

Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

As we conclude this year. Wait, as we begin this new church year, looking forward to the return of Jesus Christ even as we celebrate his birth into this world, to bring life to this fallen and dying world of his creating, I encourage you through a selection of passages from Paul's letters to the churches; remember who you are and who God is; "To those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints." "To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours." "To the churches in Galatia," "To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus." "To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons." To the Saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae." "To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans. 1:7, 1 Corinthians. 1:2, Galatians 1:2, Ephesians 1:1, Philippians 1:1, Colossians 1:2, 1 Thessalonians 1:1)

As the editor notes in this month's edition of the Lutheran Witness, "At the heart of the themes this year is the truth that Christians live in a community that is given from above. We are the Body of Christ, and as such, He is our head (1 Cor. 12:12-31). He gives us community when he incorporates us into His Body through the waters of Holy Baptism."

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8) In each of Paul's letters, he begins his introduction by reminding the people that they are saints, they are holy, they are a part of the Body of Christ by virtue of their baptism. Now they are different from the rest of the world in which they have grown up and lived. Because they are part of the body of Christ they necessarily desire to be attached to the rest of the body because that is

where they have life. The life they have is in the word of God as it is shared, and in the fellowship of the saints who have the same Word in common with the rest of the congregation. This is important because you need to have the Word of God in you if you are going to share that Word with those who are still in the darkness of the world.

I realize that many of you already spend time in the God's Word, this is for those who do not. I exhort you to invest in those things that will assist you in your daily walking together in the Lord.

A couple of resources to help read the Bible in a more manageable way, are:

"Today's light Devotional Bible" This covers about two chapters per day and includes a short devotion at the end pertaining to what was read. You would read through the Bible in about two years.

"Treasury of Daily Prayer" offers the daily Bible reading schedule listed in the Bulletin and in the Newsletter as well as a short reading from a church father, the confessions, or something about the holy day assigned by the church, a hymn verse, and a prayer.

If you are interested in either of these options to build on your daily devotions, please contact me and I will help you get started. "The peace of God which passes all understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Our Lord." (Philippians 4:7)

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

December Birthdays

- 1 Cindy Tennant
- 4 Cheryl Jawort
- 6 Deborah Shroyer
- 9 Janet Strohbusch
- 11 Jenny Kuske
- 18 Don Bahr
- 23 Paige Krueger
- 30 Madyson Mikle
- 31 Ned Lundquist

December Anniversaries

- 21 Clarence (Skip) and Brenda Carey-Mielke
- 23 Brian and Heidi Gerndt
- 26 Eugene and Nancy Krueger
- 30 Pat and Jane Porubcan

December Counters

- 8 Eugene and Mark Krueger

December Ushers

- 1 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 4 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 8 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 11 Glen Seering and Gary Kebschull
- 15 Orv Quandt and Arnie Bubolz
- 18 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 24 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 31 Ron Lange and Gary Kebschull

December Elder on Call

Rick Gipp (920) 595-0989

December Altar Committee

December--Ev Charlson and Tracy Brooks
January--Deanna Tachick and Laurie Schoenebeck

FYI

I will be out of the country starting around January 14. I'm not sure that I can get all the information that is needed for the February newsletter by the time I leave. I could put the ushers for February in the January issue. The minutes of the January meetings could be put into the March newsletter.

If you have any suggestions, please email me at porubcanjane@gmail.com. Thanks.

Life Quotes for Lutherans

December 1: "Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just 'looking for love in all the wrong places,' if you'll pardon the expression. Don't look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God's love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas 'God so loved the world that He gave ...'" Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 8: "If heaven had been our home, would we have wanted to enter a world of grief and pain, of evil and death? Yet enter it Jesus did to give us His home to be ours forever. So, He loved us in undeserved grace. And so will we sing in the heavenly Jerusalem a refrain like that of our choirs: Hail, thou ever blessed morn, Hail redemption's happy dawn, Sing through all Jerusalem: 'Christ is born in Bethlehem.' Alleluia." Richard Gurgel, President, Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 15: "Who is going to be king? Christ or Herod? Christ or I? Every day we make dozens of decisions which either acknowledge Christ's lordship or which assert our own. The star of the Magi reminds the Christian that he has a gracious King to whom he can, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, submit his will and live. By His word Christ desires to reign in our hearts through faith!" Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 22: "Merry Christmas! And may the certainty of God's love for you in Jesus Christ give you strength, comfort, and confidence this day to face whatever comes tomorrow. For, nothing can overpower the persevering power and blessing of Christmas." Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

December 29: "We long to hear those words from the master, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! Come! Share your master's happiness!' Someday you will hear them as He welcomes you into eternal dwellings. But for now, there is much to do for Jesus. So, as you go to live for Him, let those words echo in your mind and spur you on to be faithful and fruitful servants in His kingdom." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Lutheran Hour, December 2024

December 1

“Will Everything Sad Come Untrue?”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 A mother and her young son trade a life of privilege for one of poverty, a story that is borderline unbelievable, yet nonetheless true.
 (Jeremiah 33:16)

December 8

“Completely Ordinary Human”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again.
 (Malachi 3:7)

December 22

“Does It Matter If Jesus Is God?”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
 Jesus sets a good example, but good examples can’t help dead people. Only God’s Son can make us alive again.
 (Luke 2:10-11)

December 29

“No Getting Better Than This”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies
 The Good Life--what is it? Pastor Chad Lakies says life is truly good when it’s life the way God meant it to be.

The Rewards of Prayer

For years now my favorite hobby has been position target shooting with a small-bore, 22-caliber rifle. I’ve been a member of several teams and enjoy competition.

During a tournament in Waukesha, W, I came off the line after firing a round from the kneeling position. A member of the other team, who knew I was a pastor, asked me how I had done.

“I think I scored a hundred,” I answered.

“That’s really not fair, you know,” he said.

“What do you mean, it’s not air?” I inquired. “I work awfully hard at this.”

His answer: “It’s not fair, Pastor, because you’ve had so much practice on your knees!”

The Reverend Alvin Pinke
 Bakersfield, CA

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
WRVM	Suring, WI	102.7	FM	Sun	10:00 AM

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Nine ladies attended the meeting on November 12, 2024. Ev Charlson led the Bible Study "A Reason to Celebrate" from the LW Quarterly magazine. " We praise God because of who He is. We praise Him because of where He has brought us. We celebrate the Dweller, and we celebrate the His dwelling."

President Nancy Krueger opened the meeting. A motion was made by Diane Fitzpatrick to accept the minutes of the October meeting with a correction: the donation for hurricane relief went to Lutheran Church Charities not to Mission Synod Lutheran World Relief, seconded by Janet Strohbush. Motion passed. Diane Fitzpatrick gave the Treasurer's report showing \$5,133.94 in our checking account and \$13,074.56 in our Extension Fund account. The Gifts from the Heart Fund is at \$187. A motion to accept the report was made Janet Reed, seconded by Janet Strohbush. Motion passed. The proceeds from the Harvest dinner were given toward the organ fund.

Old Business: Thank you to all members who donated food and helped with the dinner. The Fall Rally at Christ Lutheran in Hintz was attended by Janet Strohbush, Tracy Brooks, and Nancy Krueger. The Spring Rally will be at Faith Lutheran in Marinette and next

Fall, Tabor will be the host for the Fall Rally next October. Five quilts have been completed and many more are in the works. We can use more help each Tuesday morning.

New Business: We discussed ideas for the Christmas decorations to be put up on December 3. The ladies will provide a soup supper after each Advent Service. Volunteers will bring rolls or bread and bars to complete the meal. Any donations will go toward the organ fund. We reviewed our list for annual donations and will keep the same ones listed and add \$50 to International Student Ministries in Stevens Point. Total to be donated is \$650. Janet Reed made a motion to do so, Janet Strohbush seconded it. Motion passed. Diane will send out the checks soon. Plans are to have a potluck lunch on January 7, 2025 when we will also take down the Christmas tree.

The next Ladies Aid meeting will be on December 10. Cindy Tennant will lead the Bible Study, "My Lord, My Helper, Keeps Me". Nancy Krueger closed the meeting by leading us with the Lord's Prayer.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

**SHEEPSHEAD
CARD PARTY**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**WOLF RIVER LUTHERAN
HIGH SCHOOL**
**W7467 RIVER BEND ROAD,
SHAWANO, WI**

1:00 - 3:30 P.M.
COST \$3.00

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Tabor Lutheran Council Meeting

Friday, November 8, 2024 at 8 a.m.

Present: Pastor Steven Stoll, Dan Felker, John Francis, Scott Tennant, Rick Gipp, and Bette Quandt

Rick Gipp confirmed that the defibrillator was checked. A motion was made by Rick Gipp and seconded by Scott Tennant to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: No Baptisms or Funerals in October. Catechism classes on Wednesday are going well. Thursday Bible study continues with five attending. Pastor's devotion was based on Jeremiah, Chapter 20. Are we ready to learn to pray? Do we appeal to the Lord to help and guide us? The demons don't want us to pray. Dear Lord, be with us and guide us in all we do.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and the financial situation was discussed. Motion by Rick Gipp to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Scott Tennant.

Old Business: The basement at the parsonage water problem seems to be under control at the present time.

Nominating committee is looking for someone to be nominated to serve as the Council Secretary and for someone to fill the position of an Elder. These positions will be filled at the Annual Meeting in late January. If you would be interested in one of these positions, and would like to find out more details, check the "Constitution" and/or speak to a Council member. Next meeting is December 13 at 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Bette Quandt, Financial Secretary



Pastor Stoll and two other pastors from St. James, donated their time to help out at the Wolf River Lutheran High School fundraiser.

Hint, Hint!

In my first parish I was determined to get to know the members as quickly as possible. So during my debut as worship leader and preacher, I invited my parishioners to an open parsonage. "Please be there with your presence," I said sincerely.

A choir member seated near the pulpit almost burst out laughing. I was puzzled--but only for a moment. We were in the middle of Advent!

The Reverend Conrad Lund
Issaquah, WA

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund (In checking)	952.13			6.87	876.81
8722	General Fund	\$3,246.66		6.87		\$ 3,253.53
7894	Parsonage Improvements	4,222.49	300.00	9.23		4,531.72
9486	Winter Savings	1,818.84		3.85		1,822.69
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Organ in above (1,488.00)	3,074.25	553.00	7.04		3,634.29
7759	Bequest Fund	662.33		1.40		663.73
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,388.17	<u>25.00</u>	<u>2.96</u>		1,416.13
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		\$72,646.74	\$878.00	\$31.35		\$73,556.09

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - October 2024

Beginning Balance 10/01/24 11,580.94

October Income:

General Income.....	6,215.00
Loose	120.00
Missions.....	45.00
From Emmanuel.....	2,218.28
Visitor.....	10.00
WRLHS Scholarship	87.00
Organ Fund.....	<u>1,008.00</u>

Total October Income 9,733.28

October Expenses:

1 - District Budgeted.....	1,00.00
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,101.86
13 - Pastor's SDSP.....	131.42
14 - Pasto's Retirement.....	508.16
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement.....	229.81
17 - Parsonage Utilities	121.88
18 - Conferences/Conventions.....	269.14
2 - Mission Designated.....	45.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.27
24 - Subscriptions/Pub/Dues	12.90
27 - State Withholding/Dept of Revenue	372.12
28 - Federal Tax/Social Security	1,182.80
30 - Custodian Wages.....	110.82
31 - Church Utilities.....	105.21
33 - Gen Maintenance/Repair Church.....	713.26
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Maintenance Fund	1,008.00
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted	300.00
41 - Flower Fund.....	50.00
47 - Parsonage Expense Miscellaneous.....	54.25
48 - To Scholarship Fund	87.00
5 - Organist	225.26
54 - Administrator Wages.....	668.60
5A - Organist/Buttons	<u>71.50</u>

Total October Expenses
Ending Balance 10/31/24

(11,513.06)
9,801.16

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Tabor 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Emmanuel	02	03 Ladies Aid putting up the Christmas decorations	04 4:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Tabor* Soup Supper after service 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Emmanuel*	05 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	06	07
08 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Tabor Mites Collected 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Emmanuel	09 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	10 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting Quilting after	11 4:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Tabor* Soup Supper after service 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Emmanuel*	12 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	13 8:00 a.m. Board Meeting	14 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
15 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Tabor 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Emmanuel	16 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	17 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	18 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay in Suring 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens in Gillett 4:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Tabor* Soup supper after service 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship @ Emmanuel*	19 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center	20	21
22 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Tabor 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Emmanuel	23 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	24 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve @ Tabor 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve @ Emmanuel	25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Combined Service @ Emmanuel	26 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	27	28
29 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Tabor 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service @ Emmanuel	30 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	31 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Service @ Tabor				

*No communion @ Advent Services

for unto us a child is born

