

# TABOR TIMES

*Mount Tabor Lutheran Church - Come Join Us For A Sunday Or A Lifetime*

## ATTENTION

The Service is transmitted on FM 87.9 and streamed on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mttaborlutheranlittlemountain/> and on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/@MtTaborLutheranChurch>, also past services can be found on the Mount Tabor Youtube site. The Fellowship Hall will be available with live streaming on the large screen T.V.

**For pastoral support, Brad Shealy may be contacted at 803-240-5869. While he may not be able to respond to emergencies, he is glad to help as needed or find someone who can.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1 - Program Practice at 6pm
- December 6 - CIA Jesus and Jammies Party
- December 7 - Council Meeting at 6pm
- December 8 - LCW meets at 10:30am
- December 8 - Program Practice at 6pm
- December 13 - Program Practice at 9am
- December 14 - Christmas Program (during service)
- December 21 - Christmas Caroling starts at 2pm
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

**The deadline for submitting announcements for the Sunday bulletin is Thursdays by 10:00 a.m. This includes if you want your altar vases designated in memory or honor of someone or for a special occasion. Announcements can be emailed to [mttaborlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:mttaborlutheran@gmail.com) or called in to the church office (803-945-2333).**

**Mount Tabor Lutheran Church**  
(803) 945-2333

Sunday School at 9:00 am each Sunday  
Worship at 10:00 am each Sunday

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## **LCW - LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

The LCW will meet Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am. We will have devotions and prayer and continue planning for 2026.

## **CHURCH NEWS - WEBSITE**

We are excited to announce that our church website has a fresh new look and improved features. Visit <https://mttaborlutheran.com/> to:

- watch and listen live on Sunday mornings at 10 am. The service will automatically pop up on this site each Sunday at 10 am.
- watch and listen to past services
- stay up-to-date with upcoming events with both a calendar and announcements page
- submit prayer request

We hope the new site will make it easier to stay connected and informed.

## **YEARBOOK**

If you have any additions or changes to make to your contact information in the church yearbook, please contact the church secretary at 803-945-2333 or [mttaborlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:mttaborlutheran@gmail.com).

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The 2026 Flower Calendar is posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up!

B&B Florist is now able to deliver to the church. If anyone knows another florist interested in delivery, please let the office know. We will contact them and discuss. We now have a lock box with a key we can give them the combination to. We plan to change the combination every couple of months.

## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Several votes occurred at the annual Congregational Meeting held on November 9, 2025. The congregation approved our new Church Constitution to be aligned with the NALC. The congregation also approved several amendments that were up for review in the NALC. Four new council members have been elected: Mark Gosnell, Brandon Shealy, Gwen Davenport, and Billy Lindler. Congratulations! New council members are invited to attend the December 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting at 6pm.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

All ages are invited to participate in our upcoming Christmas Program, "The Animals' Tale."

 Program Date: Sunday, December 14 — during regular service

To Participate:

• Please contact Amanda Long at 803-924-4184 (call or text) or email [a\\_r\\_stockman@hotmail.com](mailto:a_r_stockman@hotmail.com).

Practice Schedule (tentative):

- Monday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.

We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with this special program and hope you'll join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and joy!

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Mt. Tabor Members:** Scott Frick, Melvin Bowers, Ann Bowers, Troy Shealy, Jane Speight, Dick Shealy, Shane Stroud, Micheal Torrence, Linda Dowd, Todd Frick, Carter Dominick, Debbie Rister, Derek Bowers, Henry Childs, and Carolyn Torrence.

**Family and Friends:** Celeste Bowers, Will Nobles, Dean Stribble, Beckham Waters, Alston Slater, Larry Danford, Andy Wessinger, Susan Wicker, John Carroll Swygert, Cindy Mace, and Charles Shealy.

Note: Please help us keep the Prayer list up-to-date. Let us know if someone's name needs to be removed or added.

## BAZAAR/YARD SALE

The Yard Sale Committee would like to thank everyone for their support of Mt. Tabor's Annual Yard Sale. We appreciate everyone who donated yard sale items, those that came out to work and also those that came and shopped. This year we had seven vendors selling their handmaid crafts. It is always fun watching others shop for bargains. It may not have looked like it, but we sold lots of items. Some of the items that didn't sell were boxed up and stored away in hopes that possibly we will have a spring sale. Others were donated to St. Frances Thrift Store and Hearts and Hands Thrift Shoppe. Ladies jewelry was donated to local nursing homes and flower vases to Newberry Health Hospital. All donations very much appreciated. This year our total sales was \$2,220.00. Once the amount for biscuits that was sold were taken out we cleared \$1,835.00. Thanks everyone for a very successful yard sale.



## WE CARE GIFT CARDS

Mount Tabor pledged to provide 15 gift cards to We Care for their Christmas Child program. Due to an overwhelming response, we were able to provide them with 35 gift cards. Thank you to everyone for your generosity!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH - PALMETTO GARDENS

We will again provide residents at Palmetto Gardens in Prosperity with a bag of toiletry items for Christmas. They currently have 24 men and 9 ladies. There are paper stockings hanging on the tree in the narthex with a list of needed toiletry items. You may add to this list if you wish. Each resident was asked to give us one suggestion of a clothing item they would like to receive for Christmas. An angel with their name and item is on the tree in the narthex. When taking an angel or stocking, please sign the name by the appropriate number on the list posted on the bulletin board. Each angel and stocking is numbered. This is just a way to help us know when all stockings and angels have been taken and gifts received.

All gifts need to be brought to the church by Sunday, December 14th. You may leave them under the tree in the Narthex. Please make sure you attach the stocking to your toiletry gift bag and angel to your gift. If you would like to make a monetary donation instead of shopping that is fine also. Please put your donation in an envelope marked Palmetto Gardens Christmas in the offering plate.

If you have any questions, contact Lynn Shealy or Katie Werts. We plan to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas. Watch the bulletin for the date and time. We invite members to join us in delivering these gifts and join us in some caroling fun.

## THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Members are reminded to consider using their Thrivent Choice Dollars to support our church. Our church is now listed as "Mount Tabor Lutheran Church of Little Mountain." When you make donations through Thrivent, please let our treasurer, Meredith Achelpohl, or our church secretary, Marsha Meetze, know so that the funds can be designated to the fund or area that you wish to support. Thank you for your consideration and support!

## CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go out to the family of Joe Grugan. Mr. Grugan died November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Grugan was the great grandson of our church's first pastor, The Reverend Jefferson Allen Sligh. Mount Tabor presented the Rev. Sligh with a walking cane for his service in helping get Mount Tabor established. Mr. Grugan gave the walking cane of Rev. Sligh back to our church in 2022.

Mr. Grugan's funeral and burial was at Ebenezer Lutheran Church. His wife, Connie, notified us and said that Joe was so pleased to give the cane to us for its final resting place so people could see it and enjoy it. It gave him great pleasure. The walking cane is displayed in the display case in our narthex. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.



## BUSY HANDS MINISTRY

Ladies of the Busy Hands Ministry have been busy finishing up some items to be distributed to We Care, local nursing homes, a local school and Disability and Special Needs. Items to be distributed are bibs, pillows, walker bags, lap quilts, afghans, and crocheted/knitted hats. We plan to deliver these items the first week of December. The nursing homes are always glad to receive these items. Some items are used for bingo prizes. We will meet in January and discuss items for the year. All are invited to join this ministry.



## C.I.A. YOUTH NEWS

As we enter a season filled with gratitude and the celebration of Jesus' birth, our C.I.A. Youth are thankful for God's goodness and eager to share Christmas cheer with others!

On November 1st, our youth helped at the Church Yard Sale and Bazaar. We are so grateful for everyone who contributed baked goods for our table. Thanks to everyone, we raised a little over \$200.

On Monday, November 25th, the youth took a shopping trip to Walmart in Ballentine to purchase Christmas gifts for the "angels" we adopted this year. Our youth had a wonderful time picking out clothes, toys, and special surprises for children in need.

We are excited for our upcoming Jesus and Jammies Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6th. We will enjoy dinner, devotions, popcorn, a festive Christmas sock exchange, wrapping our Angel Tree gifts, and lots of Christmas fun together!

On Sunday, December 21st, we will go Christmas caroling to our Golden Agers and Shut-Ins. If you would like for us to stop by to share some Christmas cheer, please sign the list on the bulletin board, call Marsha in the church office, or contact Daniel Wicker at (803) 924-3828.

As we look ahead, we have some fun plans to kick off the new year. Youth are encouraged to stay tuned to GroupMe and check the church bulletin for upcoming events.

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and may we all take time to celebrate the true meaning of the season—Jesus!



## THANK YOU, PASTOR CHRIS

Our church family extends sincere thanks to Pastor Chris Wendel for his faithful service as our interim pastor. His guidance, care, and steady leadership have been a true blessing.

As he returns home to Oklahoma, we pray God's blessings on his future ministry. Thank you, Pastor Chris—you'll always have a place in our hearts.



## **BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK**

This year our Backpack Ministry is serving 12 students at Little Mountain Elementary School. Each week these 12 students receive a generous bag of nonperishable food items provided by Mt. Tabor. These 12 students belong to eight families. For the Thanksgiving Holiday, we provided each of these eight families with a \$20 Food Lion gift card and a bag of side items for their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you for your generous donations to the Backpack Ministry! Because of you, we are able to ensure these children have the food they need -- AND we are able to do extra things for the holiday season! Please continue to donate on designated Sundays to the Backpack Ministry, or feel free to drop off food items in the designated boxes. We also appreciate Thrivent cards and are happy to use those to purchase food items. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Items that are always needed include:**

Kool-Aid/Capri Sun drink pouches  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Easy Mac  
Chef-Boyardee meals  
Poptarts  
Instant grits/oatmeal  
Beanie Weenies  
Ramen Noodles

Soup  
Vienna sausages  
Jello cups  
Fruit cups  
Pudding cups  
Crackers  
Cookies  
Goldfish  
Popcorn

## **MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS**

(November)

### **Special Fund**

David & Marylee Greene  
In memory of Robert Morris by Johnsie Long  
In memory of Eva Pearl Lewis by Bruce & Debbie Rister  
In memory of John Wheeler by Bruce & Debbie Rister  
In memory of Robert Morris by McSwain Evans Funeral Home

### **Organ Fund**

In memory of Eva Pearl Lewis by Marlene McCormack  
In memory of John Wheeler by Marlene McCormack

### **Capital Improvements - Parsonage Fund**

Lindsey & Kerry Stribble

## **SERVICE TO THE CHURCH DECEMBER & JANUARY**

### **Ushers**

December 7, 14 - Doug Bowers, Paul Shealy, Ronnie Boland  
December 21, 28 - Doug Bowers, Robert Long, Wayne Abbott  
January 4, 11 - James Torrence, Janice Shealy, Ashley Lindler  
January 18, 25 - James Torrence, David Holley, Kevin Shannon



### **Lectors**

Dec. 7 - Gloria Danielowski  
Dec. 14 - Emma Wicker  
Dec. 21 - Tori Livingston  
Dec. 24 - Rhonda Lindler  
Dec. 28 - Bryan Stockman

Jan. 4 - Alana Stockman  
Jan. 11 - Julianne Wicker  
Jan. 18 - Teresa Player  
Jan. 25 - Janice Long

### **Flowers**

7 - Susan Richardson  
14 - Lindsey & Kerry Stribble  
21 - Daniel & Amy Wicker  
28 - Murray & Janice Shealy

### **Acolyte**

Avery Long

### **Parament Color**

Dec. 7, 14, 21 - blue  
Dec. 24, 25, 28 - white  
Jan. 4, 6, 11 - white  
Jan. 18, 25 - green

### **Altar Care**

Dec. - Meredith Achelpohl, Susan Fulmer, Wanda Rumfelt  
Jan. 2026 - Alicia Stroud, Cathy Lindler, Kristin Shealy



### **Communion Assistants**

December 7 - Gwen Davenport, Kim Mack, Wayne Abbott  
December 24 - Lindsey Stribble, Meredith Achelpohl, Bruce Rister  
January 4 - Leonard Shealy, Murray Shealy, Steve Willis  
January 11 - MelvinMetts, Marlene McCormack, Bruce Rister

### **Candle Care**

Dec. - Lynn Shealy, Myra Willis  
Jan. 2026 - Amanda Long, Jennifer Lindler

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

## December Anniversaries

- 14 Voight & Peggy Counts
- 17 Zach & Ashley Long
- 17 Bobby & Edie Stockman
- 20 Lindsey & Kerry Stribble
- 23 Wayne & Anna Abbott
- 23 Wayne & Geraldine Koon
- 27 Melvin & Ann Bowers
- 28 Heyward & Barbara Shealy



## December Birthdays

- 1 Austin Fulmer
- 1 Donnie Stockman
- 2 Barbara Leaphart
- 5 Dillon Amick
- 7 Ellarie Shealy
- 8 Ethan Lindler
- 9 Laken Williams
- 11 Renae Long
- 12 Tim Metts
- 13 Paul Morris
- 13 Lindsey Stribble
- 15 Megan Roland
- 15 Brendan Wicker
- 16 Jerry Wicker
- 17 Jason Frick
- 19 Mark Gosnell
- 20 Sandra Wessinger
- 21 Noah Bickley
- 21 Jean Greene
- 22 Emma Childs
- 23 Neil Fulmer
- 27 Beth H. Frick
- 27 Corey Stone
- 27 Toby Rumfelt
- 30 Shayla Counts
- 30 Michael Lindler Jr.
- 31 Iris Frick
- 31 Travis Holley
- 31 Payton Livingston



# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

## January Anniversaries

- 3 Donnie & Lynn Stockman
- 15 Murray & Janice Shealy
- 17 John Daniel & Linda Frick
- 17 Stanley & Jana Livingston
- 23 Kevin & Sandra Wessinger
- 30 Kevin & Luanne Boozer



## January Birthdays

- 1 Mike Lindler
- 1 Lawson Long
- 2 Daniel Wicker
- 3 Jenny Dowd
- 4 Jacob Riddle
- 6 Beverly Dominick
- 6 Nancy Huffstetler
- 6 Ashley Lindler
- 6 Steve Stockman
- 7 Terry Gearhart
- 7 Rachel Cheeks
- 7 Gage Tebaldi
- 8 Molly Lominack
- 9 Max Boozer
- 10 Jennifer Bickley
- 11 Jenny Morris
- 11 Emma Holley
- 12 Kassidy Lominack
- 12 Teresa Player
- 13 Katie Werts
- 13 Justin Smith
- 14 Sharon Still
- 15 Randy Stockman
- 17 Amber Moore
- 17 Jordan Sanders
- 18 Sadie Grace Frick
- 18 Peggy Counts
- 19 Alan Stockman
- 20 Wesley Boland
- 20 Brandon Shealy
- 21 Lauren Atkerson
- 22 James Ray Lindler
- 23 Bryan Stockman
- 24 Robert Long
- 24 Bobby Stockman
- 24 Skyler Stroud
- 24 Gracelyn Dominick
- 25 Kimberly Torrence
- 26 Cathy Lindler
- 26 Preston Wise
- 27 Tina Frick
- 27 Adriane Shealy
- 29 Scott Frick
- 30 Davis Shealy
- 31 Andy Longshore

