

# Tabor Lutheran News

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Monthly Newsletter

## *To the Saints* What is home?

The saying is, "home is where the heart is." So, if home is where the heart is, where is home for your heart? Perhaps, most of the time, when we think about home, we think about home as the place where there is security, the place we grew up in, the place of only the "good" memories and none of the "bad". Jerry Apps on PBS brings that to the forefront with his ability to tell stories of yesteryear, bringing the sights and sounds, tastes and smells of our home back in vivid detail. Many of those are my memories of my home, kind of. They may be your memories as well, but they may not be the home where your children's heart is. One of the sounds in the home is the music that evokes feelings in us of those memories. For one person it is the music of rock-n-roll, for another it is jazz, or country and western, or hip hop. For most of you, "Home" may be the song of nostalgia. The song "Home" was written by Michael Buble' which came out about 20 years ago. The mood of the music, the melody and the lyrics seemingly work hand in hand to transport us, the listener, to a time and place where we would rather to be, because of the security it brings to our soul. Circumstances in our life force us to make decisions, which sometimes leave us wanting to go home, back to that place of security, and songs like "Home" take us there. We see this happening in real time in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. "And he (the prodigal son) was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he (the Prodigal son) came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will rise and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" (Luke 15:11ff.) The son longed to go home where he felt the security of his father as he remembered days past and poor decisions. The same can be said of Jacob in Genesis 31. After He leaves uncle Laban's ranch with his wives and children, his servants and returning home to the security of his early the wrath and anger of his brother, Esau, away from him by deceit. He was going

Likewise, with the parable of the lost sheep (the lost sheep), he lays it on his shoulders, calls together his friends, saying to them, sheep that was lost.'" What does it mean the comfort and peace of our childhood no worries or fears. We tend to make it



It is not about your security being found life, but in believing that God has prepared future home (John 14:2-4). And, that God actually looks for you wherever you may go or have gone, and when he finds you, he brings you home where you belong, where he can lavish his love on you, which is what God wants to do most of all. 2 Cor. 5:6-10 " So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body whether good or evil." Believing in Jesus as the Son of God and your Savior is where your are at home.

Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.' John 14:23. Home is where the heart is; the heart of God, in you and in me. You are home when God is reigning in your life.

in Luke 15:3-7. "And when he has found it rejoicing. And when he comes home, he 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my to go home? We usually make home about when we had no cares or responsibilities, about ourselves.

in remembering your childhood home or a place for you, like a mansion to be your

Together on the way! Pastor Stoll

## April Birthdays

- 3 Sandra Wittlief
- 7 Keith Uhlenbrauck  
Barbara Palmer
- 12 Gary Kebschull
- 17 Derek Schultz
- 29 David Buchert, Sr.
- 30 Jane Porubcan

## April Anniversaries

- 21 Darrel and Anita Wagenknecht
- 26 Gene and Debbie Alsteen

## April Counters

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

## April Ushers

- 2 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 6 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 9 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 13 Orv Quandt and Gary Kebschull
- 17 Glen Seering and Ron Lang
- 18 Eugene and Mark Krueger
- 20 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 27 Jim and Cheryl Jawort

## April Elder on Call

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

## April Altar Committee

April--Janet Strohbusch and Cindy Tennant  
May--Laurie Schoenebeck and Jane Stolenow

## Life Quotes for Lutherans

**April 6** "Friend, you have a good word to speak to your neighbor. You have God's Word of life to share—with your spouse, your children or grandchildren, your co-worker or friend. You can tell them that their life is sacred, a gift of God, and that their life matters to you." Rev. Robert Mohns, Lutheran Church—Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**April 13** "Commit to seeking opportunities to be a light to those living in darkness. Do not place that responsibility on the full-time leaders of the Church. This is your mission in life. God has uniquely placed you in the exact

situations, locations, and relationships to make the Light of the world visible and concrete. You are the look of Christ's face. You are the tone of His voice. You are the touch of His hands. You are the physical representation of His light in a dark world (Ephesians 5:8). How bright will you shine this year?" Paul David Tripp, author and speaker – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**April 20** "Perhaps as our culture seems to be increasingly more challenging, it may help to think of hope as the complete opposite of despair. Hope is not optional for the believer. Our hope is secure because, as we all say again, 'Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!'" John Stonestreet – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

**April 27** "Knowing that God is always near as our Help moves us to reflect the Savior's love in helping others. 'Carry each other's burdens' (Galatians 6:2)." Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)



**DRAFTED**  
TO BE LUTHERAN

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM\*

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2335 S. WEBSTER AVE.  
GREEN BAY, WI 54301

To understand who you are, you should have some idea of where you come from. Are Lutherans just watered-down Catholics? Did Martin Luther break away from the Catholic Church? Did he start a cult? Where do we fit into the bigger picture of Christians throughout the world? During this session we will look at what we are as Lutherans in light of the history of the Christian Church and what that means for us today!

Register for this free event by using this QR Code or by going to [flepb.com](http://flepb.com)

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**  
REV. IDOL SHAITANIS  
LORD OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PLANO, TX

\*LUNCH IS PROVIDED



## *Lutheran Hour, April 2025*

### **April 6**

"Better Than I Deserve!"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Keith Haberstock

Jesus didn't deserve to die on a cross, but He died and rose again in order to give us better than we deserve. (John 12:1-11)

### **April 13**

"In the Middle"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

In Jesus, God showed up smack in the middle of life with forgiveness, love, and a promise never to leave us. (John 19:18)

### **April 20**

"A Risen Christ and a Clean Room"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The risen Christ has folded Death up and put it in its place. Now Christ invites you to trust in Him and find place and purpose in His new creation. (John 20:5-7)

### **April 27**

"Through Locked Doors"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

When Jesus shows up, it's no longer "us vs. them," because Jesus is for everyone, even if everyone is not yet for Jesus. (John 20:19)



**Ushers Needed:** Tabor is seeking additional ushers to our present list of ushers for 2025. Interested in helping? Talk with Pastor Stoll or any council member.

**Counters Needed:** Tabor is seeking additional counters to our present list of counters for 2025. Interested in helping, see Janet Strohbush or Dan Felker.

### *Tell Me I Am Dreaming*

I was sitting at home one Saturday afternoon, daydreaming. All of a sudden I remembered: wedding, 3 p.m. It was almost three!

No time to change. I hopped in my car and sped to church. Once there, I peeked through a side door and saw, much to my horror, the wedding attendants at the altar.

Mad dash to my office. No keys! Out to the car, then back. Halfway across the church lawn, the automatic sprinklers went on. In the sacristy, I frantically donned my surplice and then tripped out into the chancel area.

Members of the wedding party smiled broadly--but not because they were happy to see me. I was soaking wet!

The Rev. Bill Vaswig, Issaquah, WA

### **Radio Broadcasts**

<u>Station</u>	<u>City, State</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
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 Council Meeting* March 14 4:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Dan Felker, Scott Tennant, John Francis, Gary Kebschull, Janet Strobusch Pastor Stoll, and Sonja Schultz

### **Call to Order**

The meeting held on March 14, 2025, was called to order by President Dan Felker, with attendance confirmed. Trustees also affirmed that the defibrillator had undergone its scheduled testing.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved following a motion by Dan Felker and seconded by Janet Strobusch. No additional edits or changes were noted.

### **Opening Devotions**

Pastor Stoll led the opening devotion.

### **Minutes from 2/14/2025 Meeting**

The minutes from the February 14, 2025 meeting were reviewed, and no edits were required. A motion to approve them was made by John Francis and seconded by Janet Strobusch, carrying unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report confirmed sufficient funds to cover bills. It was noted that special funds, including four CDs, were up for renewal with a current rate of 4%. A motion to renew the CDs for one year was made by Scott Tennant, seconded by Gary Kebschull, and approved unanimously. Insurance costs were also discussed, with John Francis providing relevant information to address earlier inquiries.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Stoll shared updates on congregational care, including individuals recovering from surgery or illness and others needing prayers for various struggles. Catechism classes missed earlier in the year would be made up with additional weekly sessions through the end of the term. Pastor announced he would be away for his grandson's confirmation on May 4, 2025, with Pastor Hahn substituting. He also informed the council of plans for absence on June 8 and June 15, 2025. The report and its updates were approved following a motion by Janet Strobusch and seconded by Sonja Schultz.

### **Ushers' Report**

No new ushers were confirmed, and the existing list showed Arne Bubolz requesting removal. Scott Tennant volunteered to assist.

### **Old Business**

Janet Strobusch reported satisfaction with the cleaning services, though concerns were raised about specific doors being left unlatched or unlocked. Measures to address these issues were discussed. Regarding the parsonage basement water issue, it was noted that no further water was detected after recent rainfall, and efforts would continue after the ground thaws. Scott Tennant confirmed the parsonage furnace repair was completed and functioning correctly. Membership discussions revealed that 154 members were recorded, though Pastor anticipated a decrease based on current trends. The council also agreed to reorder 50 sets of giving envelopes for the congregation.

### **Short-Term Project List**

The thermostat recalibration near the furnace room had been completed and paid for. Snow removal from the roof was deemed unnecessary after inspections by Nick Miller.

### **New Business**

The decision to change property inspections from twice a year to once annually was rescinded, as bylaws require the original schedule and Synod approval for such changes. Pastor shared a request from Oconto County Health and Human Services for donation supplies for foster families and older adults, which the council approved as a one-time drive. A recent issue with a frozen pipe leading to the holding tank was resolved at no cost, and measures were proposed to prevent similar problems in the future. Communication for church closures was addressed, with a plan to notify members via an updated outgoing voice mail message and a sign in the narthex advising members to call the church if concerned about weather conditions. Feedback from the Ladies Aid highlighted their planned events, including a Spring LWML Rally, an Easter breakfast, and a Fall LWML Rally.

### **Comments and Announcements**

Emmanuel announced a rummage and bake sale scheduled for late April. Upcoming duties for April included Dan Felker serving as Elder on call and an Elder meeting on March 23, 2025, at Emmanuel.

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next council meeting was scheduled for April 11, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

### Adjournment and Closing Prayer

The meeting adjourned following a motion by Dan Felker, seconded by Scott Tennant, and supported by Janet Strobusch. Pastor Stoll concluded the meeting with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sonja Schultz

### *Ladies Aid Minutes* March 11, 2025

The last meeting minutes reviewed and motion for acceptance made by Diane Fitzpatrick and seconded by Janet Strobusch.

Financial report given by Secretary Diane Fitzpatrick, current checking balance \$4,301.92, Extension Fund interest for March was \$27; for an account balance of \$13,198.57. Gifts from the heart purchases were \$187. Thank you to all who have purchased gifts from our table. Report accepted by all.

We have completed 20 quilts so far this year. Tracy Brooks has brought five quilts with pillowcases along with donated children's items to Sam's 25 in Shawano this month.

LWML Spring Rally will be at Faith Lutheran Church in Marinette on Saturday, April 5. It is for all women who belong to parishes in our district. Let us know if your interested in going, so we can car pool if possible. Details on our bulletin board.

The Fall Rally will be Saturday, October 4 this year and will be hosted by our parish. We will need volunteers if you would be interested in helping for this event.

We will again be buying Easter lilies for the altar. There will be a sign up sheet coming with further details soon.

Palm crosses will be provided again this year for Palm Sunday.

Next meeting and Bible Study is April 8, and all women from our parish are always welcome. Diane Fitzpatrick will lead the Bible Study. God sees our story from the winter Lutheran Quarterly.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Tennant, Acting Secretary



"Thank you" to Orv and Bette Quandt for the new wall shelf for our items to be displayed.

If you or a group is planning an event at the church, please advise Janet Strobusch (715) 850-2971 or John Francis (414) 640-7736 of the date and time so that the calendar can be kept accurate and up to date. Thank you.

### *Council Members*

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*Tabor Lutheran Church Special Funds*

Acct #	Name	Beg. Balance	Deposit	Interest	Withdrawals	End. Balance
	Flower Fund	916.91				916.91
	(In checking)					
8722	General Fund	\$3,273.37		5.65		\$ 3,279.02
7894	Parsonage Improvements	4,733.41	300.00	8.52		5,041.93
9486	Winter Savings	1,833.81		3.17		1,836.98
7906	Church Building/Maintenance	3,575.60	498.00	6.75		4,080.35
	Organ in above (2,142.00)					
7759	Bequest Fund	667.78		1.28		668.93
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,707.91	<u>85.00</u>	3.04		1,795.95
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	12,132.77				12,132.77
5736	CD General*	16,110.48		134.18		16,244.66
5714	Winter*	8,055.26		67.09		8,122.35
5702	Bequest*	16,865.50		57.18		6,922.68
5725	Scholarship*	<u>8,055.26</u>		67.09		<u>8,122.35</u>
	TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS	\$67,011.15	\$883.00	\$353.82		\$68,247.97

\*Interest paid quarterly

*Tabor Lutheran Church Income/Expense Report - February 2025*

Beginning Balance 02/01/25 6,559.11

## February Income:

General Income.....	7,460.00
Loose .....	155.00
Thrivent.....	329.00
CBF-Church Bldg Fund .....	10.00
From Emmanuel.....	2,297.69
From Scholarship/Organ Fund .....	142.00
Ladies Aid.....	100.00
Lutheran Witness .....	73.00
Other General Fund.....	20.00
Wolf River Lutheran High.....	<u>82.00</u>

Total February Income 10,668.69

## February Expenses:

1 - District Budget .....	1,000.00
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,101.82
13 - Pastor's CDSP.....	135.02
14 - Pastor's Retirement .....	582.10
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement .....	345.80
17 - Parsonage Utilities .....	265.11
21 - Church Phone/Internet .....	144.39
27 - State Withholding/Department of Revenue.....	10.00
31 - Church Utilities.....	587.60
33 - General Maintenance/Repair Church .....	522.25
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Main Fund.....	481.00
40 - To Ladies Aid .....	100.00
46A - Groundskeeping Snow .....	200.00
47 - Parsonage Expense Miscellaneous .....	200.00
48 - To Scholarship Fund .....	82.00
5 - Organist .....	305.52
54 - Administrator .....	669.60
5A - Organist/Buttons .....	46.17
6 - Worship Supplies.....	<u>42.99</u>

Total February Expenses (9,821.37)  
Ending Balance 02/28/25 \$7,406.43

# APRil 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>
		9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Tabor Confirmation/WASP 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Emmanuel	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		8:00 a.m. Registration 9:00 a.m. LWMS Rally @ Faith Lutheran, Marinette
<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pastor attending Circuit Winkel @ St. Jakobi, Shawano 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting Quilting after Meeting	4:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Tabor Confirmation/WASP 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service @ Emmanuel	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor	4:30 p.m. Board Meeting	Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett 7:30-9:30 a.m. Registration
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday w/ Holy Communion Mites Collected 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday @ Emmanuel	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	9:00 a.m. Worship @ The Bay @ Suring 1:30 p.m. Serenity Gardens @ Gillett 4:00 p.m. Confirmation/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor 1:00 p.m. Worship @ Lakewood Assisted Living Center 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Combined Service @ Tabor	1:00 p.m. Good Friday Service @ Emmanuel 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service @ Tabor	
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ Emmanuel 8:30 a.m. Easter Service @ Tabor 10:00 a.m. Easter Service @ Emmanuel	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP	9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRHS door offering	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Quilting	4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class/WASP			





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# **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**Sunday Service 8:30 a.m.**

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