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# Tabor Lutheran News

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May 2025

Monthly Newsletter

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## *To the Saints*

Confirmation Sunday is May 18, 2025 and we have two young adult Christians confirming their baptismal faith: Ashlyn Schultz at Tabor and Skylar Bristol at Emmanuel. What a great day to celebrate the passing on of the faith to these children of God. As we prepare for this most awesome day, let me share these words from Moses to the children of Israel just before his death and their entry into the Promised Land.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

I usually use these verses from Deuteronomy at the beginning of the Catechism process, when I meet with the parents and the children. It is a reminder that teaching the children the Bible and what the church believes is not the responsibility of the church, but the responsibility of the parents of the children. This is why Luther, at the beginning of the Small Catechism writes—as I say before repeating the part of the Catechism during the worship service—"As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household." That being said, the church is the body of Christ and it loves and is committed to the rest of the body and its members, especially the children, uplifting them and encouraging them in times of trial and celebrating with them in times of joy and gladness.

I usually focus my attention upon the duty of parents teaching their children at home while at the dinner table or while they are on the way to sporting activities, etc... While these might seem to be the ideal time for talking about what God's Word says about what is going on in the real world of parents and their children, reading the Bible or listening to a devotion is cast aside for the more important tasks about to be performed or which have just been performed.

Perhaps, it would be more prudent for me to focus with the parents upon the very first word of Moses: "Hear" or "Listen".

"By the power of God's Word, believing listeners stop formulating rebuttals to what he says in his Word. Abraham listened, believed, followed....

For now just be quiet and listen, Do not come with a set of presuppositions that block you from accepting what Yahweh says. Do not presume to debate, dispute, or reject. Just listen." (Harstad, p. 259)

We might be reminded of similar words in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God."

For those who have been baptized, God is already present in them. God has already created faith that believes the promise of God, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who has redeemed the world from all sin, death, and the power of the devil. And by the power of God's Word in the heart of the believer the people stop trying to justify themselves, make excuses, pass the blame on to someone else. The believer accepts the Word of God that judges them for their sin, and believes the Word of God that says they are forgiven, not because of anything they have done or not done, but simply because that is what God has said.

This doesn't seem to be all that difficult of a message to explain, or Word to define. Yet that is the reality. It is difficult and we all struggle with it. The greatest part of our struggle and difficulties is simply doing as God says, and stopping to listen, being still long enough to actually hear God speak, and knowing that it is God who is speaking. You can tell when it is God who is speaking because of the responsibility the Father takes for saving his children. This is the faith they received in their baptism. This is the faith they declare in your hearing on May 18.

So, brothers and sisters, celebrate with our new young adult Christian who sit at the table with you to hear the Good News and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins just like you and speak with them about this great gift they have!

Together on the Way!  
Pastor Stoll

*May Birthdays* 🎂

- 4 William Brooks
- 5 Ron Lange
- 10 Jerome Moede  
Tracy Brooks
- 18 Deborah Buchert
- 23 Patricia Klawitter
- 29 Brian Bartmann
- 31 Mark Krueger

*May Anniversaries* 🎉

- 26 Kim and Laurie Schoenebeck

*May Counters* 🌿

- 4 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 11 Steve and Jane Stoltenow
- 18 Dennis and Sandy Sandri
- 25 Sandy Sandri and Donna Tetzlaff

*May Ushers* 🇺🇸

- 4 Brian and Diane Fitzpatrick
- 11 Jim and Cheryl Jawort
- 18 Orv Quandt and Mark Krueger
- 25 Gary Kebschull and Ron Lang

*May Elder on Call*

Scott Tennant (920) 639-7899

*May Altar Committee* 🚐

May--Laurie Schoenebeck and Jane Stoltenow  
June--Nancy Krueger and Ev Charlson

*Dear Friends*

Greetings once again from the Michigan upper peninsula, our last update from the States. It is amazing how quickly time has flown; I'm pretty sure we just dropped Aaron off for orientation at his university a few weeks ago, and now he has less than a month left of school. We can't believe our time here is almost done and we will be heading back to Botswana in about a month.

We continue to be in a waiting pattern to hear about the Khwedam panoramic Bibles; they were due to arrive at the Bible Society in Botswana last week. Hopefully they are at the Bible Society and people are just slow in letting us know. We are looking forward to hearing they are in-country!

Otherwise, Tim is back from his recent trip to Botswana. Thankfully, Tim's back was not an issue while he travelled; it was when he got to the States, he hurt his back helping someone with their luggage and then running through the airport to catch his next flight. He has since recovered, however, and is working on 2 Samuel for the Themne team in Sierra Leone.

Overall, the trip was both great and frustrating: great in that Tim and the Wayeyi team were able to finish

checking the book of Luke; frustrating in that he was not able to meet with several of the Khwe people he went to go see. Unfortunately, Splash was sick, Moronga was out of town, and others were either preparing for a funeral or were away. The upside is that he got a lot of time to spend at our house taking care of termites and termite damage. The downside is that there was a lot of termite damage to take care of; we lost another cupboard. I'm thinking we may need to pretty much replace the kitchen when we get back.

Now we are starting to think about and plan for our trip back to Botswana. We need to start evaluating and gathering together the things we want to take back (Starlink ... yes, 3-D printer ... really, Aaron??). We also will be driving to St. Louis to put stuff back in storage and have some meetings, driving up to get Aaron from university, and then driving back down to St. Louis for final packing and to fly out. That's a lot of road time coming up, thank goodness we have all of Terry Pratchett's Disk World series on audiobook.

Praises: -Thanksgiving that 1 Samuel in Themne and The Gospel of Luke in Shiyeyi are checked!

-Thanksgiving for relatively pain-free travel for Tim.

-Thanksgiving for Aaron's successful first year (almost) at university.

Prayers: \*Please pray that the Khwedam Panoramic Bible will arrive at the Bible Society of Botswana.

\*Please pray for safe travels as we hit the road this month.

\*Please pray for Aaron and all students; that they would end their school year well.

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

Tim, Lisa, Aaron & Andrew Beckendorf



The view from our window, Friday, April 4, 2025.



## *Lutheran Hour, May 2025*

### **May 4**

"An Old Place, A New Beginning"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola

God is the Searcher Who will not stop looking for us. In our lonely hiding place, He says, "I knew I would find you here." (John 21:1-19)

### **May 11**

"How to Be Happy"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Lasting happiness is found in surrender, rather than control.

(John 15:11)

### **May 18**

"Truth That Takes Us In"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Jesus is the Truth Who will take you in to live like He lives, planted in God His Father's love.

(John 15:9)

### **May 25**

"What's Your Story?"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Gregory Manning

Our difficulties often become the backdrop against which God reveals His faithfulness. Each challenge is an opportunity for Him to display His power.

(John 9:1-11)

## *Life Quotes for Lutherans*

### **May 4**

"By the washing of water, John made God's divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen." Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### **May 11**

"As Christians, we know that God's commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother's womb, God's work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life." Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### **May 18**

Live abundantly, friends, graduates, loved ones, and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Know who you are and to whom you belong." Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### **May 25**

"We rightly honor our dead who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. Memory eternal." James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

### **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 Ladies Aid Meeting*

Ten ladies were in attendance for the April 8, 2025 meeting. Diane Fitzpatrick led the Bible Study "God Sees Our Story—Therefore Rejoice." God's overpowering love for us provides protection in the most challenging of times.

President Nancy Krueger called for a motion to accept the minutes of the March 9 meeting. The motion was made by Ev Charlson, seconded by Janet Strohbusch. Carried. The financial report given by Treasurer Diane Fitzpatrick shows a checking account balance of \$4,296.00 and a balance of \$13,226.78 in our LWML Extension Fund. The first quarter mites amounted to \$200.54, a very good amount. Thanks. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Janet Strohbusch, seconded by Tracy Brooks. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Tracy Brooks has ordered Easter lilies, palms, and crosses. Cost is \$10 for the flowers. The crosses will be handed out on Palm Sunday. Nancy Krueger, Janet Strohbusch, Tracy Brooks, and Ev Charlson attended the Spring LWML rally at Faith Lutheran in Marinette on Saturday, April 5. There were 52 attendees. The National Convention will be held in Omaha, NE in June. At this time, no one from our group will be attending. Twenty-seven quilts have been completed.

**New Business:** Several ladies have volunteered to bring Easter eggs and coffee cakes to be served following the service on Easter. Thank you. A reminder will be put in the bulletin for volunteers to take their turn providing treats on Sundays. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the kitchen counter. The ladies want to continue displaying some of the quilts on a rack in the Fellowship Hall. We put a lot of work into making them and want others to see them. A reminder the quilts are available to purchase with additional quilts in the Sunday school room. See one of the Ladies Aid members for help.

The Ladies Aid Brat fry is June 14. Cindy Tennant will coordinate, and Diane Fitzpatrick will request funds from Thrivent to offset the cost of supplies and meat. We will plan on having a bake sale at the Brat Shack that same day. We will be looking for Church members to contribute baked goods. Watch for a sign-up sheet later next month.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 13 at 9 am. Janet Strohbusch will lead the Bible Study "God's Story for You". The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ev Charlson, Secretary

### *Tabor Council Meeting* April 11, 4:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Scott Tennant, John Francis, Gary Kebuschull, Janet Strohbusch Pastor Stoll, and Sonja Schultz

**Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was approved unanimously following a motion by Janet Strohbusch and a second by Scott Tennant. This item included discussions of any additions, deletions, or edits.

**Opening Devotions:** Pastor Stoll led the opening devotions, focusing on Exodus 5.

**Minutes from 2/14/2025 Meeting:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without edits, with a motion by John Francis and seconded by Janet Strohbusch, receiving unanimous approval.

**Treasurer's Report:** A report highlighted that overall income had decreased due to services being canceled because of the weather. Approval of the report was moved by Janet Strohbusch and seconded by Sonja Schultz, carried unanimously.

**Pastor's Report:** Updates included no funerals or baptisms, an upcoming Confirmation Sunday, new devotionals available for congregation members, and plans for the Pastor's attendance at spring conferences and district events. Approval of the report was moved by Scott Tennant and seconded by Janet Strohbusch, carried unanimously. Additionally, Pastor noted updates on ushers and transfer discussions.

**Old Business:** Updates were provided regarding the parsonage furnace, including recommendations for digital thermostats, duct cleaning, and error code issues. A service contract is in place, though some billing concerns were noted.

**Short Term Project List:** Suggestions included fixing the misaligned striker plate on the back door and the men's urinal valve, which was deemed non-actionable after assessment.



**New Business:** Feedback from the Ladies Aid included removing an accordion door, maintaining multiple quilt displays, planning events like a bake sale and Fall Rally, and Easter-related preparations. Confirmation Sunday plans for May 18 were detailed, including traditions and congregation participation. Communication on church closure procedures was reviewed for clarity, and Easter service schedules were finalized.

**Next Council Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

**Elder on Call:** Assignments for upcoming months Scott Tennant in May, Gary Kebschull in June, and Dan Felker in July.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sonja Schultz, Secretary

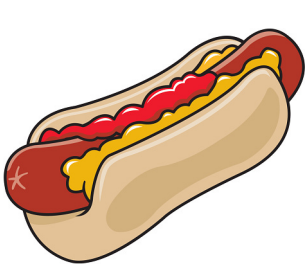
## TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

### *Ladies Aid Brat Fry and Bake Sale*

**WHEN:** Friday, June 13, 2025  
Serving 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** SUPERVALU BRAT FRY STAND

**WHAT:** Serving Brats, Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Cheese Burgers, Soda, and Water



*A Thrivent Action Team Sponsored Event*

### *Why Should You Get Involved With Your Community?* They Need You!

by Shell Vera

According to "The Go-Giver" by Bob Burg and John David Mann (2007), "Your true worth is determined by how much more you give in value than you take in payment." What?!

Is that typed correctly? Yes! In fact, they go on to say, "All the great fortunes in the world have been created by men and women who had a greater passion for what they were giving - their product, service or idea - than for what they were getting." What do you think about these quotes? Do you agree?

When you think of volunteering in your local community you may not think of it as "The Go-Giver" did in terms of a business - but it is. Your products, services, or ideas are what you provide when you give to a local business - either monetarily or through your time or belongings. The same principles taught in the book about success are true when looking at getting involved in your community.

If you want to show your value in a particular area, it is important for you to become involved with your community. Whether you are a business owner, writer / artist, employee, or stay at home parent, being involved in your community shows a few things about you: You care about making the world a better place. You want to contribute to the lives of those around you by offering your skills or services. You are willing to pour into others so they can become as good as you or better. You have skills that are worth sharing with others.

Two easy ways to get involved are to search for opportunities on Volunteer Match and Christian Volunteering web sites. In this article, I want to share why it is important to get involved. Though your motive for giving should be because you want to share your talents with others, you will reap many benefits too.

In giving, you receive the joy of seeing someone grow. In giving, you invest in someone's life in a priceless way. Those who can't afford to pay you, such as the kids on the soccer team, will always be grateful for how you helped them. Those who receive your skills will go on to use those lessons in their life and think of you, remembering to pay it forward. Those who know you are someone who gives of yourself will want to help you and further your cause.

Let's say you are interviewing for jobs. The positions you are looking for require training and management experience, but you haven't worked in those areas professionally. However, you have been a Girl Scouts leader for several years, managing cookie drives, fund-raisers, and training sessions. This is great experience to add to your resume. Those years of paying it forward will provide you with return on your investment.

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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	\$3,279.02		5.61		\$ 3,2784.63
7894	Parsonage Improvements	5,041.93		8.63		5,050.56
9486	Winter Savings	1,836.98		3.15		1,840.13
7906	Church Building/Maintenance	4,080.35	481.00	7.49		4,565.84
	Organ in above (2,192.00)					
7759	Bequest Fund	668.93		1.15		670.08
6961	Scholarship Fund	1,795.95	82.00	3.16		1,881.11
8298	CD 40 Month Fixed 4%	12,132.77				12,132.77
5736	CD General*	16,244.66		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*	8,055.26		67.09		8,122.35
TOTAL ALL SPECIAL FUNDS		\$67,922.43	\$563.00	\$354.72		\$68,840.16

\*Interest paid quarterly

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

Beginning Balance 03/01/25 7,406.43

February Income:

General Income.....	6,825.00
Loose .....	63.00
Thrivent.....	1,125.00
From Emmanuel.....	2,297.69
From Scholarship/Organ Fund .....	50.00
Other General Fund .....	20.00

Total March Income

10,380.69

February Expenses:

1 - District Budget .....	1,000.00
12 - Pastor's Salary.....	4,101.82
13 - Pastor's CDSP.....	133.22
14 - Pastor's Retirement .....	574.33
15 - Medicare Reimbursement.....	555.60
16 - Pastor's Mileage Reimbursement .....	370.30
17 - Parsonage Utilities .....	225.83
18 - Conferences/Conventions.....	340.00
21 - Church Phone/Internet .....	144.39
24 - Subscriptions/Publications/Dues .....	210.80
26 - Office Equipment and Maintenance.....	222.74
31 - Church Utilities.....	198.15
32 - Custodial Supplies .....	750.00
33 - General Maintenance/Repair Church .....	685.00
36 - To LCEF Church Bldg/Main Fund.....	1,175.00
37 - Parsonage Fund .....	600.00
46A - Groundskeeping Snow .....	425.00
47 - Parsonage Expense Miscellaneous .....	293.35
5 - Organist .....	277.05
54 - Administrator Wages .....	735.68
5A - Organist/Buttons .....	46.18
6 - Worship Supplies.....	140.90

Total March Expenses

(13,207.74)

Ending Balance 03/31/25

\$ 4,579.38

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Do you hold an office in your Toastmasters club? Do you provide training at your local Department of Labor? These are valuable skills. In giving to your community, you are building other people up using your strengths. When you share these valuable skills with others, you build up leaders, future business owners, better parents, stronger individuals. You help others believe in themselves and feel that you have invested time within helping them become more skilled. In turn, you become a better leader and stronger individual.

So why get involved in your community? Because the value you create by giving to others is worth far more than you will ever receive from anyone in payment.

What skills do you have that you should be sharing with your community?

Michelle Vera is a writer passionate about living a full and treasured life. She encourages those around her to do the same while living a life fully directed by the Lord. To see more of her work, visit <http://www.facebook.com/Eyes-StraightAhead>

# MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>
				9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>Pastor Hahn will be substituting</b>	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	4:30 p.m. Board Meeting	Ruby's Pantry @ Gillett <b>7:30-9:30 a.m.</b> Registration
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion <b>Mites Collected</b>	PASTOR'S DAY OFF	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Ladies Aid Meeting before Quilting and last day of Quilting for the season	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		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday	PASTOR'S DAY OFF			9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
8:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion WRHS door offering	PASTOR'S DAY OFF Memorial Day			9:00 a.m. Bible Study @ Tabor		

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# **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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

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