
Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

Oh Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!
(Psalm 39: In the Name of Jesus. Amen)

When my wife and I had our first child, we received all sorts of advice. Some advice we asked for, some we didn't. People are funny that way. They like to give advice as if to bring meaning to their experiences, but I realize something now as my first child turns five and is preparing kindergarten: they were right. The advice we often received was, "Don't blink; they grow up fast," and they were right. I wonder now if their desire to give advice came from a place of regret or grief. They blinked, and their children were grown, just like I blinked and my oldest prepares for Kindergarten. The psalmist gives words to this. God shows us in many ways how short our lives are, how quickly time passes, and how soon death approaches. One thing is certain: regardless of how old you are, dear reader, life is fleeting. While it seems like this is simply a reality you must face, it can serve a greater purpose in the life of the Christian. Allow it to be a call to you, a call to repent and to turn back to the Father who loves you. Why? Because all sinners have the propensity to get distracted and caught up in trivial things. Time is wasted on reading news articles about Fantasy Football, hours slip by while you scroll on your phone to look into people's lives whom you do not know, and days drift away while you attend your children's tournaments that consume their entire childhood. The list goes on. We waste a lot of time on trivial things. There is this sense that there is time for the important things, but right now isn't that time. There is time to hear God's word, but it can wait for now. There is time to receive His Gifts, but it isn't today. There is time to confess Jesus as Lord, but not until you're older and death is more real.

Don't be a fool. Life is truly fleeting. Life is short. God is near. Do not waste time on trivial things. Don't misunderstand what I am saying: it is okay to play some sports, enjoy some entertainment, and even play some Fantasy Football, but don't let it consume you. Don't let it become your god. Carve out time in your life for the more pressing things. Do not put God in the "to be done later" pile of things on your schedule. Honor the Sabbath by going to church to rest in His care and receive the Good News of Jesus dead, resurrected, and ascended for you. Rest in the presence of God and His mercy. Feed on his word day after day. A day will come (if it hasn't already) when God will remind you that your life is truly fleeting, and on that day, you will cry out to the Lord, and He will answer. His answer is in Christ, the crucified one. He will hear you. And He will speak words of comfort and life to you. For in Him, life is not fleeting; it is everlasting.

(Higher Things Devotion, November 23, 2024; Rev. Caleb Wright)

Together on the Way! Pastor Stoll

Thank You

As one way of expressing our deep appreciation for your generosity in the outpouring of love and support to Paula and I for the past year, because words don't really seem to say enough or well or right, let me borrow from Paul's greeting in 1 Thessalonians, "We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering you before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Thank you, always, In the name of Jesus. Amen!

January Birthdays 

- 6 Valerie Fingal
- 8 Ashlyn Schultz
- 10 Kim Schoenebeck
- 11 Judith Buhandt
Diane Fitzpatrick
- 12 Cecelia Trossen
- 14 James Vorpahl
- 27 Jim Jawort
- 31 Dallas Krieger

January Anniversaries 

- 5 Nels and Elsie Jensen

January Counters 

- 5 Steve and Jane Stolltenow
- 12 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 19 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 25 Dennis and Sandy Sandri

January Ushers 

- 5 Orv Quandt and Glen Seering
- 12 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Keschull
- 19 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 26 Jim and Cheryl Jawort

January Altar Committee 

January--Bette Quandt and Laurie Schoenebeck
February--Brenda Urban and Bette Quandt

January Elder on Call

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

From the Board President

Snow removal policy for the 2024/25 winter season will be done automatically for snow amounts of two inches or more. We are looking for someone to help clean our church and fellowship hall. Call Bette Quandt or any council elder if interested or for more information.

There will be communion at the 7:00 p.m. New Year's Eve service at Tabor.

February Birthdays 

- 2 Sandra McCarthy
- 3 Earl Kahler
- 10 Deanna Tachick
Lois Kahler
Sonya Schultz
- 18 Erin Moede
- 22 Glen Seering
- 24 Lisa Buchert
Gail Bahr
- 26 Tasha Urban

February Counters 

- 2 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 9 Steve and Jane Stolltenow
- 16 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 23 Dennis and Sandy Sandri

February Ushers 

- 2 Orv Quandt and Ron Lange
- 9 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 16 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 23 Brian Fitzpatrick and Gary Keschull

February Altar Committee 

February--Brenda Urban and Bette Quandt
March--Janet Strobusch and Diane Fitzpatrick

February Elder on Call

Scott Tennant (920) 639-7899

Life Quotes for Lutherans

January 5 "Let the peace of Christ change how you live—clothing yourself with godly virtues reflecting a thankful heart. Carry this peace that the angels proclaimed and Simeon saw. It sets the tone for the coming year, another year you get to live as God's child in the peace of Jesus." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

January 12 "From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13), God's began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption." Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

January 19 "No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope

and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever." Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

January 26 "Babies are born into the world wrapped in surprising packaging like disabilities or poverty, but even so, God has a perfect plan for each one of them. Abortion is a tragic end to the countless blessings in store for those who would have surrounded these children." Brad Mattes, Life Issues Institute – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

February 2 "All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: 'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well' (Psalm 139:14)." Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – A

Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

February 9 "We may not be trained healers, but we have been trained through our own experiences and God's Word to bring comfort. Be brave, reach out, and know the Lord is by your side. Pray for His guidance in what you say and do so you will bring needed comfort. We have a message of hope!" Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

February 16 "I love reminding them that the first diagnosis is, 'It's a baby,' and no other diagnosis ever negates diagnosis number one. The baby is inherently valuable and worthy of our love." Dr. Robin Pierucci – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

February 23 "Handmade by the one true God and designed in His image, we are inherently valuable, not only for this life but for all of eternity." Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Lutheran Hour, January 2025

January 5

"In the Beginning Was Dialogue"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Do you need more faith? Then you need the Word.
Faith comes from hearing the Word of Christ.
(John 1:1)

January 12

"What's This Neighborhood Coming To?"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
When you're not limited by the size of your table, you can invite everyone.
(John 1:14)

January 19

"He Made Me a Believer"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God makes us believers and the more we believe,
the more we become involved in the institutions God



made--church, marriage, family, and work.
(John 2:11)

January 26

"An Overture to the Greatest Story Ever Told"
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez
Like an overture that introduces a great musical work,
John the Baptizer is the living voice sent by God to
bear witness to Jesus' lordship and salvation.
(John 3:26-36)

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

Dear Friends

So, it's been a while since my last update.

We are now in a cabin we have rented in Michigan's Upper Peninsula where we are about three hours from Aaron. We will be here for Aaron's first year of university, and then plan to head back to Botswana. We are enjoying the beauty and solitude of the North Woods, though we have only just had our first snow and some of us are already dreaming of warmer climes.

Since my last update Tim has gone back to Botswana to see how the Khwedam translation is progressing and to do consultant checking with the Wayeyi translation team. Tim first went home to see what was happening in our area. The visit with Splash was somewhat frustrating due to computer issues (Splash needs a new one) and Splash being pulled away for this and that, but Tim and Splash were able to get together to talk over what is going on in the community and what steps should take place going forward. Tim also spent a good bit of time with him going over his translation of Luke and training him on how to use some of the features of our translation software for checking. Overall, it was a good visit with Splash.

While at home Tim also dealt with a rather massive termite invasion of our kitchen. Apparently, a month ago termites went on a rampage, not just at our home but all over the area. Fortunately our home is cement brick, so there is no structural damage, but Tim couldn't believe our kitchen cabinets; some of them had holes where things sitting on the shelves had fallen through, and others literally disintegrated as he touched them. Fortunately he was able to remove our freezer's solar batteries from their precarious perch before they - or their wiring - got damaged by falling. He also removed the sink before it fell and broke the pipes and he replaced what was left of the wooden cupboard with a steel frame. While the cupboards are a pain to deal with and will require some work when we get back to Botswana, we are very grateful it wasn't worse.

After a week at our place Tim went down to where we usually get supplies to do some consultant checking with the Wayeyi translation team. The team has translated the whole book of Luke, so that is what Tim checked with them. The team is a joy to work with; they worked very diligently and they got a lot accomplished; completing the first nine chapters of the book. Tim said that the days were long and people were pretty brain-dead by the end of the day, but they were very

happy with the progress they made. The team now needs to back-translate the rest of Luke (which is what consultants use as a start for doing their checking), so hopefully they will get that done before Tim's next trip which is scheduled for February.

Otherwise, we continue to wait to hear word on the printing of the Khwedam panoramic Bible. Whenever we have asked, we have been assured it is with the printer in South Korea; we have to assume it is either in the queue to be printed or is actually being printed.

Praises: - Thanksgiving that there is progress towards getting the Khwedam Panoramic Bible printed.

- Thanksgiving for smooth and uneventful travel for Tim to Botswana, and for good meetings while there.

- Thanksgiving that Aaron is settling in well at university.

Prayers: * Please pray that the Khwedam Panoramic Bible will be printed soon.

* Please pray for Splash and Moronga to work steadily on their translations of Luke and Mark, respectively.

* Please pray for the Khwedam Community to plan well for dedication of their Bible.

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

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf



Aaron, Andrew, and Tim outside the cabin where we are staying.

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Nine ladies attended the December 10, 2024, meeting. Cindy Tennant led the Bible study lesson, "The Lord, My Helper, Keeps Me". Keep us strong in faith through Word and Sacraments and help us boldly proclaim the wonderful deeds You have done for us.

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order with a request for a motion to accept the minutes of the November 12 meeting. The motion was made by Diane Fitzpatrick, seconded by Bette Quandt. Approved. The treasurer's report was given by Diane Fitzpatrick. Balance in checking is \$4,453.32 and in the Extension Fund \$13,106.71. Total donations throughout the year totaled \$1,490. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Ev Charlson, seconded by Cindy Tennant. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Twenty members stayed and enjoyed the soup supper after the first Advent Service on December 4. The donations of \$55 will go into the Organ Fund. The Ladies Aid will prepare and serve the suppers for the two remaining weeks of Advent. Thanks to Tracy Brooks for coordinating the purchase of 20 poinsettias for our Alter decorations. Cost is \$10 per plant. Eight quilts have been completed. Tracy also took a couple quilts and blankets to a family who lost their home in a fire.

NEW BUSINESS: Nancy Krueger has purchased fleece to make 50 blankets. These are donated to shelters, the assisted living home, and to whoever needs them. Thank you notes for our donations to Sam 25 and the Lamp were received. The pot-luck lunch at noon on January 7 is planned. This is open to all church members. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table. Christmas decorations will be taken down that morning. Plans for providing a brunch before the Annual meeting were discussed. They will be finalized at our January meeting.

Next meeting is January 14, 2025. Janet Strobusch will lead the Bible Study. Following the Lord's prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Ev Charlson, Secretary

Tabor Lutheran Council Meeting

12/13/24 at 8 a.m.

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

Meeting called to order at 8 a.m. by President Dan Felker. 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 November. 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. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The basement at the parsonage water problem seems to not be under control at the present. Someone who works with basement water problems will be called. If anyone is interested in a part-time cleaning job, please contact Bette Quandt.

The nominating committee is looking for someone to be nominated to serve as the church Council secretary and one man to fill the position of 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.

The next Council meeting will be on January 10 at 8 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Bette Quandt, Financial Secretary

Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund (In checking)	876.81			50.00	826.81
8722	General Fund	\$3,253.53		6.67		\$ 3,260.20
7894	Parsonage Improvements	4,531.72	300.00	9.68		4,531.72
9486	Winter Savings	1,822.69		3.74		1,826.43
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Organ in above (1,566.00)	3,634.29	1,008.00	7.49	<u>713.26</u>	3,936.52
7759	Bequest Fund	663.73		1.36		665.09
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,416.13	<u>87.00</u>	<u>3.01</u>		1,506.14
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		\$73,556.09	\$1,395.00	\$31.95	713.26	\$74,269.78

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - November 2024

Beginning Balance 11/01/24	9,801.16
November Income:	
General Income.....	6,555.00
Loose	80.75
Thrivent.....	73.00
Church Building Fund.....	786.26
From Emmanuel.....	2,248.28
From Scholarship/Organ Fund	78.00
Missions.....	110.00
Other General Fund	25.00
Visitor.....	100.00
WRLHS Scholarship	<u>195.00</u>
Total November Income	10,251.29
November Expenses:	
1 - District Budgeted.....	1,00.00
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	6,152.79
13 - Pastor's SDSP.....	131.42
14 - Pasto's Retirement.....	508.16
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement	198.32
17 - Parsonage Utilities	131.11
2 - Mission Designated.....	110.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.27
24 - Subscriptions/Pub/Dues	209.90
29 - Workman's Comp Insurance.....	898.00
30 - Custodian Wages.....	83.12
31 - Church Utilities.....	122.35
34 - Insurance Church	3,871.00
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Maintenance Fund	937.26
37 - To Parsonage Improvement Budgeted	300.00
41 - Flower Fund.....	50.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund	195.00
5 - Organist	284.32
54 - Administrator Wages	668.60
5A - Organist/Buttons	92.35
6 - Worship Supplies.....	<u>106.29</u>
Total November Expenses	(16,194.26)
Ending Balance 11/30/24	3,858.16

JANUARY 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
			NO CATECHISM CLASS	NO BIBLE STUDY		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m. Take down Christmas decorations 11:30 a.m. Potluck Luncheon	4:00-5:30 p.m. Catechism	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	8:00 a.m. Board Meeting	Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Mites Collected	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting & Quilting	9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay in Suring 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens in Gillett 4:00-5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00-5:30 p.m. Catechism	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion WRLHS Offering Brunch & ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING after service	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00-5:30 p.m. Catechism	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		



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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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