

The Living Light

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God rescued me because he delighted in me. Psalm 18:19

Have you ever noticed that the theme of rescue is the theme of all great movies? It doesn't matter if it's The Lord of the Rings or the Harry Potter movies or The Black Panther or something serious like Schindler's List. The theme of rescue is the great theme of all good movies. Disaster movies are actually rescue movies. All that change is whether it's an asteroid or a tidal wave or an earthquake or a virus or something, but somebody's got to come in and save the day.



In fact the highest grossing movies of all time are rescue movies. Titanic, Avatar, Star Wars, and The Avengers. Those are the four highest grossing movies or series of movies in history. They're all about being rescued.

If you want to read a good rescue story the greatest book of rescue is, of course, the Bible. This is just one rescue story after another. This past year, it's been fascinating Reading God's Story. Together we read about how Adam and Eve messed it up and blew it and how ever since, God has been bailing us out over and over and over. The Bible is the story of the rescue of Abraham. It is the story of the rescue of Jonah. It is the story of the rescue of Noah. It is the story of the rescue of Joseph and Moses and Gideon and story after story. It is the story of the rescue of the nation of Israel over and over again.

When you read the Bible, the Bible uses rescue terms to describe what God wanted to do for all of us. It uses words like "saved, redeemed, rescued, delivered, liberated, set free." All of these terms have to do with God's rescue plan for us.

But the greatest rescue story of all of course is Easter – the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ; because Easter is the story of the greatest rescue mission ever, where God comes to earth in the person Jesus Christ to rescue all of humanity. Paul puts it this way in Galatians 1:3-4



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age,

The Bible says Jesus can rescue me from the stress of life. If you're stressed out...

- He can rescue me from the attacks of others.
- He wants to rescue me from a guilty conscience so you don't carry guilt around your entire life.
- He wants to rescue me from overwhelming problems.
- He wants to rescue me from the fear of death, from the judgment of hell, from financial distress.
- He wants to rescue you from the prison of addictions, from a life without purpose, from people who cause you trouble, from worry, from depression.
- He even wants to rescue you from traps that are in your path that you don't see but He sees them and He wants to keep you from making mistakes.

The bottom line is this: There is no problem in your life that God is not interested in. There is no problem in your life that God will not help you with. There is no problem in your life that he has not offered to rescue you from if you will trust him.

Why does God do this? Why does God want to help you in every area of your life? The Psalmist shares the answer with us:

God rescued me because he delights in me. (Psalm 18:19). May you enjoy knowing that God has rescued you and that He delights in you! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! ~Pastor Andy

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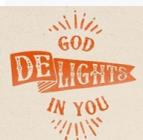


The Living Light Online!

The Living Light will be available on the Tallmadge Lutheran website, www.tlcoh.org only beginning in May. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the newsletter, please contact the church secretary (secretary@tlcoh.org or 330.633.4775). There will also be a few hard copies available for pick up at the church.

Since we know many of you appreciate a calendar with birthdays & anniversaries listed, that document will now be available for pickup here at church each month. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we make this transition.

Go Green!





Orange Ministry Conference

Kyle and I had the privilege of attending the Orange ministry conference last spring. We're so thankful to work at a church that values continuing education, and appreciated the financial support we received to experience the powerful, innovative, and inspiring conference! The speakers, resources, tools, and ideas we gathered have influenced the children's & youth ministry here at TLC in the past year.

The ministry strategy behind Orange flows from this truth: God ordained both the family, and the church to influence the faith of the next generation. Orange represents the idea that two forces working together *will have exponentially more influence than either entity alone*. For us, that means parents (families) and the church should work together to make a difference in the lives of children and youth, so that we can do more together than we do alone!

Orange encourages churches to rethink the way they minister to families. Through their speakers, blogs, podcasts, books, and other resources, Orange helps us reconsider WHY we do what we do and HOW we do it—partnering with us, as we intentionally partner with families and parents.

We're happy to attend the Orange conference this year (April 25-27), and we're bringing Pastor Andy along! This year's theme is "One Voice: We can do more together":

"There is a unique kind of momentum that happens when everyone in a church leads together as ONE VOICE. Orange Conference 18 will be an opportunity to re-imagine the potential you can have as ONE VOICE. You will discover how to...build a curriculum strategy that is comprehensive from preschool to adulthood, cue every parent and grandparent to leave a lasting legacy of faith and character in their own kids, rally volunteers around a common language that helps them win in leading the next generation, partner with other churches to provide the kind of practical solutions that can transform the faith of a community."



Read more at theorangeconference.org and please pray for us as we travel to Atlanta this month! We are so excited to learn, grow, be inspired, and bring back some wonderful resources. *To God be the Glory!!*

- Hannah Lang

Kids Beach Club End of Year Celebration

It's been a wonderful year of Kids Beach Club! God has surely blessed this after-school Bible club, hosted at Munroe School. TLC sponsors and coordinates this program with the help of other area churches and a wonderful team of volunteers. We have the amazing opportunity to "Make Jesus Cool in School" by singing worship songs, handing out Bibles, hearing Bible stories, and praying with the 80 students that attend our Club twice a month.

To celebrate how God has been working through us to impact the lives of these students, we have planned a **special celebration event for the Kids Beach Club students, their families, and the volunteers!** Here at TLC on Sunday, April 15 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, we will provide a free lunch, games & activities for the students, then have an end of year ceremony of sorts. We'll sing the kids' favorite worship songs, and show a slideshow of photos from this year. Then, our volunteer team leaders will get up to talk about the students in their small group, and hand each of them a free Kids Beach Club t-shirt!



If you'd like to support this ministry, please consider a financial gift to cover the cost of t-shirts. (\$10 per student). We would also appreciate a few volunteers to help serve lunch, greet families, and work our VBS registration table! Please connect with Kyle or Hannah if you are interested in helping (hannahlang@tlcoh.org or kylelang@tlcoh.org). **Most importantly, please join us in praising God for this incredible ministry, and pray that He would use the opportunity to draw these students and families to Himself.**

Hebrews

Sunday Morning Bible Study – HEBREWS

Jewish Christians were under fire from their kinsmen for neglecting the Jewish traditions. Faced with hostility, the loss of jobs, and worse, many were tempted to hide their faith in Christ. Then a trusted mentor reminded them in a strong, clear letter that Christ is far superior to anything Judaism offers. The letter to the Hebrews was written to show that you can't go back to an earlier stage of God's purposes but must press on eagerly to the one that is yet to come. Come find encouragement and assurance that pressing on, even in the face of such close and constant pressure to fall back, is its own reward. Join Pastor Andy in Room 12 each Sunday morning in April for this Bible Study of the book of Hebrews.



Second Saturday Serve— April 14 from 10:30 am—12:00 pm

We want to LIVE the LOVE of Jesus in our community and give our congregation members a chance to interact inter-generationally on a regular basis. Mark your calendars now for April 14 for the next Second Saturday Serve. In addition, if you and your family has a favorite place to serve please let Kyle know we are always looking for more Second Saturday Serve sites! (kylelang@tlcoh.org)



8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Our Eighth grade confirmation students will be attending an over-night retreat to help them prepare for being confirmed as living their faith in High School this fall. This retreat will be on April 20-21 at Camp Buckeye. Please keep these 8th grade youth in your prayers: Isaac Alberts, Chip DeWolf, Aaron Ferrell, Emma Hedderly, Blake Miller, Diana Roush, and Zoe Voelker.

Confirmation Sunday at TLC - May 6, 2018 at 10:30am

Come celebrate the confession of faith made by these 8th Graders: Isaac Alberts, Chip DeWolf, Aaron Ferrell, Emma Hedderly, Blake Miller, Diana Roush, and Zoe Voelker. The Public Examination will be on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm.



The Lutheran Woman's Spring Rally— April 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

This years LWSP will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 550 E. Wilbeth Road, Akron. The theme is *Sunday School 101: Being A Child Again*. Our ingathering will be items collected for The Battered Women's Shelter . Liquid laundry detergent, canned soup, pajamas, and tennis shoes are examples of items collected. Items can be any size and gently used. The cost of each person is \$10.00. Please RSVP to Jeanie Dinehart, by April 14, at 330-221-8859. If you need a ride, please see Sandy Dixon.



Spotlight: Walther Christian Academy

March 7, the TLC Music Ministry had the awesome opportunity to host students from the choir program Walther Christian Academy, a Lutheran private high school in Melrose Park, IL. Our congregation was blessed to have the WCA choirs join us for our 6:30 pm midweek service, followed by a sacred concert. Several members and friends of the TLC congregation assisted with feeding the students at the 5:00 pm Lenten dinner and hosting the students and chaperones overnight in their homes before their departure to New York. The director, Lori Boyer, and her crew were beyond pleased with their visit to TLC, stating that we provided the smoothest possible stay for them within their 14 years of touring.

On behalf of the Music Ministry, thank you to everyone who assisted in making this wonderful musical fellowship possible. Please enjoy a few photos which captured this experience.

Bryon Black II

Director of Music





Preschool had a great time celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday and St. Patrick's Day last month!
Check back next month to see what King's Kids were up to in April!



Youth Group Corner

Kyle Lang, Director of Youth and Outreach Ministries

Tool Day (Tallmadge Outreach of Love)

Saturday, June 9—Our congregation has been such a great supporter of COOL Day in the past, that we were inspired to try something a little different this year! Presenting TOOL Day! (Tallmadge Outreach of Love). We're looking for teams of volunteers to serve on home projects for our own church members. We need volunteers to pray, to give, to build, to encourage, to plant, to clean – God can use any of your gifts! Please consider signing up to be either a Home Leader (project manager for a home), a general volunteer, or a prayer warrior. Volunteer applications are available by the mailboxes.

We are now accepting applications from home owners that could use some work on the outside of their home. This could include power washing, yard work, cleaning etc. For a full list or to fill out a Homeowner Application, see the form by the mailboxes. We are also accepting nominations for members in the congregation that you might know of who you could use judgement-free help on their home. We are ready to serve! If you have any questions, please contact Gail McAlister (gmcAlister1@neo.rr.com) or Kyle Lang (kylelang@tlcoh.org) .

Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat

Calling all 8th grade confirmation students! Please mark your calendar for April 20-21 for a Confirmation retreat at Camp Buckeye. This will be a time of celebration as well as a time of preparation for the Confirmation Examination, *and* for your life after confirmation. We will leave TLC parking lot at 4:30 pm Friday, and plan to return Saturday at 3:30 pm. Please look for more details in the upcoming weeks. Let Pastor Andy, Hannah, or Kyle Lang know if you have any questions, or would like to help attend as a chaperone.

Upcoming Youth Events

March 31 Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Breakfast setup
April 1 Easter Breakfast
April 8 Youth Group
April 20-21 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
April 22 Youth Group

Putting On The Hits

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the Youth at Putting on the hits. A big thanks to everyone who helped setup and serve. A special thank you to Oliva, and all the other youth and parents who helped out. Make sure to check out all of our social media pages for pictures and videos of the night. Please make sure to like and comment. As always, it was a great night with a great Church family.

Second Saturday Serve

The food pantry, worked on two months ago, continues to receive lot of use. Thank you again to all those who helped. This is a great way to show the love of Jesus to the members of our Church and the community. In addition, if you and your family have a organization that you like to serve at, and could see it as a TLC Serve site please let Kyle know (kylelang@tlcoh.org) Our next Second Saturday Serve is April 14.



Ministry Spotlight

Junior High DYG

I want to thank everyone who prayed for the junior highers as they went on the DYG in March. The band and speakers were awesome and we had a great time! It was also an special way to celebrate my birthday with 300 of my closest junior high friends.

- Kyle Lang



When you see ask junior highers, be sure to ask them what their favorite, and most impactful part of the trip was. Make sure to check out all our social media pages for pictures, and videos from the event.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Easter Celebration Service 10:30 AM Easter Celebration Service	2 Church Office Closed No King's Kids/No Preschool 6:30 PM Monday Night Bible Study	3 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Financial Audit Meeting (Rm 12)	4 6:30 AM Men's Study @ Panera Bread 6:30 PM Bible Study (library) 6:30 PM Faith and Family Night 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM MOPS Book Study 1:00 PM American Sewing Guild (Rm 12)	6	7
8 Family Ministry Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. / Sr. Youth Groups	9 6:30 PM Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM Board of Directors	10 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Board of Elders	11 6:30 AM Men's Study @ Panera Bread 6:30 PM Bible Study (library) 6:30 PM 8th Grade Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM MOPS 6:30 PM Youth Bells 7:05 PM Youth Choir	13	14 Second Saturday Serve
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Birthdays

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| 1 Jim Scheck | 15 Heidi Beck |
| 2 Laurie Matulin | Terri Moseley |
| 4 Laura Miller | 16 Benjamin Cipa |
| 5 Carol Goebelt | Dan Fosnight |
| Katharina Leisner | 17 Judy Wilkins |
| Jessica Moggridge | 18 Natalie Gearhart |
| Landon Staszak | 19 Mathew Pifer |
| 6 Madeline Alberts | 22 Samuel Wahl |
| Char Brueggeman | 26 Vera Buhalak |
| 7 Sue Capp | Lisa Gyulai |
| Hannah Lang | Leigh Jennings |
| 10 Allen Emmendorfer | Mike Titus |
| Jim Scranton | 27 Emily Crawley |
| 11 Jeanne Colosetti | Chris Henderson |
| Anya Toepke | Jerry Young |
| 12 Zachary Barry | 28 Fae Broemsen |
| Mary Ellen Kepler | Monna Fenske |
| Kory Senderling | 30 David Bass |
| Ryley Trent | Kelsey Rice |
| 14 Nathaniel Bailey | |
| Megan Hauser | |
| Arlene Jamison | |
| Elizabeth Jennings | |
| Anniversaries | |
| 2 Mr. & Mrs. David Dailey | |
| 14 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Springer | |

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