in your life who were blessed by God so they could be a blessing to you! I especially pray that you will then use the blessings God has bestowed on you to bless those around you and to pass these blessings on to your own descendants to a thousand generations. Now is the time to pass on the gift. Now is the time to pass the baton to the next runner in the race! To God be all the glory!" Barbara Lane Geistfeld, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

September 22 "All of us who die in Christ are going to come up like cherry tomatoes in July—a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb' (Revelation 7:9b). I'll be there, and so will you, all of us celebrating the Lord who loved us and gave Himself for us—He who died like a single seed falling into the earth, and now 'bears much fruit' (John 12:24b)." Dr. Kari Vo – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

September 29 "When we engage in the political pro-

cess, we as Christians rightfully assert these rights, knowing that in doing so we are defending not only or even primarily ourselves, but our neighbors ... By asserting the right to life, and to other natural rights, we are in fact confessing God's given order." Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, Concordia Theological Seminary – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour, September 2024

September 1

"The One"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Universe does not have a plan for your life--but God does!
(Genesis 24:14)

September 8

"Conditioned by the Unconditional"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God's forgiving love for you in Christ is love that your accomplishments can't enhance and your failures can't diminish.
(Genesis 25:23)

September 15

"Bent Necks and a Better Brother"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The Book of Genesis is no fairy tale. It depicts real people--people like us, with half-truths, crooked ways, and sore necks--but also the God Who created us and bears with us because He loves us.
(Genesis 27:35-36)

September 22

"All He Has to Say"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The story of Jacob's Ladder is not a prompt for us to climb higher; it's a promise that God comes down to our level.
(Genesis 28:15)

September 29

"Love at First Sight, Love That Lasts"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola



God loved us at first sight, from eternity. And He has given us Jesus so that we can know His love.
(Genesis 29:20)



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

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, August 9, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President, Felker. Rick Gipp confirmed that testing of the defibrillator was completed. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant to approve the minutes of the July 12 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was unavailable at this time.

PASTOR'S REPORT: There were no baptisms or funerals in July. All shut-ins were visited. Catechism classes will begin September 11. Bible study will begin September 12. Pastor will be gone September 24 through October 1. Pastor Hahn will lead the worship service on September 29. Starting in October there will be a hymn of the month. A motion was made by Bette Quandt and seconded by Cheryl Jawort to approve Pastor's report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: We continue to look for outdoor décor for the landscaping by the front of the church. The parsonage deck will be completed on upcoming weekends. Progress is being made on the permanent wall behind the organ. The sump pump drainage project will be completed after Labor Day. The reupholstering of the pews and the carpeting projects have been completed. The inactive member list has been categorized and will be prepared for action at the annual membership meeting. Some of the organ keys are sticking at times.

NEW BUSINESS: A window blind will be installed on the south entry door. A venue for selling booyah that Darrell Wagenknecht has volunteered to make was discussed. The joint church picnic will be at Tabor on Saturday, September 21 beginning at 11 a.m. A motion was made by Dan Felker and seconded by Rick Gipp to retain the current cross and stained-glass window that's on the back altar wall. Motion carried. The joint council meeting will be Tuesday, October 15 at 1 p.m. at Tabor.

The Elder on call for September is Dan Felker. The next Council meeting will be September 6 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

Five members of the Tabor Ladies Aid attended the monthly meeting on Aug. 13, 2024. Cindy Tennant led the Bible Study "Speak the Truth in Love". Ephesians 4.2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order asking for a motion to accept the July 9th minutes. Motion made by Janet Reed, seconded Diane Fitzpatrick. Carried. The Treasurer's report given by Diane Fitzpatrick shows \$5,816.32 in the checking account and \$13,027.84 in the Extension Fund. The mite collection was \$110. Motion to accept by Ev Charlson, seconded by Cindy Tennant. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The Fall LWML rally will be October 19 at Christ Lutheran, Hintz, WI.

NEW BUSINESS: The joint Tabor and Emmanuel Summer Church picnic will be at Tabor on Saturday, September 21, starting at 11 a.m. serving at noon. The meat and drinks will be provided. Members will be asked to sign up so we know how much food to purchase. This will be a pot-luck lunch, so please sign up to let us know what tasty dish you will share with the group. We discussed purchasing a couple new banners when a new magazine issue is received. The small coffee pot is now working properly. Cindy Tennant has volunteered to shop for a replacement. The Ladies Aid will reimburse her for the cost. Sonja Schultz signed up the Ladies Aid for June 13, 2025 and the Church group for July 5, 2025 for the Brat Stand at the SuperValu in Lakewood. Both groups did very well this summer. We had a couple suggestions to hold a rummage sale. Our group is not in favor of holding one at this time. We talked about having a one-time fundraiser later in October. This was tabled until the next meeting when we have more members present. Quilting will begin on Tuesday, October 1st.

President Krueger closed the meeting by leading us with the Lord's Prayer. September 10 will be the next meeting at 9 a.m.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

Tabor/Emmanuel Pot-Luck Picnic

Where: Tabor Lutheran Church

Date: Saturday, September 21

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Serving lunch at noon

Please sign up on the sheet that is located in the Narthex with the number of people planning to attend, along with any dish-to-pass that you

Twice as Much Fun

Years ago in Nebraska it was the law that a couple obtain their marriage license in the county where they were to be married. Whether or not that requirement is still on the books, I don't know.

I do know that I wish it hadn't been for one particular wedding. The day before the ceremony the bride came to town from Lincoln, 50 miles away, where she was a college student. I had asked her to bring the license to the rehearsal, but she forgot. "Don't worry," I said, "We'll take care of it tomorrow."

Tomorrow came. So did a lot of people--to the wedding. We breezed through the ceremony without a hitch and then joined in a fancy reception. Midway through the cake and coffee, I invited the witnesses into my office to sign the marriage license. They did. As I was scrawling my own name, though, I noticed a line of not-so-small print: "Valid in Lancaster County only." Help! We were in Douglas County, and I had just performed an invalid wedding.

Quickly I found the bride's father and said, "Please make sure the couple doesn't leave until I've solved a minor problem." Back in my office, I called a lawyer.

His advice: "Drive over to Lancaster County, across the line, and marry them again."

A nuisance, but what else could we do? So I rounded up the bride, groom, maid of honor, and best man. We hopped in a car and headed down interstate 80, eyes peeled for a sign that read "Entering Lancaster County."

Thirty-five miles later, we saw it and pulled off the road immediately. Right there--on a patch of weed-strewn gravel, with cars, buses, and trucks honking as they passed--I married those two again.

Accounts of that "double wedding" were in the papers the next day. But the bride and groom missed the headlines. They weren't about to wait around for third attempt.

The Reverend Paul Ruff
Brandenton, FL

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - July 2024

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund (In checking)	1,002.13			50.00	952.13
8722	General Fund	\$3,241.46		1.83		\$ 3,243.29
7894	Parsonage Improvements	3,014.91	300.00	1.55		3,316.46
9486	Winter Savings	1,815.93		1.02		1,816.95
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Flooring Fund--In Above (100.00) Pews (9,748.78)	3,127.99	5,537.00	2.99		8,667.98
7759	Bequest Fund	661.27		.37		661.27
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,160.18	39.00	.66		1,199.84
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*	7,500.00		241.02		7,741.02
TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS		\$69,591.22	\$5,876.00	\$1,672.94		\$77,140.16

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - July 2024

Beginning Balance 07/01/24	2,352.67
July Income:	
General Income.....	9,495.00
Loose	203.00
Church Bldg Fund.....	4,538.78
From Emmanuel.....	2,248.28
Missions.....	20.00
Visitor.....	50.00
WRLHS Scholarchip.....	67.00
Total July Income	16,622.06
July 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	524.10
17 - Parsonage Utilities	168.62
2 - Mission Designated.....	20.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.28
24 - Subscriptions/Pub/Dues	12.90
30 - Custodian Wages.....	117.74
31 - Church Utilities	130.30
33 - Gen Maintenance/Repair Church.....	1,448.00
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Main Fund.....	4,053.78
37 - Parsonage Fund	300.00
41 - Flower Fund	50.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund	67.00
5 - Organist	355.55
54 - Administrator Wages.....	668.60
6 - Worship Supplies.....	26.95
Not categorized	9,243.85
Total July Expenses	(23,073.11)
Ending Balance 07/31/24	-4,098.38



SEPteMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	02 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	03	04	05	06 8:00 a.m. Board Meeting	07
08 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mites are Due	09 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	10 9:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting	11 4:00-5:30 a.m. Catechism classes begin	12 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study resumes	13	14 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
15 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Pastor @ Camp Luther for a meeting	16 Pastor @ Camp Luther for a meeting	17 Pastor @ Circuit Winkel @ St. Paul, TOW	18 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay @ Suring 1:00 p.m. Serenity Gardens @ Gillett 4:00-5:30 p.m. Catechism	19 9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center	20	21 11:00 a.m. Joint picnic @ Tabor Bring a dish to pass
22 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	23 PASTOR on vacation	24 PASTOR on vacation	25 PASTOR on vacation NO Catechism class	26 PASTOR on vacation NO Bible Study	27 PASTOR on vacation	28 PASTOR on vacation
29 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Guest Pastor: Pastor Hahn	30 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