
Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

To the Saints

"Follow the pattern of the sound words ... in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:13)

In the preface to his book, *Praying Luther's Small Catechism*, John Pless writes, 'Edmund Schlink spoke of modernity as that time when dogmatics (church teaching) had become largely a playground for the subjective originality of speculative piety, a period in which Christians generally forgot how to pray through their catechism (emphasis added). Schlink's words call us back to something that ought to characterize Lutherans. Namely, both pastors and laypeople should remember how to "pray through their catechism," for it tutors us in what Paul calls the "pattern of sound words," locating us within the economy of God's giving and our receiving. The Small Catechism guides us into the heart of the Holy Scriptures, for it is, as the formula of Concord would come to call it, "A Bible of the laity, in which everything is summarized that is treated in detail in Holy Scripture and that is necessary for a Christian to know for salvation." (FC Ep Summary 5; K-W 487) .., The Small Catechism is such a pattern.' (Page viii)

Luther is quoted as saying/writing, "A Christian without prayer is just as impossible as a living person without a pulse."

"We are accustomed to thinking in terms of studying the Small Catechism or learning it by heart, but rarely do hear Martin Luther's language of praying the catechism. The catechism functioned, for Luther, as a book of prayer." (Ibid 1)

"Praying the Catechism is not merely for children and the simple; it is no less the duty and the joy of the mature Christian. Because the triune God Himself is the true teacher of the basics of the mysteries of the faith, all Christians are his pupils. Prayerful meditation on those central texts of our Christian faith draws our inner man into the dynamic Spirit of God. These texts and the light of faith breaking forth from them pull us out of evil thoughts, still the diffuseness of our hearts, and form a sturdy barrier against demonic temptations." (Ibid 1-2) In 2021, at the beginning of the Coronavirus, LC-MS President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison invited and encouraged everyone to recite Psalm 91 as part of their daily devotion. It didn't take just a few weeks and the psalm was memorized and is said from memory as part of the devotions until the pandemic had ended. We do live in a time of modernity, when people especially children no longer know how to pray let alone pray through the catechism. I invite and encourage all of you to incorporate into your devotions, a part of the catechism each week. You may simply start by using that part that I review with you on Sunday morning before the readings. That is the part of the catechism that the catechism students are learning that week. Perhaps we can return to knowing how to pray and how to pray the catechism, and trust the Lord who has saved us.

Together on the Way!
Pastor Stoll

Welcome to new member Anita Wagenknecht, transfer from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Breed.

March Birthdays 🎂

- 6 Carol Felker
- 8 Karen Wirth
- 11 Ryan Schoenebeck
- 14 Jerry Mittlestaedt
- 21 Richard Saffran
- 25 Dan Felker
- 27 Stacy Ann Trossen

March Anniversaries 🎉

- 14 Glen and Letha Seering

March Counters 🌿

- 2 Donna Tetzlaff and Sandy Sandri
- 9 Dennis and Sandy Sandri
- 16 Bill and Tracy Brooks
- 26 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 30 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick

March Ushers 🙏

- 2 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 5 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 9 Orv Quandt and Gary Keschull
- 12 Orv Quandt and Gary Keschull
- 16 Glen Seering and Ron Lange
- 19 Glen Seering and Ron Lange
- 23 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 26 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 30 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick

March Altar Committee 🚐

March--Nancy Krueger and Ev Charlson
 April--Cindy Tennant and Janet Strobusch

Life Quotes for Lutherans

March 2: "God sent His Son to save us, not because we asked, but because He loves us. God wants you to call on Him, not because He needs the information, and not just because He wants to rescue you from distress. He wants to rescue you for a new life, for a life of trusting that He wants to hear from you, of living with His Word inside you, a life responding with God's love to others in their distress, even before they call." Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 9: "Brothers and sisters, in Christ you are God's masterpiece. You were created for a purpose. You are the hands and feet of Christ demonstrating His love in a world that desperately needs it. Live out that purpose in the strength that comes from Him and wait joyfully for the day where we get to see His finished product." Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 16: On St. Joseph: "Though Mary's husband did not beget Jesus from his own body, he did father him in the fashion of a foster, adoptive, or step-parent. For this reason, he has received the title of Guardian of Our Lord. His service to God and family not only figures prominently in the Gospel of Jesus Christ but also exemplifies the holy vocation of fatherhood and testifies to the sanctity of marriage, parenting, adoption, and every human life." Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 23: "Think of how important we as human beings must be in the eyes of God, if He—as the almighty creator and Lord of the entire universe—was willing to take on human flesh and become one of us. God loves the human race so much He decided to become our brother." Thomas P. Nass, CELC President – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

March 30: "Our Lord dwelt among us for quite some time

without anyone seeing or meeting Him. Yet in this span, He consecrated and sanctified every human life from its very beginning at the moment of fertilization. And He demonstrated that neither age nor appearance nor ability—nor any lack thereof—improves or impairs anyone's worth. God creates, redeems, and calls each one as His own to start with." Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



Out Going Board Members

A special "thank you" to First Vice President Rick Gipp and Council Secretary Cheryl Jawort.



In Coming Board Members

Welcome to Gary Keschull, First Vice President; and Sonja Schultz, Council Secretary.

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



Lutheran Hour, March 2025

March 2

"It's Best to Be with Jesus"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project. We need God's help, His strength, His gifts. (Luke 9:28-36)

March 9

"Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection gives us life with God that can't be measured. (John 12:24)

March 16

"Light of the World"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range. We can't see it, but it changes what we see. (John 8:12)

March 23

"Even Me, Even You"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)

March 30

Information not available at this time.

Dear Friends

Well, in my last update to you all I mentioned that the printers of the Khwedam panoramic Bible were working on the covers and hoped to be finished printing soon. Mid January we heard that printing was finished and the Bibles were prepared for shipping. Yay!!! The Bibles had a shipping date of January 26, with an arrival date of March 3 at Durban, South Africa. Assuming all goes as planned, we should expect the Bibles to get to Botswana sometime the end of March.

Otherwise, Tim continues to get ready for work with the translation teams he is a consultant for; he has a team in Sierra Leone who is working on 1 Samuel and a team in Botswana that is working on the book of Luke. Before meeting with the teams he takes their back-translations (translation from the Themne or Shiyeyi back into English) and goes through it to see if there is anything he should ask the translators about; either for accuracy or clarity. This actually takes a lot of time, and Tim is kept busy working with this. Tim had originally hoped to go to Sierra Leone either in January or February to work with the Themne team in checking 1 Samuel, but the cost of the flight was prohibitive. Flying to Sierra Leone from Botswana is much cheaper, so later this year when we are back in Botswana Tim will make a trip to go work with them. For now he has a Zoom meeting planned to work with the Themne team next week--it's not ideal, but hopefully will work well enough that the team can then continue to make progress on their project.

Tim also has a trip to Botswana planned for Feb 27 to March 15--however that trip is more up-in-the-air than we would like. A few weeks ago, Tim fell and hurt his back. X-rays show a compression fracture, but not clearly enough for the orthopedic surgeon we saw to get a clear enough idea of whether the pins in his back have shifted or not (the pins are not precisely where he would have expected them to be). So, Tim is scheduled for an MRI next week, and then hopefully the surgeon can give a more informed opinion on what to do next. As it stands now Tim should be able to travel, though perhaps not very comfortably. There are lots of things he really wants to do in Botswana besides doing consultant checking with the Shiyeyi translation team; he also wants to visit with Splash and the Khwedam Advisory Committee to find out what they are planning for their Bible dedication, work with them on their budget and he needs to renew the registration on our one vehicle.

Praises: - Thanksgiving that the Khwedam Panoramic Bible has been shipped
 - Thanksgiving for the means to work online with translation teams.
 - Thanksgiving for all of the translation teams with whom we are privileged to serve.

Prayers: * Please pray that the Khwedam Panoramic Bible will arrive at their destinations on time and without incident.
 * Please pray for Tim's trip to Botswana: that his back will be well enough for him to travel comfortably, and that he won't injure it further in travel.
 * Please pray for the Khwedam Community to plan well for the dedication of their Bible.

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

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf

Tabor Lutheran Council Meeting 4:30 p.m., February 14, 2025

PRESENT: Dan Felker, Scott Tennant, John Francis, Gary Kebschull, Pastor Stoll, and Sonja Schultz

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by President Dan Felker. Trustees confirm that testing of the defibrillator has been completed. Defib has been checked. The Agenda was approved with no additions, deletions, or edits. Motion by Scott Tennant and seconded by Gary Kebschull. Motion carried. We didn't have a copy of the January minutes with us, they had been reported in monthly newsletter. Welcome to New Council Members. Do they have keys and their books? Yes - books/keys have been received for Gary and Sonja. Pastor Stoll gave the opening devotion of Psalm 1:19v7. Sonja will meet with John to see about getting the minutes from last the meeting. Motion made by John Francis and seconded by Scott Tennant to accept the January 10 minutes edits. Motion carried. John gave the treasurer's report. Overall bills were a bit lower, full review was done, and a copy was provided. Motion made by Gary Kebschull and seconded by Scott Tennant to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No baptism/funerals for January. Janet of Emmanuel, has been ill, called on her for four weeks. This year Lenten begins 3/5/25 Theme: Singing with the Exciles, Copies provided for the ushering committee will be checking with everyone to see if those who were on the list last year if they plan to continue to be. Pastor will connect with Jane to ensure the schedules align with the counters for the newsletter. Emmanuel typically holds their meetings after church on Sunday, Elders followed the same pattern (4th Sunday of the month at 1 p.m., this will be shared with Jane to add to the newsletter to alternate between the two churches, beginning February 23 at Tabor). Pastor will connect with James to see about getting our Synod membership count to maintain our active. John noted that James did share data with Jane for the financial side.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 18, the children usually need to take a quiz to test their knowledge, Pastor didn't feel this is appropriate John questioned why we can not continue to do the examination in front of the elders, why aren't they learning ... the parents/children need to be fully involved to learn. Historically Pastor has experienced where the Elders do not support his decision to not confirm someone. As a result, the students are responsible to submit a written essay to Pastor and their essay will be presented to the Elders for means of approving their knowledge for confirmation." A motion was made by Scott Tennant and seconded by Gary Kebschull to accept Pastor's Report. Motion carried. Ash Wednesday we will have a soup dinner (not every week during Lent). More ushers are needed. Will place a request in the weekly bulletin.

OLD BUSINESS: "In Janet's absence John shared: Two cleaning services were met with: Heise and Jordan (approx \$6/hr) ... questioning how often we should have them come in and help. They are familiar with cleaning churches already (also do homes and offices). Every week is what we are thinking, less frequent in summer, Heise felt that we likely wouldn't need weekly cleaning. They dust everything. Under floor mats, (not in the fridge) Weekly \$150 or \$200 biweekly ... approx \$400/month, This would save us some versus our current cleaner, plus additional costs will come out we will not need to supply the cleaning tools. Prefer to do a deep clean as their initial visit. Annual contract, locked in pricing for a year. It's only him and his partner that do their cleaning. He is from Suring. They could start as soon as we can, Janet, Bette, Dan, and John were here at the church for the meeting. John will let Janet know about this, and John will dismiss the current service. Asher was the other service that was discussed with." Current cleaning person is injured from a fall. No further discussion. Parsonage Basement Water Issue - Scott noted that Rick said someone will be coming in the spring to look at the leaking. Happening on the North Side. It has been on going for years, likely someone will need to come in with a backhoe. New member, Anita. Dan asked if we wanted to do something to welcome her, suggested adding it to the bulletin. Pastor suggested later in the year that we could have a special event to welcome any new members. Dan will connect with Jane to get it added to the newsletter. Parsonage furnace - WPS Dama 5PSI said it was too high. WPS said it was okay there is a different way to measure it. John said the furnace was put in by Pipkorn. Thermostat is not reading proper temp. Fan switch was in the on-position. Report from Dama was share a reading of the bill. Dama will be coming to fix the pressure regulator, the thermostat is not fixed. Not sure the estimate yet. Per Orv the Thermostat by the furnace room needs recalibration. Dama has done this before perhaps they should replace??-Warranty?? WPS said the pressure reading outside is accurate and not to touch it.

NEW BUSINESS: "Quarterly Meeting update for the Pastor/Presidents: Fred Timm and Dan Felker met, many items were

discussed, they plan to meet quarterly. Pastor didn't think it was necessary to have this meeting, in that if there are issues we shouldn't wait to discuss concerns, instead bring them forward to Pastor as they arise. John ask about what actionable items came out of the meeting. In response, Pastor shared that he is available anytime to be approached, a special meeting shouldn't be needed. John agreed, but wanted to make sure we are giving a space for people to share concerns, and that we are able to share the resolutions for others. Ladies Aid - Pastor doesn't attend events - he will work to attend more. Communion, why do we use the wine glass because the wine will eat away at the metal. Pastor said he would come back to wash it. Pastor communicates changes in the newsletter, lots of discussion about the Communion process. John would prefer changes be spoken to the congregation, as they are not reading the newsletter. John felt the concerns that were raised were founded in communication. Concerns could be brought forward to elders or the pastor. Discussion around the music played before the service. On some of these issues, Pastor noted that maybe we are losing a bit of sight on our purpose here at church. John agreed, and those are likely the people that leave and do not come back. This month's Lutheran Witness is focused on small churches, bringing our focus back to the ministry. Pastor will bring this up to the congregation as well." Synopsis of meeting-Dan: Emmanuel had about 3 issues that they brought up, Tabor had 18. Next Meeting Date: no date was discussed. Responsibilities of Council Members-Outlined in their Position Booklets: no, further discussion. Communications for church closures-(this has been discussed for years. Supposedly broadcast on a radio/TV station but who does it and where?: Church Closures, emergency closures. Sonja suggested changing the outgoing message on the voice-mail. Number of present members at Tabor and discussion of future membership numbers. What are the real numbers and what has been the trend over last 5/10 years. Effect on giving budget. What is being done to change the trend?: no further discussion beyond what was shared. Communications between Council and Ladies Aid (especially as it pertains to things that require their participation): Having Janet on the council now, will help bridge this gap in communication. Comments and Announcements: Change to an Annual instead of biannual Building/Ground Inspection, recommended summertime. Gary Kebschull is the elder for the month of March. The next board meeting is March 14 at 4:30 p.m. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by, Sonja Schultz

Tabor Ladies Aid Meeting

Six ladies attended the February 11, 2025 meeting. Diane Fitzpatrick lead the Bible lesson "Christ's Steadfastness: The Apostles Creed, Second Article". The words of the Second Article offer comfort and truth in the love the Father has for us through His Son Jesus Christ.

President Nancy Krueger called the meeting to order. A motion to accept the January 14 minutes was made by Janet Reed, second by Cindy Tennant. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was given by Diane Fitzpatrick showing \$4,209.58 in the checking account and \$13,170.79 in the Extension Fund. Motion to accept by Cindy Tennant, second by Bette Quandt. A \$200 donation was sent to the Lutheran Church Charities supporting their efforts at the fires in California.

OLD BUSINESS: President Krueger thanked the members for donating the food, preparing, and serving the brunch at the annual meeting. Twenty-two members attended. Also, thanks for bringing the Sunday morning treats. The LWML Spring rally will be at Faith Lutheran Church in Marinette. More information will be coming soon. We need to be planning the Fall Rally at our church in October. We have 14 quilts made.

NEW BUSINESS: Due to an injury to our cleaning person, members were asked to tidy up the church until other arrangements are made. The Ladies Aid members will provide food for a Soup Supper following services on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Put your name on the sign-up sheet if you want to join us. A basket will be put out for donations to the organ fund. Ev Charlson is taking quilts to the Abuse Shelter in Antigo. Thanks to Mary Steinbrenner for making fleece scarves for the shelters as well.

Next meeting is March 11 at 9 a.m. Bette Quandt will lead the Bible

Study. Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted by
Ev Charlson

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Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds

<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Beg. Balance</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>End. Balance</u>
	Flower Fund (In checking)	886.91	30.00			916.91
8722	General Fund	\$3,267.10		6.27		\$ 3,273.37
7894	Parsonage Improvements	4,424.57	300.00	8.84		4,733.41
9486	Winter Savings	1,830.30		3.51		1,833.81
7906	Church Building/Maintenance Organ in above (1,638.00)	3,482.82	<u>86.00</u>	6.78		3,575.60
7759	Bequest Fund	666.50		1.28		667.78
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,704.64		<u>3.27</u>		1,707.91
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	12,132.77				12,132.77
5736	CD General*	16,110.48				16,110.48
5714	Winter*	8,055.26				8,055.26
5702	Bequest*	16,865.50				16,865.50
5725	Scholarship*	<u>8,055.26</u>				<u>8,055.26</u>
TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS		\$66,595.20	\$386.00	\$29.95		\$67,011.15

*Interest paid quarterly

Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - January 2025

Beginning Balance 01/01/25	3,052.70
January Income:	
General Income	8,493.00
Loose	321.00
Thrivent	66.00
CBF-Church Bldg Fund.....	70.00
Flowers	30.00
From Emmanuel	2,297.69
From Scholarship/Organ Fund.....	362.00
Lutheran Witness.....	37.65
Missions	150.00
Other General Fund.....	60.00
Wolf River Lutheran High.....	<u>85.00</u>
Total January Income	12,972.34
January Expenses:	
1 - District Budget.....	1,000.00
12 - Pastor's Salary	4,101.82
13 - Pastor's CDSP	131.42
14 - Pastor's Retirement	5166.56
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement	158.90
17 - Parsonage Utilities.....	244.42
2 - Mission Designated	150.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet	144.39
24 - Subscriptions/Publications/Dues	25.80
29 - Workman's Comp Insurance	1.00
30 - Custodian Wages	103.89
31 - Church Utilities.....	342.15
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Main Fund	498.00
37 - Parsonage Fund	300.00
46A - Groundskeeping Snow	600.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund.....	85.00
5 - Organist.....	207.79
54 - Administrator	669.59
5A - Organist/Buttons.....	46.18
6 - Worship Supplies	<u>89.02</u>
Total January Expenses	(9,465.93)
Ending Balance 01/31/25	\$6,559.11

MARch 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01
02 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	03 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	04 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	05 4:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday @ Tabor 5:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	06 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	07	08 Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett
09 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Mites Collected	10 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	11 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting Quilting after Meeting	12 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	13 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	14 4:30 p.m. Board Meeting	15
16 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	17 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	18 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	19 9:30 a.m. Worship @ The Bay 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Serenity Gardens 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanue	20 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center	21	22
23 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRLHS Offering	24 PASTOR'S DAY OFF	25 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	26 4:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Tabor 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship @ Emmanuel	27 9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	28	29
30 8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	31 PASTOR'S DAY OFF					

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



Wednesday Service 4 p.m. during Lenten Season
Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.

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