



Tabor Newsletter

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Summer 2023

Tower Deadline Sunday, June 4

Please put submissions into the Tower Mailbox outside the office or email to:

taborlutheranchurch@gmail.com

A sincere **THANKS** to all who submit to this publication.

Greetings, and a blessed Lent to you all!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, as I will be serving Tabor Lutheran as its permanent pulpit supply pastor. My name is Chad Adamik. I've been in Branford since September, 2022. My husband, Thomas Blake, is an Episcopal priest who serves at Trinity Episcopal here in Branford. He started his position in July of last year, and I followed him to Branford shortly thereafter.

Before moving to Branford, I most recently served as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Family in Carson City, Nevada for six years. I have served as an interim pastor for congregations in the Indiana-Kentucky Synod and the Rocky Mountain Synod. Prior to serving as an interim, I was called to serve a congregation in Madisonville, Kentucky.

I was born in Columbus, Ohio, and was raised near Somerset, OH, about 50 miles to the east of Columbus. My mom and dad, John & Mary Ann Adamik, still reside in Somerset. I graduated from Capital University in Columbus, earning a degree in social studies education. I served as a high school history teacher near Dayton, Ohio, before enrolling at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, finally answering God's call to pastoral ministry—a call that I resisted for a long time!

As you all know, the church as an institution is undergoing massive changes. I'm not sure where God's Spirit is leading, but I continue to trust that God is leading God's people to wonderful opportunities in sharing the Good News. The world, as it currently is, is in DESPERATE need for the good news that Christ offers. All that is needed are those who could share with others—using their own words, gifts, and talents—how Christ's love has transformed their lives and sustains hope, despite the world's negativity. This is something I, too, am trying to work out within my current vocation, and I'm looking forward to working this out with you during our time together. May God's peace be with you all... and I'll look forward to seeing you in worship!

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LENT 2023 BIBLE STUDY

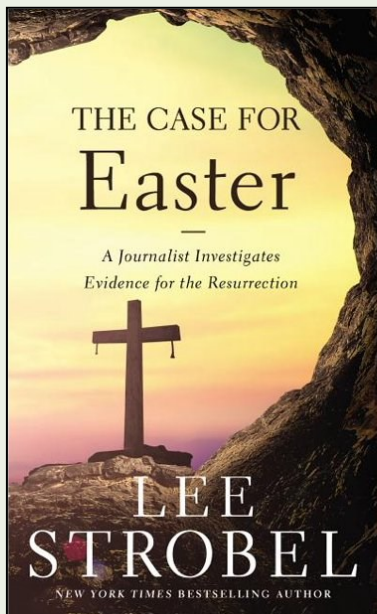
March 5th – March 26th

Sunday Mornings 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Tabor Library

The Case for Easter

Led by Kathy Benedict



Lee Strobel continues by investigating the Bible's accounts of Jesus' resurrection to determine whether the resurrection actually occurred. He exposes the "discrepancies" critics have pointed to in the Gospels, looks at the evidence that Jesus' tomb was truly empty, and shows how the eyewitness accounts of those who saw Jesus alive after the crucifixion are credible. Lee shows how the facts pointed to the conclusion that led him from atheism to Christianity: *Jesus conquered the grave and rose again!*

4-Session Overview

WEEK 1 – EVIDENCE OF THE RESURRECTION (MARCH 5TH)

WEEK 2 – AN EXCRUCIATING EXECUTION (MARCH 12TH)

WEEK 3 – THE CASE FOR THE EMPTY TOMB (MARCH 19TH)

WEEK 4 – EYEWITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION (MARCH 26TH)

WE HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US FOR SOME OR ALL OF THE SESSIONS!

*Tabor Lutheran Church invites you to worship and celebrate with us
this Lent & Easter Season*

Through Giving:

Lutheran World Relief Kits (LWR) Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday
Tabor Lutheran Church and Preschool

Through Music:

Worship at Tabor

Grace Coolidge, Violinist	March 5 th
Rebecca Patterson, Cellist	April 2 nd
Tabor Hand Bells	March 19 th , April 2 nd , April 9 th
Tabor Choir	March 5 th , March 19 th , April 2 nd
Tabor Praise Band	March 12 th , March 26 th

Through Worship and Bible Study:

Sundays in Lent at Tabor	March 12 th	10:00am
	March 19 th	10:00am
	March 26 th	10:00am
Palm Sunday	April 2 nd	10:00am at Tabor
*Stations of the Cross	Palm Sunday through Easter in the Tabor Cemetery	
Maundy Thursday	April 6 th	7:00pm at Tabor
*Good Friday	April 7 th	Noon - Progressive Walk-First Baptist, First Congregational, Trinity Episcopal 5:00pm Seven Last Words-First Congregational 7:00pm - Tenebrae Service at Tabor
Easter Sunday	April 9 th	*6:00am Tabor Cemetery 10:00am Festive Easter Worship - Tabor

Bible Study (Meet in Tabor Library @ 9:00 am)

The Case for Easter March 5th through March 26th (4 weeks)

Personal Lenten Devotions **Water & Spirit** Booklets available in Narthex

Through Fellowship:

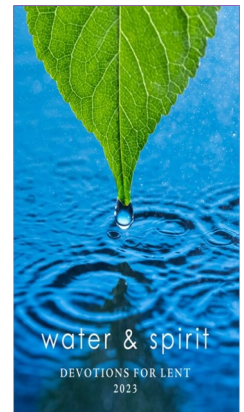
Soup & Salad Fellowship Lunch March 5th 11:15am Tabor Room C

**Ecumenical Events with Branford Congregations*

Water and Spirit: Devotions for Lent 2023

Water and Spirit provides daily devotions for each day from *Ash Wednesday to the Resurrection of Our Lord/Vigil of Easter (traditionally known as Holy Saturday)*. Devotions begin with an evocative image and a brief passage from the Gospel of John. The writers then bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to the texts with quotations to ponder, reflections, and prayers.

For year A the Revised Common Lectionary assigns texts from John's gospel to the second through fifth Sundays in Lent, as well as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. These texts are included in this devotional. Several of them are unique to John: Jesus urges Nicodemus to be born again "of water and spirit," offers "living water" to a Samaritan woman at the well, raises Lazarus from the dead, washes the disciples' feet, and surprises Mary Magdalene at the empty tomb. As you read the daily devotions, pause to think about how John describes water and the Spirit, and how water and the Spirit are at work in your life.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Offering comfort and care to those who
need it most.



Often, when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, our hearts ache with compassion, but we don't know how to help. Making Lutheran World Relief Kits is a simple, fun and tangible way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors in need.

LWR Kits are specifically designed to help people coping with poverty, disaster, conflict and more. Whether a kit helps someone to maintain good hygiene, care well for a newborn baby, keep education going during a crisis or learn a new vocation, LWR Kits provide dignity and hope in the direst situations.



LWR Kits for Lent



Personal Care Kits

Provides self-care and critical germ fighting tools.



Baby Care Kits

Basic baby care supplies

*Cloth diapers can be provided by Tabor



School Kits

Equip a child with supplies.

*Backpacks provided by Tabor



Fabric Kits

Simple supplies that lead to marketable skills.



November 6, 2022 marked another year of service our volunteers have dedicated to Community Dining Room. Thank you Ken and Christine Bjork, Kathy Benedict, Marie Basset, Bob Peterson, Lorraine Doyle, Patricia Keegan, Nancy Putnam as well as her son Devin. Well done, crew.

Tabor volunteers will serve at CDR on May 7, July 2, September 3 and November 5 in 2023





Time to PICK YOUR TEAMS!!!

An invitation to March Madness brackets? Nope. *(Although... Go Huskies!!)*.

This is an invitation to join one of Tabor's new Ministry Teams! After consideration of the kinds of ministries we have – and the ones we would like to have – the Tabor Council has reimagined options for getting involved in the

life and work of the church. Most of us are so busy that we can't imagine taking on a "committee". But a "project"? Or a single activity that we can sink our teeth into? Or to be called to help with something from time to time as needed as a member of a team? Well, sure! These teams also reflect our priorities as a congregation – from the way we care for each other, to the way we steward our resources, to the way we worship together.

We hope you'll read through the list and agree to be part of one or more team, as the spirit moves you. Maybe just some of the work of the team interests you, or maybe you have new ideas that would fall under a team. The list of activities under each team is just an example of the kinds of things that team would handle. Council contact people are listed for each team.

The **Community Outreach Team** reflects the ways we live out our faith through action. This team would handle things like community dinners, our participation in the Community Dining Room; food drives and collections, and other community events. Speak to Nancy Putnam or Bob Peterson if you are interested in this team.

The **Congregational Care and Hospitality Team** helps to build and nurture our common life. This team would include things like the prayer chain (ably coordinated by Marie Bassett); visitation of congregation members (at home/hospital/rehab/hospice), Communion visits, fellowship meals; coffee hour; funeral receptions; greeters & ushers. We are particularly in need of someone who would be willing to pull together a group of home/hospital visitors and connect them with congregants in need. Speak to Karen Gordon, Kathy Benedict, or Lisa Huck if you are interested in this team.

The **Learning and Faith Formation Team** attends to our spiritual longing to grow in our faith. This team would include things like youth ministry, christian education/confirmation, adult education, bible study, and intergenerational ministry. Speak to Kathy Benedict or Bertie Chuong if you are interested in this team.

The **Stewardship Team** attends to the good stewardship of our resources in accordance with the Gospel: our finances, our property; and the natural world that God has created. Speak to Tony Kowalski, Bob Peterson, or Christie Day if you are interested in this team.

The **Technology and Communication Team** helps develop and sustain innovative ways to communicate the Gospel through things like our website and social media, worship technology to support outdoor worship, Sunday morning videography, and photography. We are particularly in need of a social media manager! Speak to Bertie Chuong, Kiersten Bjork, or Lisa Huck if you are interested in this team.

The **Worship, Music, and the Arts Team** works to create a context in which we engage in meaningful worship. Along with our wonderful Minister of Music and the faithful Altar Guild, this team would help with worship planning and help coordinate things related to worship assistants, community concerts, and musical offerings. We are in need of folks for Altar Guild and worship assistants (readers and assisting ministers) and we would LOVE to find someone interested in coordinating the worship assistants.

Speak to Peter Harding, Kiersten Bjork, Bertie Chuong, Bob Peterson, or Christie Day if you are interested in this team.

Thank you all! Lisa Huck, on behalf of Tabor Council



Our Lent Bible Study takes place in the Tabor Library March 5, 12, 19 and 26. It begins at 9am and you can join us any of these Sundays before worship.

Tabor has such a spectacular music ministry. We are so fortunate and thankful to have Chuck Stack's talent and leadership for the dynamic music ministry that is Tabor Lutheran Church. Come, listen and feel the music.



PARKING LOT WORK—THANK YOU!

Huge thanks to all those who made a donation for supplies or helped out with the repair of Tabor's parking lot this past fall. It took over 2 months of very hard work and determination by a crew that slowly dwindled down to only a hearty few by the end. The process consisted of removing all the overgrown grass and digging out the roots and dirt from each crack, filling the big cracks and holes with asphalt cold patch and tamping it down, and then filling all the cracks with a very hot asphalt smelt and/or sealing them with asphalt sealant. There were some very long days doing a lot of backbreaking work, so hopefully the repairs hold up over time and help to extend the longevity of the parking lot and improve the overall appearance as you arrive at Tabor.



OUR STAFF

Minister of Music Charles Stack
Office Administrator Dawn Carafeno
taborlutheranchurch@gmail.com

CONGREGATION COUNCIL & OFFICERS

President	Lisa Huck
Vice President	Peter Harding
Treasurer	Anthony Kowalski
Council Secretary	Christie Day
Nancy Putnam	Bertie Chuong
Bob Peterson	Kiersten Bjork
Kathy Benedict	Karen Gordon

Congregation Council



Tabor's Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of most months, beginning at 7 p.m. Meetings are held in Room C.

Parishioners are welcome to attend Council meetings.

(Please understand there are times when the Council needs to go into Executive Session - if that happens, then only elected Council members can be present.)

If you would like to address the Council on a particular matter, please speak with Council President
lisabeth.huck@yale.edu

Please hold your Officers and Council members in prayer.

Opportunities to Serve at Tabor!

There are so many opportunities to serve here at Tabor and in our local Branford community. Joyful service helps others and warms our heart!

One way you can serve here at Tabor is to volunteer to be a part of our worship services. You can be a greeter, an usher, a lector, or an assisting minister. You can be part of the altar guild ...you can sing in the choir or play an instrument as a special music offering! All of these ministries help to ensure that we have faithful and meaningful worship and the full participation of the congregation in our Sunday morning gatherings.



So consider this as an invitation to serve. It's joy-filled ministry, and it's easy too! After all, you're already going to be here on Sunday mornings, right? If you would like to know more about one (or more) of these ministries, click this link and make your choice: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0445abac28a75-tabor>

Listen... God is calling! Blessings!

40 YEARS of TABOR PRESCHOOL

Congratulations to Tabor Christian Community Preschool on reaching the 40th year of teaching children in the Branford area! For the vast majority of those years the school has been led by Diane Swartz. Together with her dedicated and caring staff, Tracy, Leah, Julie, and Hillary, hundreds of children have been introduced to the unconditional love of God. Thank you team TCCP! Let us all look forward to the next anniversary of this award winning preschool, and be grateful for its leadership. We celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Tabor Christian Community Preschool (TCCP) on Sunday, November 13, 2022. We thanked and honored our preschool staff and Director Diane Swartz for 40 years of educational excellence. The staff was presented with a special plaque to honor the occasion. The congregation also purchased a sign which will be located in front of the preschool entrance. A special reception was held afterwards in the Narthex with the help of the Evangelism Committee.



In November of 2022 Tabor Church and Tabor Preschool participated in two food drives for the Community Dining Room. We donated 220lbs food. The first was to help fill their pantry with the staples they need on a daily basis and the other to provide a delicious Thanksgiving feast for those in need. Thank you for your donations!



Christmas Tree Pickup Fundraiser



A big thanks to all those who helped out with the John Wilkinson Memorial Christmas Tree Pick-Up this year! We collected about 500 trees over the two weekends, and raised over \$7,500 to split between Tabor and Troop 633.

A special thanks to my family, especially Christian, who did a ton of work behind the scenes to make it a success.



I hope everyone had fun, and is willing to help again next year with this awesome fundraiser.

Thanks Again, Ken Bjork



All Things Possible

The Tabor office wing recently became a flurry of moving furniture and renovations. For a over a month, there have been many things that have occurred indicating God's Hands in it, so much so, that I have found myself repeating the same phrase again and again, "It's a God thing !"

A long awaited new carpet, budgeted at the last Annual Congregational Meeting, was arranged to be installed in the old secretary's office which is "nerve central" for all of the workings of Tabor Church. Installing the new carpet potentially meant a huge disruption of church operations by temporarily relocating the secretary's (Dawn's) office contents then moving it all back into the same office. It was at this point that the first "God thing" popped into our thoughts. Through further research, it was learned that the concept of switching the secretary's and pastor's offices had occurred in years past, but was never executed. The possibility of the corner office becoming the new secretary office, would provide the secretary to be the face to the public and allow her to easily screen visitors for the pastor. In addition it would create better security for the building, allowing her to hear and see people entering and exiting. The rationale to relocate the secretary's office made sense! And so, Tabor volunteers emptied the secretary's office for the new carpet. Volunteers! – A wonderful "God thing".

While all of this was going on, there was a search on foot and online, for a "new-used" secretary's desk to replace the existing one that was falling apart. Keeping costs down was always a prime consideration. There were two possibilities – one online that literally vanished within 2-3 hours; the other was put on hold but was costly. The Council and Dawn were always kept in the loop but the ultimate preferences for the best functionality were Dawn's. It was at this point that the second "God thing" occurred! Dawn's husband, Mike, graciously donated a beautiful multi-unit desk set that was once in his office. So Tabor volunteers, our secretary, Dawn and her husband all headed to West Hartford on a cold, windy, Saturday morning. We dismantled and loaded all of the desk unit pieces, then drove back to Tabor where we were met by another Tabor volunteer – more help! Working together, we unloaded and reassembled the desk components in the new corner office for Dawn. It was a long 9 hour day but so worth it! Dawn spent weeks setting up file cabinets, organizing closets and storage cabinets, all the while performing her secretarial tasks. She had some helper bees too!

Building code requires that there be at least one window in the offices for safety and security reasons. There were discussions as to how to do this and its potential cost. The end result was a large permanent window installed in the office wall near the side exit (ramp) door - another gift arranged and donated by Dawn's husband, Mike... "It's definitely a God thing". Volunteers had roughed out the opening for the window installers and then, spackled and painted the walls and trim. Instead of being exhausted, we were all motivated towards achieving a common end goal.

Our attention shifted to the new pastor's office which was a much easier move because we already had all of the furnishings. All that was needed was to move them in and to make it just as welcoming and beautiful as before. The office needed to be painted, windows cleaned and electrical work modified- all provided with free volunteer labor. Certainly, a "God thing". The existing shelving area was closed in with painted louvered doors that had been stored in the boiler room, unused for many years. Window blinds were old and broken and didn't extend behind the old work bench that was removed. New blinds would have been too expensive. So, the exact curtain panels that were in the old pastor's office but in a longer length were found on sale online, purchased, and then donated. All of the renovations in the new pastor's office was at little to no cost to Tabor. It's a "God thing"!

As we were clearing hallways of excess tables, we were met by the janitor who was vacuuming. He stopped and helped us store them away. Yet another “God thing”! The janitors often commented on the beautiful renovations.

There are only a few minor things left to do in that part of the church building but we now currently have two beautiful and functional new offices for both the church secretary and the new pastor.

As of this writing there have been other “God things” that have been sighted. This article only highlights some of the 22 that have already occurred. You may have noticed that there are many other areas in the church that need attention as well. Knowing that God will help should motivate us all to offer our time and talent to address those needs. You too can witness “God things”! Let’s come together and get involved. All you have to do is ask what’s needed!

Then, watch... because God is all around us. For with God, all things are possible.



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Place your orders soon for your Swedish Meatball Dinner. Take out or Dine-In Seating (limited).

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Swedish Meatball Dinner



Tabor Church

45 Tabor Dr. Branford

Saturday, April 1st

Take-Out Pickup from 4:30-6:00 PM
Limited Dine-In Seating from 4:30-5:30 PM

Full Dinner—\$20
Swedish Meatballs, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Pickled Beets, Limpa Bread, & Dessert

Meatballs Only
\$10/Pint (approx. 15 meatballs)
\$20/Quart (approx. 30 meatballs)



Pre-Order [Here](#)

or visit www.taborchurch.net

or call the church office at 203-488-2541

Limited quantities may be available on the day of the event
but don't risk it - Order now!



**Take-Out or Limited Dine-in
Seating Available**





From Branford Food Pantry:

We wish to thank Tabor Lutheran Church for your generous donation in the amount of 575 lbs of groceries in support of our totally volunteer organization. What a fantastic donation! Thanks so much for your support.

From Boy Scouts Troop 428:

Dear Members of Tabor: It is with great sadness that Troop 428 will not be able to continue into 2023. The lack of new scouts and leaders, along with the lack of a cub scout feeder pack ultimately led to this unfortunate situation. As the final leaders of Troop 428 we have made the decision to donate the majority of our remaining funds to Tabor to say "thank you" for all the years of your sponsorship and support.



Our scouting program was one of the best around and has made a positive impact on the lives of numerous youth who are now better adults, citizens, and leaders because of it. Please accept the enclosed check to use as you best see fit.

—Ken Bjork, Charter Org. Rep

—Jim Corrick, Scoutmaster —Peter Albrecht, Committee Chair

Tabor Church council has decided to donate 10% of the money given by Troop 428 to the Greenway Trail organization. The other 90% will go toward expenses in the call process.



Huge “Thanks” to the Tabor family for your participation in the annual holiday Giving Tree Adopt-a-Family through New Reach in New Haven. Due to your thoughtfulness and generosity, combined with other congregations in our area, more than 300 families received gifts

this year, including over 500 children. Your partnership and support continue to inspire and help those affected by homelessness and poverty.

You have provided hope and joy for families and individuals in our community who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. Tabor is truly a mission-oriented and love-based community.



Our annual Christmas Eve pageant was a beautiful event and some familiar young adult faces stepped in to make the pageant happen.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

PORK ROAST DINNER

On November 19th 2022 Tabor held their annual Octoberfest Pork Roast Dinner. We sold 132 meals Thanks to this community we raised \$1,300.





Tabor shared the gift of warmth this winter with our annual mitten tree. We were so pleased to deliver more than 100 hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and other winter outerwear to our partner in New Haven.

Our annual Soups On! Dinner was a success again this year, thanks to the tireless help of so many Tabor members, and our partnership with Community Dining Room. We split the income from this dinner by giving 70% of the profit to CDR and 30% to Tabor. This year, we brought in \$1800 for CDR and Tabor kept \$831.

Thank you to all the volunteers who prepped all the delicious soups and to everyone who purchased pints, quarts and dinners.



We have pints and quarts of soup left over from the Soups On dinner. You can claim containers of frozen soup by calling the church office. \$8 per pint, \$15 per quart.



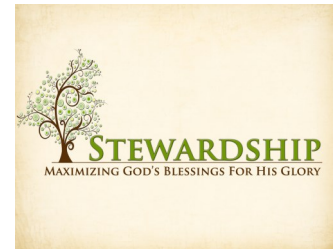
Tabor's New Website—COMING SOON!



We are excited to announce our new website coming this spring! This new website includes a more user friendly mobile view, updated images, refreshed content, and new look to reflect a more current design.

GOOD STEWARDS

So far, we've experienced little snow and mostly above average temperatures. While that means all of the spring flowers are way ahead of schedule we can remind ourselves that spring is still a ways off. Remember too, this is New England and the weather can be as unpredictable as the winning lottery numbers. Our expense for snow plowing is down but the cost of oil is up due in part to the Russia / Ukraine war.



The lack of expense incurred so far for a full time pastor's salary is offset somewhat by the lack of rental income from the parsonage. .Knowing the mission of Tabor continues only because of your generous offerings, please consider making a financial pledge. If you have already done this, please make sure it is up to date. Envelope giving has been favorable and we appreciate that very much. Of course, if you can increase your giving all of this year, or even for a short time, that is greatly appreciated. We give because we want to! Everything we have is a gift from God. Thank you!



Thank you to Elwood and Paul Shepard for removing a rotted tree from the corner of the parking lot near the preschool play area.

Geraniums for Pentecost

Orders are now being taken for Geraniums to be placed on the Altar, Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.

Following Pentecost, the Geraniums will be planted around the Church building to beautify our grounds.

Call the church office to order by May 14!



Price per Plant...\$8.00.



On Sunday, March 5th, Tabor hosted a delicious Soup & Salad luncheon for everyone, and organized by Sue Kowalski.

Attendees enjoyed a homemade lunch and fellowship with friends and family. We are so pleased to be bringing back gatherings with our church family.



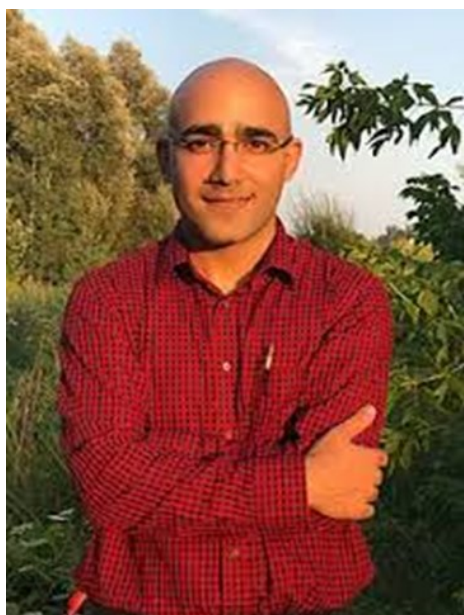


Music Lessons

Guitar with Marc

I use songs we enjoy to show technique & theory in use.

I enjoy the sound and the feeling I get from playing guitar. I also enjoy watching people gain confidence on the instrument as they play their favorite songs. I have the best job in the world! I keep my lessons fun, simple and focused. Hard work comes easy when you don't sweat it!



Piano with Mani

Learning requires focus and repetition that is infused with fun and enjoyment.

Proper technique, ear development, music theory, sight reading, singing solfege, improvisation and composition are all musical abilities that will be developed as we continue to become fluent in the language of music.

For more information about lessons at Tabor, please visit:
<https://www.taborartsbranford.com/teachers>

Community Dining Room

Founded in 1985, the Community Dining Room (CDR) is a private, not-for-profit organization providing food, support and companionship to our shoreline neighbors.

We serve the south-central Connecticut shoreline from East Haven to Old Saybrook including the towns of East Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook, and Old Saybrook.

Tabor has committed to prepare and serve a meal at the Branford Community Dining Room on the 1st Sunday every other month. **May 7th** is the next date Tabor will serve.

We need to arrive at 10:00am and should be cleaned up by 2:00pm.

Please consider signing up and helping with this mission.

Please contact Theresa Ferguson 203-314-1431 for more information or if you are able to volunteer.



Branford Food Pantry, Inc.

The Branford Food Pantry serves the Town of Branford by providing weekly groceries to families in need, and full turkey dinners for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Feed Branford Kids (Snack Program):

Each week families will receive a bag containing 5 snack items for each child to take to school. Please help to support this new effort by donating the following: pudding/jello cups; fruit cups; raisins (small boxes); cereal/granola bars; small bags of chips/cookies/pretzels; snack crackers; **NO NUTS OR PEANUT PRODUCTS**. Thanks for your help in this effort.

The Branford Food Pantry has a constant need for routine items also, such as cereal, peanut butter, soup, stew and coffee. Tabor will collect these items and deliver to the Food Pantry.



STATIONS of the CROSS

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During Holy Week you are invited to visit Tabor Cemetery to view the stations of the cross as we have done in years past. Thanks to Peter Harding & Bob Petersen. Stations of the cross are also posted around the perimeter of our sanctuary. Come and remember.

Pastor Maria Hammons' last Sunday at Tabor was November 20, 2022. A special service was held in honor of her commitment to our congregation during this past transition. She was presented with a beautiful wood carved cross made by Bill Peterson to commemorate her time at Tabor. A special farewell song was sung by the congregation at the conclusion of the service. This was followed by a thank you celebration reception in the narthex.

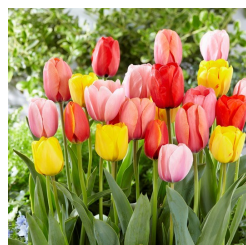


ATTENTION COMMITTEES: The Annual Congregational Meeting is **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for **June 25th**. Please be sure that you have your annual reports turned into the church office no later than **June 1st**.



EASTER PLANTS –ORDER SOON

Please fill out the order form, and mail to church office by Sunday, March 26.
The plants can be picked up after the 10:00am Easter Service or delivered to a shut in.
Thank you for helping to create our beautiful Easter Garden.



EASTER PLANTS 2023

(Order Form)

Orders are now being taken for Easter Plants which will grace our Sanctuary or parking lot on Easter Sunday. You may place your order by completing this form and returning it, along with payment, to the Church Office, by **Sunday, March 26th**. Checks may be made payable to: Tabor Lutheran Church. **We suggest that you pick up your Easter Plant to either decorate your home, plant in your garden, or to share with a friend, relative, or shut-in of your choice. Plants may not be picked up until 11:15am following the 10:00am Easter Worship Service.**

Plants Available: \$10 per plant for Easter Lilies
\$12 per plant for Daffodils or Hyacinths or Tulips

How Many	Type of Plant	<i>Please select:</i> In Honor Of: or In Memory Of:	Given By:	<u>Pick-Up</u> Yes or No

MEMORIAL FUND

The following are acknowledged for memorial donations to
Tabor Lutheran Church in memory of:

Robert Handschumacher

*Jonathan & Sarah Clune
Bob & Betty Sparks
Joy Cohen
Bill & June Turner
Sharon Mullen-Reynolds
Jane Ketterer
Tony & Sue Kowalski
Tonis & Sue Talviste
Brian & Judy Dayton
Friend & Judy Pond
Nancy Putnam
Gerard & Vivika DeNegre
Judy Myers
Bill & Pam Peterson*

PARISH RECORDS

DEATHS

*Bob Handschumacher
Bob Haversat
Jane Proto
Jim Mourt*

MARRIAGES

Austin Connell & Carolyn Fales

BAPTISMS

Jack Morris Sipperly

Jane Proto

*Tonis & Sue Talviste
Dottie Bjork
Bob & Betty Sparks
Brian & Judy Dayton*



Congratulations to Austin and Carolyn Connell who were married at Tabor on September 4, 2022.



March Birthdays

Dolly Foley	3/2
Judith Dayton	3/3
Sandra Park	3/4
Savannah Romblad	3/8
Kaitlin Stern	3/9
Maude Schmidt	3/13
Caden Dombrowski	3/16
Rhiannon Cappetta	3/17
Audrey Foley	3/18
Carol Auger	3/19
Erika Sipperly	3/22
Devin Putnam	3/22
Michael Ferguson	3/25
Dawn Carafeno	3/27
Jane Mahler	3/28
Leigh-Ann Bayarsky	3/29
Mimi Myers	3/29
Katie Scalia	3/29
Jane Ketterer	3/30
Cynthia Fitteron	3/31

May Birthdays

Patrick Day	5/1
Heather Stanish	5/2
Ava Dombrowski	5/3
John Foley	5/3
Douglas Latham	5/5
Christine Daley	5/6
Karen Pemberton	5/9
Kenneth Downing III	5/11
Ryan Connell	5/13
Brenda Graminski	5/13
Lisa Huck	5/13
Amy Leatherman	5/13
Carter Silvia	5/13
Justin Silvia	5/18
Christian Bjork	5/19
Doug Shoemaker	5/21
Katie Knickelbein	5/25
Michael Youmell	5/28
Keri Hagness	5/31



June Birthdays

Hailey Scalia	6/1
Carol Burns	6/3
Susanne Kenney	6/5
Lori Linsley	6/6
Sharon Shoemaker	6/6
Corey Olt	6/10
Shawn Olt	6/10
John Foley	6/12
Grace Graminski	6/12
Richard Carlson	6/13
Chet Blomquist	6/14
Rachael Whitney	6/15
Dean Romblad	6/16
William Benni	6/17
Christie Day	6/17
Morgan Onofrio	6/18
Kimberly Agresta	6/20
Daniel Robinson	6/21
Barbara Romblad	6/21
Donna Connell	6/22
Gerlinde Kehlenbach	6/23
Sean Jeffery	6/27
Mark Otterson	6/27
Christine Bjork	6/28
Tony Kowalski	6/30

April Birthdays

Susan Saunders	4/1
Ruth Kramer	4/3
James Boyd II	4/6
Kathryn Hagness	4/7
Lydia Kelleher	4/7
Erin Kelleher	4/11
Aidan Loehmann	4/11
Christopher DeNegre	4/15
Taylor Romblad	4/17
Katelyn Anderson	4/22
Alexander Sturtevant	4/22
R. Travis Mahler	4/23
Wendy Whitney	4/28
Paul Burns	4/29
Heidi Leatherman	4/29
John Nilsson Jr.	4/29

Spring Anniversaries

Peter Harding & Lorraine Doyle	4/14
Fred & Carol Auger	4/16
Michael & Theresa Ferguson	4/24
Don & Carol Brueggemann	4/29
William & Susan Devlin	5/6
Arthur & Diane Cappetta	5/11
Robert & Kathryn Fadel	5/20
Bob & Betty Sparks	6/3
Jerry & Brenda Graminski	6/4
Bob & Ruth Davis	6/8
Jamie & Keri Hagness	6/11
Michael & Meghan Youmell	6/11
Walter & Wendy Whitney	6/15



Be sure to keep the Church Office updated with your current phone number and email address. Just call Dawn in the Church Office at 203-488-2541 or send an email to: taborlutheranchurch@gmail.com



Sunday Worship Service

10:00am
and FACEBOOK LIVE

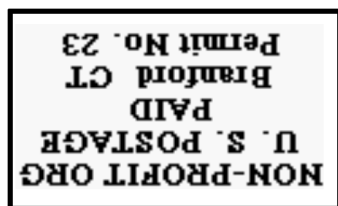


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Diane Swartz	Director, Preschool Director	(203) 488-9302



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