

The Living Light

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Called According to His Purpose

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28



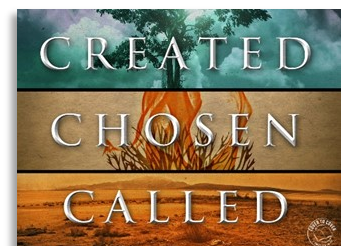
Do you remember as a child having your name called to be part of a team? I remember back in elementary school forming teams to play kickball at recess. A couple of the kids would be captains. Each captain starting calling out names, choosing people to be part of their team. It was always great having my name called out early. The worst was being the last one picked!

Throughout scripture, the Lord calls people to be part of His team. In Isaiah 43:1, the Lord says, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Peter describes how we are a "chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Paul assures us that we can trust that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Did you catch that last line? We have been called according to His purpose! God has called us to be part of His team so that we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We can share how being part of God's family has changed us and filled us with hope. God has called us to be light in the midst of a world filled with so much darkness. Our purpose is straightforward, "Go and make disciples of all nations."

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As we are entering the process at Tallmadge Lutheran Church to call a new DCE, I've been thinking a lot about what it means to be called. I've learned that there are three elements to the call:

First of all, before we are called by the Lord, we often experience a sense of **HELPLESSNESS**. We try to figure out, "What am I doing in this world? Do I belong in this place? Why me?" Our sense of helplessness leads us to a place of surrender and dependence on God.

The second element of responding to God's call is a sense of **WILLINGNESS**. Isaiah responded to his call by saying, "Here I am Lord, send me." We respond to God's call to follow Jesus with a willingness *to be* with people. A willingness to *listen* and a willingness to *serve*.

The final element of being called by the Lord is a sense of **SIGNIFICANCE**. Being a part of God's team should give each of us an awareness that what you are doing is important. We also trust that God has a plan for each of us; that God will work good out of all circumstances in our lives. As part of God's team, **WHAT YOU DO REALLY MATTERS!!!**

Here Am I
SEND ME

I want to thank all of you who have responded to God's calling in your lives – to serve as Sunday School Teachers, to help with VBS, to build relationships with our youth, to lead Bible Studies, to organize fellowship events, to serve on our Boards, to usher and greet, to sing and play music, and to share your hope in Jesus Christ with others.

Please keep our call committee in your prayers, especially our co-chairs John Dailey and Cindy Strand, as we seek to call a Director of Christian Education to join TLC in our mission to GROW as disciples of Jesus, CARE for one another, and SHARE the love of Jesus in the community!

- Pastor Andy

Men's Fellowship Nights



The "Forge" Men's Fellowship group is planning three summer events this year! Come join Christian men from Tallmadge Lutheran, St. Stephen Lutheran, and Trinity Lutheran for some fun in a faith based evening of fellowship. Each church will be hosting an event. Each event will be different. Mark these dates on your calendar and join us!

- Dartball Competition: Wednesday, June 19 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at TLC
- Corn Hole & Cards Games: Wednesday, July 10 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran in Kent
- Beer Sampling: Wednesday, August 15 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at St. Stephen Lutheran in Stow

Light snacks will be provided. See you soon!



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

- The cost of Altar flowers has increased from \$20.00 to \$25.00
- The Prayer Shawl meeting is June 7, 1:00 pm, in the Youth Room
- Summer Sunday School will run June 2 through August 25
- Father's Day is Sunday, June 16
- June 30 final NYG meeting
- Room 12 will be closed July 8 -12 for maintenance
- Volunteers are needed to help out with VBS, June 24 - June 28
- National Youth Gathering July 10 - July 16
- Acme Cash Back Program for 2019 begins August 8, 2019
- TOOL Day is August 10. mark your calendars NOW to plan on volunteering for this community outreach. More details coming soon!



Congratulations

Mr. & Mrs.
Robert Knepper

We love because He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

World Religions: A Comparative Study

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." Romans 1 16

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are not ashamed of the Gospel and its power. Yet we sometimes still find ourselves unsure of how to share faith as we go about daily life, especially with people of different religions and worldviews. In this study, we will examine the core beliefs of major world religions, getting to the heart of these three fundamental questions:

- What is the human condition?
- Where are we going?
- How do we get there?

It is Pastor Andy's hope that through the study of other religions, you will be emboldened and equipped to confidently share the saving power of the gospel message with those you encounter.



May 19	Intro-What is Religion
May 26	Hinduism
June 2	Buddhism
June 9	Judaism
June 16	Islam
June 23	Islamic Extremism
June 30	Mormonism
July 7	Jehovah Whiteness
July 14	Humanistic Secularism

The Wise Owls

The Wise Owls Pot Luck Picnic

Saturday, June 15, 12:00 pm in room 12. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided. We will be seeing a video about Suri and Huacaya Alpacas. The sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes. If you have any questions, please see Sandy Dixon. Hope to see you there!



Suri



Huacaya

On May 14, 2019 the Wise Owls and the Tuesday morning bible class went to Hartville Kitchen for lunch. Thirty people attended. It was a very nice afternoon of fun and fellowship.



Spring Cleaning

*In every job that must be done there is an element of fun. You find the fun and snap!
The job's a game!*

It is time to clear away the cobwebs and clean up the old choir loft.

The old choir loft is located above the large preschool room.

TLC Needs YOU to say what stays and what goes.

Please stop by the church to identify what you are responsible for.

Items need to be placed in a labeled container or tote.

There will be limited access the week of VBS, June 24 - 28. Please stop by in the afternoon.

What has not been claimed will be removed by the last week in June.

Memorial Day 5K Run/Walk

Team TLC

Larry & Janet Buckles	Tom Rettinger
Pastor Andy	Lori Whipple
Jan Tiedemann and Family	
The Conley Family	Jen Larson
Gail McAlister	

Not one of them grows tired or stumbles, not one slumbers or sleeps; not a belt is loosened at the waist, not a sandal strap is broken.
Isaiah 5:27



Vacation Bible School June 24 - June 28 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

VBS 2019 is a Miraculous Mission where we will learn how Jesus saves the World! This year we are taking a journey into outer space with new songs, games, crafts. Join us to learn how God loved us so much that he sent His Son Jesus to be our Savior. We will explore God's miraculous mission, as we learn about His plan of salvation from Creation to the Cross. Invite your friends and neighbors! VBS is June 24 to June 28, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Register online now at www.vbspro.events/p/tlcoh2019

Adults and Teens! VBS is an amazing opportunity to show children in our community how much God loves them! We could use your help to get TLC's VBS into orbit! Even if you can only help a few days instead of the entire week! We have many volunteer positions available; there are opportunities both working with children and behind the scenes.

Please contact Annie Alberts or Christy Wahl to find out how you can help with VBS 2019!

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Music Ministry News

Our TLC ensembles (Chancel Choir, Jubilate Ringers, Youth Choir and Sunday School Choir) have wrapped up their 2018-2019 season. God has truly given us some wonderful blessings and a great community as our groups gather to worship through music each week. Each ensemble has provided fantastic anthems for various worship services and special seasonal services.

Highlights include our Music Ministry concert in October, the Children's Program in December, and the Chancel Choir's invitation to Carnegie Hall for November 2019. These ensembles also represent multi-generational musicians.

Thanks to all who have continued to support our music ministry in all that God is doing at TLC. A huge thank you also to Sadie Fellows, Annie Alberts, Gail McAlister, Catherine Kenney, Jenna Wolff, Ellen Tywon and Brianna Miller for your musical leadership with our TLC ensembles throughout this past year.



Youth Group News

Christy & Andy Wahl

Lori Whipple

Jennifer Larson

National Youth Gathering

Participants: Isaac Alberts, Grace Craddock, Emma Hedderly, Alysa Miller, Carley Ryan, Emily Stofka, Sara Vanaman, Robert Whipple

Theme Verse: "Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth!"

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our fortress."

Psalm 46:10-11 ESV

Please join TLC in praying for those attending the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN July 10—July 17. The NYG provides an opportunity for people to gather together as a community in God's word and learn more about Jesus and their Lutheran identity. Through out the five day event, youth will spend time together in worship, service and fellowship with others through out the synod.

Please make sure to check our website and social media for pictures and stories from the trip. Pray that God blesses us with good weather, safe travels and that the students will be challenged and grow in their faith.

The theme for the Gathering is **Real. Present. God.** Each of our three theme words has the potential to convey many different ideas. What is spelled out below is an attempt to unpack the shorthand of our theme words and phrases with a little more longhand to help convey a consistent and clear message across the Gathering.

Ministry Spotlight

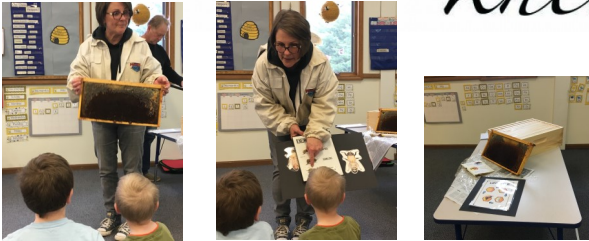
Remembering Your Loved Ones



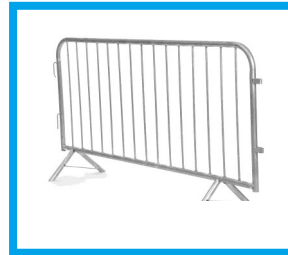
²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. **John 14:27**

Summit County Bee Keepers are

the **Bee's** knees 



Did you see the new barrier we have in the parking lot to keep these crazy kids safe?



We are excited to be able to play 4 square, sidewalk chalk, and other fun games safely!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with our End of the Year Program last month. Special thank you to these AWESOME teachers who helped so many kids grow.



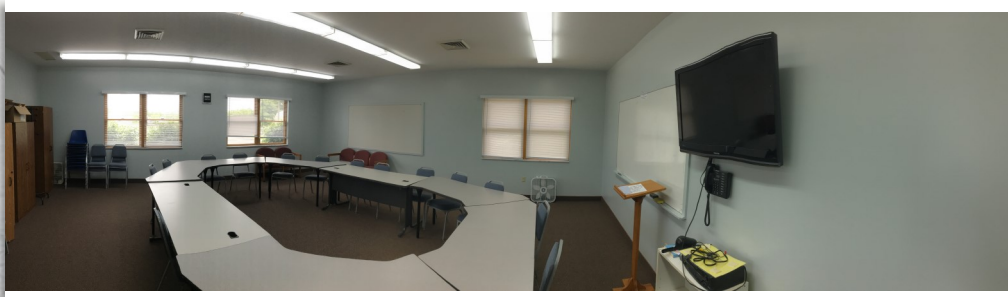
If you want a child to grow, you must first plant a seed.

TLC Building Projects:

Your financial gifts help us care for God's House.

Thank you!

Room 5: repaired damage to walls, primed & painted
Barriers in the parking lot to section off a safe play area for the
preschool and King's Kids



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's Camp & Retreat 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Rummage Sale
2 Men's Camp & Retreat 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	3 King's Kids Summer Camp Begins 6:00 PM Bible Study (Rm 12)	4 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	5 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 6:00 PM Lego Club (Youth Rm)	6 1:00 PM American Sewing Guild (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12)	7	8 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wise Owl's 10:00 AM-12:00 PM Touch A Truck (Rec)
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16 Father's Day 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	17	18 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	19 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Men's Fellowship: Dart ball	20 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12)	21	22
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Birthdays

- 2 Megan Habusta 14 Brianna Miller
- 3 James Bailey 15 Brian Kuntz
- 5 Kathy Vanaman 16 Ella Craddock
- 6 Judy Nickol 17 Trudy Heck
- 7 Denny Gearhart 17 Til Matuili
- 7 Diane Richard 17 Anya Michlberger
- 7 Betty Scaife 21 Janet Buckles
- 8 Emma Alberts 21 Rich Goebelt
- 9 Hannah Bergmann 21 Donna Musch
- 9 Stephanie Ryan 23 Becky Springer
- 10 Alayna Satterfield 24 Tim Richard
- 10 Robert Whipple 27 Elizabeth Mowers
- 11 Larry Broemsen 29 Catherine Kenny
- 12 Linda Weyandt 30 Natalie Evanoski
- 13 Jon Huck 30 Isaac Parmelee

Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Griffin
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. John Dailey
- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ross
- 4 Mrs. Emily Hamrick
- 5 Rev. & Mrs. David Zachrich
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Emmendorfer
- 6 Rev. & Mrs. Doug Riley
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Habusta
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Von Alleshouse
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Eyring
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bloom
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Shawn DeWolf
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Denny Gearhart
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Young
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Matuili

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