
Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

2 Corinthians 8:1-5. "We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches in Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."

'How great the prosperity the church experiences under the grace of God! How rich we are, who have been redeemed not by silver or gold, but by the holy and precious blood of the Lamb. Yet, despite this affluence, many people who call themselves children of God are setting their hearts on the wealth that does not save, that moth and rust corrupts, inflation eats away, and recession devours. A friend of mine was telling me recently that many immigrants are attracted to the American so-called churches that preach that God wants you to be rich in the things of this world and its flesh. People from other countries who seek to immigrate to America are often attracted by the limitless opportunity the economic freedom of America seems to offer. They want a better life than what they had experienced in their former homes. This has been fueled not only by American media, such as Hollywood movies, television, and the internet, but also especially by the success and prosperity preaching of American television preachers. Joel Osteen's "Lakewood Church" has become a popular tourist Mecca for guests visiting Houston from other countries.'

'This desire for economic prosperity, while not an evil in itself, becomes a positive heresy when it crowds out the gospel of Christ's blood shed for the forgiveness of sins. In such a heresy, every divine gift is turned into an assurance that the Lord God wants you to drive a new Cadillac Escalade and never mind about the cost of gas. In this prosperity preaching even the royal priesthood of the baptized has been transmogrified into proof that the Lord wants you to be swathed in the purple of designer clothing. After all, you have

the blood of royalty coursing through your veins. Only the best for you!'

'Of course, this ignores that the royal priests of the New Testament are called on to offer spiritual sacrifices, that is, the prayers, offerings, and most of all themselves. Those priests are to follow the priestly life of the High Priest of the New Testament to the altar of His cross. They are to see His self-immolation and seek to offer themselves with Him on the cross of His suffering. Upon the altar of the cross, the High Priest who is poor and lowly (Mt 11:29) becomes most wealthy and spreads His largesse among us that those who are lowly and downtrodden with Him might be raised up with Him, enriched by His precious blood. They are to look into the eyes of the suffering Son of God and see in His weakness their strength, in His death their life, in His blood their wealth. How could mere mammon make them richer?'

'What do we expect to perceive as we crest Golgotha to see the King? A golden throne draped in purple silk? A thousand shining courtiers fawning over a majestic monarch? The opulence of royal palace stuffed with the gaudy trappings of earthly power and the signs of overlordship and worldly dominion? Will our eyes be filled with rubies the size of hen's eggs and diamonds glittering us to blindness? If this is what we expect to see on the temple mount of our religion or displayed at the pinnacle of our faith, we will be gravely disappointed. For we shall see there only the Suffering Servant of God, the God-Man crucified for us men. We shall see only what looks to the world like poverty of both pocket and spirit. A pitiful excuse for a God. But then our eyes are blinded by the worthless glitter of what parades itself as worthwhile. Christ, who was crucified, is not for the life of this world, but His own life. We shall see the glorious beauty of the heavenly city, the divine court, and all its riches, because we sought it not in this life. For now, all we need is Christ crucified.'

Devotion by Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston, August 29, 2024, titled—All We Need; commemorating the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.

October Birthdays

- 1 Breanna Tienor
- 2 Heidi Gerndt
- 7 Debra Uhlenbrauck
- 21 Janet Reed
- 23 Adam Moede
- 25 David Wirth
- 27 Carmen Jensen

October Anniversaries

- 6 Sonya and Christopher Schultz
- 10 Jeffrey and Deanna Tachick
- 21 David and Deborah Buchert
- 25 Ronald and Patricia Klawitter
- 29 Orville and Bette Quandt
Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 30 Jim and Sharon Eggert

October Counters

- 6 Steve and Jane Stolltenow
- 13 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 20 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 27 Bill and Tracy Brooks

October Ushers

- 6 Orville Quandt and Arnie Bubolz
- 13 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 20 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 27 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Kobschull

October Altar Committee

October--Brenda Urban and Deb Alsteen
November--Tracy Brooks and Val Fingal

October Elder on Call

Rick Gipp (920) 595-0989

Dear Friends

Ai yi yi! I just realized that I missed an update, travel is really messing with me.

So, since my last communication with you we have been putting on the miles. Two days after arriving in the States we attended a half-week gathering for all Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) employees in Missouri. It was great to finally get to see some of our colleagues who work in different countries; whose newsletter we read and with whom we interact online, but whom we have never met. It was a good

time of fellowship, but it was also a time of looking forward and talking about LBT's role in the future. After the LBT gathering our family spent several days at the LBT office meeting and getting reacquainted with the staff and getting updated on procedures in the office.

A couple of days after our meetings at LBT Aaron and Andrew were off to Georgia for a gathering of American teens who had grown up overseas (otherwise known as Third Culture Kids [TCKs]). This was a lot of fun for the guys, and was a chance for all of the participants to be around other kids like themselves, talk through the transitions and changes ahead, and give some guidance and pointers on living here in the States. This was perhaps the most enjoyable event for the boys so far this trip.

After the boys got back from their event we had about a week before taking Aaron up to Houghton, MI, where he is attending Michigan Technical University. That was quite the experience: going from homeschooling where the only other student is your brother and you don't meet more than about 12 people a week, to moving in alongside 1400 other students and their parents. I (Lisa) was overwhelmed. However, after a week of classes it seems like Aaron is doing well--he especially likes his Calculus class (he does NOT get that interest from my side of the family!).

Andrew continues his musical pursuits, purchasing an Irish flute and a set of Uilleann pipes (Irish bag pipes) recently. He and Tim practice together most evenings and recently they provided the afternoon entertainment for an assisted living center near my mom's, playing traditional Irish folk songs.

Work-wise the Khwedam panoramic Bible is at the printers, but the most recent report is that the printers noticed two things that should be fixed before printing. One thing is that the typesetter needs to align the page numbers in the table of contents, the other is something in the front-matter needing attention which has to be done by someone in the Bible Society. We are praying that these corrections are done promptly and the printers can start printing. Otherwise, Splash and Moronga should be continuing to work; Splash on the book of Luke and Moronga on Mark. However, a week or two ago Splash's mother (and Moronga's grandmother) passed away. Funerals are a huge event in that culture, with the extended family all coming together for several days to plan and then host the funeral. Please pray for Splash, he has a lot of stress because he has the responsibility of not only planning and hosting the funeral, but as the only one with a steady job he is also expected to pay for most of it.

Praises: Thanksgiving that we are done with typesetting and are progressing towards getting the Khwedam Panoramic Bible printed.

Thank you again for all of your prayers on our behalf.

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

Thanksgiving for a great time for Aaron and Andrew at the TCK gathering.

Thanksgiving that Aaron seems to be settling in well at university.

Prayers: Please pray that corrections will quickly be made and the Khwedam Panoramic Bible will be printed.

Please pray for Splash as he has the responsibility of planning and providing for his mother's funeral.

Please pray that after the funeral both Splash and Moronga will be able to consistently make headway on their translation work.



Aaron at Michigan Tech.



Andrew and Tim playing at the assisted living center.

Lutheran Hour, October 2024

October 6

"Fit to Be Tied"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A strong knot in the right place holds everything together. God made Jesus to be the "Master Point" to bind all people to Himself through faith. (Genesis 30:8)

October 13

"Difficult People"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
With God, all things are possible, even how to deal with that difficult person in your life. (Genesis 31:6-7)

October 20

"Children of God--No Longer Losers"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez
God turns lost losers into forgiven sons and daughters. Through Christ, we too become children of God's kingdom, members of His household. (Hosea 12:2-6)

October 27

"God-Struggles"



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES
www.lhm.org

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
It's been said, everyone you meet is fighting an unseen battle. God calls us to enter the struggle of those around us because, in Jesus, God has entered our struggle. (Genesis 32:28)

Darrell's famous chicken booyah can be picked up today and next Sunday on the table in the back of church, for those who have placed orders. You can still purchase today for \$8 per quart. Please bring your empty quart jars and any you may have at home back to church for future fund raisers. Proceeds from this booyah goes to our new organ fund.

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, September 6, 2024 at 8:00 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 8:03 a.m. by President, Dan Felker. Rick Gipp confirmed that the defibrillator will be checked following the meeting. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Bette Quandt to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Pastor Stoll gave an opening devotion and prayer. A motion was made by John Francis and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the minutes of the August 9 meeting. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was distributed and discussed by John Francis. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Rick Gipp to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: There were no baptisms or funerals in August. All shut-ins were visited in August. Catechism classes will begin Wednesday, September 11. Bible study will begin Thursday, September 12 at 9 a.m. Pastor will be gone September 22 through October 1. Pastor Hahn will lead the worship service on September 29. The North Wisconsin District Convention will be held next year. Pastor discussed possible candidates for the open officers at the District level.

OLD BUSINESS: The work on the landscaping by the front of the church continues. Rick Gipp will bring in some large rocks to place in the area. The parsonage deck is ready for staining. The permanent wall by the entrance to the fellowship hall is being installed this week. Rick Gipp will complete the parsonage sump pump project on September 27. The desire to conduct a CPR training session will be brought up at the annual congregational meeting. The duties for the cleaning staff was discussed. The loose pew fasteners were tightened yesterday. We need to look into purchasing a new candle lighter. Some of the organ keys are sticking at times. A motion was made by Cheryl Jawort and seconded by Scott Tennant to create an Organ Fund. Motion carried. A few more contacts need to be made before preparing the final inactive membership list.

NEW BUSINESS: The window blind has been installed on the south entry door. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning September 15 to purchase chicken booyah that's being prepared by Darell Wagenknecht to raise funds for the newly established Organ Fund. The joint council meeting will be October 15 at 1 p.m. at Tabor. A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Rick Gipp to close the Flooring and Pew funds. Motion carried. There were last minute discussions about the joint church picnic on September 21 at Tabor.

The Elder on call for October is Rick Gipp. There will be a meeting on October 9 at 5 p.m. to review the 2025 budget prior to the joint meeting on the 15th of October. The next Council meeting will be October 11 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

From our Board President

Thank you to all who made donations to our church pew re-covering fund. We ended up with a bit over the \$9,700 cost.

Thank you to Orv and Bette Quandt, and their helpers for constructing the beautiful oak wall behind our organ area.

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Seven ladies attended the September 10 monthly meeting. Tracy Brooks led the Bible Study "Steadfast in Faith". God's steadfast love for us flows from the Cross of Christ and gives us everything that we need to be steadfast in Him.

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order asking for a motion to approve the August 13 minutes after a correction for a misspelled word. Motion made by Diane Fitzpatrick, seconded by Cindy Tennant. Motion carried. Diane Fitzpatrick gave the Treasurer's report showing \$5,798.79 in checking and \$13,034.74

in the Extension Fund. Mites totaled \$164.13 for the month of August. Motion to accept by Janet Strobusch, seconded by Janet Reed. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Thank you Cindy Tennant for shopping for the new small 12 cup coffee pot and filters. She was reimbursed for the purchase. October 19 is the Fall Rally at Christ Lutheran Church in Hintz. Registration is at 8 a.m. The announcement is on the bulletin board by the Kitchen. There is a \$5 charge, which includes lunch. Anyone is welcome to attend. The joint church pot-luck picnic at Tabor is Saturday, September 21. Tabor Church is celebrating it's **120TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.** A discussion tabled since the August meeting resumed with plans to host a Harvest Dinner Fund Raiser on October 12 at noon. Cost: Adults \$10 and Children \$5. The menu to include Swedish meatballs, potatoes, coleslaw, vegetables, desserts. Sign-up sheets will be put out so we have an estimate of how many to prepare for. Nancy Krueger will bring her Fall decorations for the tables.

NEW BUSINESS: LWML Sunday will be October 13. The Theme is "Ready to Serve". Janet Strobusch gave some suggestions on how and what we can do to observe the mission: "Ready to Serve". We selected a couple banners and have asked Nancy Krueger to place the order.

Quilting starts at 9 a.m. on October 1. We can use more help with the assembling and sewing as we donate the quilts to shelters and shut-ins. No experience is needed—we will get you started.

October 8 will be the next meeting at 9 a.m. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

Tabor Lutheran Church 120th Anniversary

HARVEST DINNER FUND RAISER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT NOON

COST: Adults \$10 and Children \$5

Menu: Swedish Meatballs and Gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Carrots and Coleslaw

Cranberries

Apple Pie

Cookies: Rosettes & Krumkakes

Drinks: Coffee & Lemonade

Reservations: Sign up for family and friends by October 1

Or Phone Nancy Krueger at 920 590-1471

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds - August 2024

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund (In checking)	952.13	25.00			952.13
8722	General Fund	\$3,243.29		1.71		\$ 3,245.00
7894	Parsonage Improvements	3,618.40	300.00	1.97		3,920.37
9486	Winter Savings	1,816.95		.96		1,817.91
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Flooring Fund--In Above (100.00) Pews (10,353.78)	8,667.98	4,053.78	5.21		12,726.97
7759	Bequest Fund	661.64		.35		661.99
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,199.84	<u>67.00</u>	.64		1,267.48
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	11,787.94		110.16		11,898.10
5736	CD General*	15,482.01		310.18		15,792.19
5714	Winter*	7,741.02		155.10		7,896.12
5702	Bequest*	15,482.01		310.18	<u>9,086.98</u>	6,705.21
5725	Scholarship*	<u>7,741.02</u>		<u>155.10</u>		<u>7,896.12</u>
	TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS	\$77,442.10	\$4,420.78	\$1,051.56	\$9,086.98	\$73,827.46

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - August 2024

Beginning Balance 08/01/24	-4,098.38
August Income:	
General Income.....	7,017.00
Loose	215.00
Church Maintenance	9,000.00
Thrivent.....	30.00
From Emmanuel.....	2,248.28
Other.....	55.41
Visitor.....	51.00
WRLHS Scholarchip	120.00
Pews	<u>605.00</u>
Total August Income	19,341.69
August Expenses:	
1 - District Budget	1,000.00
10 - Adult Education	130.83
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,101.86
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	1,004.33
17 - Parsonage Utilities	171.14
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.00
24 - Subscriptions/Pub/Dues	282.40
30 - Custodian Wages.....	159.31
31 - Church Utilities	130.23
33 - Gen Maintenance/Repair Church.....	6,779.83
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Main Fund.....	635.00
37 - Parsonage Fund	300.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund	120.00
5 - Organist	226.26
54 - Administrator Wages.....	668.60
5A - Organist/Buttons	48.17
6 - Worship Supplies.....	<u>42.99</u>
Total August Expenses	(15,944.95)
Ending Balance 08/31/24	-701.64

OCTober 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04	05
		PASTOR on vacation 9:00-12:00 pm. Quilting begins Last day to register for NWD Gathering in Weston and the Harvest Dinner	4:00-5:30 a.m. Catechism	9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study		Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett 9 a.m.-2 p.m. WR Fall Extra- vaganza Craft Fair
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
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	4:00-5:30 a.m. Catechism	9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study	8:00 a.m. Board Meeting	12:00 p.m. Harvest dinner celebrating Tabor's 120th anniversary
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mites due LWML Sunday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Quilting 1:00 p.m. Joint Council Meeting @ Tabor NWD Adult Gathering in Weston	9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay @ Suring 1:00 p.m. Serenity Gardens @ Gillett 4:00-5:30 p.m. Catechism	9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center		Fall LWML @ Christ, Hintz, WI
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	Pastor at Fall Pastors' Conference	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Quilting Pastor at Fall Pastors' Conference	Pastor at Fall Pastors' Conference 4:00-5:30 a.m. Catechism	9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study		
27	28	29	30	31		
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Door Offer for WRLHS Reformation Sunday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Quilting	4:00-5:30 a.m. Catechism	9:00-10:00 a.m. Bible Study		

Some Eulogy, Pastor

I don't recall who told me this one, but he said it really happened. I believe him.

Anyway, there was this Norwegian Lutheran pastor, older than most of us, who was much more comfortable with the "mother tongue" than with English. But he was shepherding an American congregation and hence had to speak English most of the time.

Once, during a funeral, he was preaching a passionate sermon. Among other things, he wanted to communicate that, after death, a person's spirit leaves his or her body.

Pointing to the departed, who was lying in an open casket, the pastor offered this helpful metaphor: "What we have here is yost the shell. The nut is gone."

David L. C. Anderson, Anoka, MN

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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