



The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2018 | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A True Gift of Love

In case you haven't heard, February 14, 2018 presents a conundrum for many of us. On one hand, it's Valentine's Day – a day to celebrate love with fine food and special gifts. On the other hand, it's also Ash Wednesday – a day to reflect on our sinfulness and mortality and to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads. So what do you do? What is the best way to observe this day?



It's my hope and prayer that February 14, 2018 may be a true celebration of love and fellowship!



Ash Wednesday provides us an opportunity to come together for dinner and for worship as brothers and sisters in Christ. Through food and conversations, we encourage and support and love one another in our journey through this life.

Ash Wednesday also reminds us just how much God loves us. It's a day to consider the lengths God was willing to go to make us part of His family. It's a time to remember that our sins have been paid for, death has been defeated, and the door of heaven has been flung open for all who believe in Jesus Christ so that we may live in God's love forever.

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This Lent, you are invited to read through God's love letter for you – His Word. Together as God's people, we will be reading the Gospel of Mark accompanied by devotions written by TLC members and staff. In Jesus Christ, God has given us a true gift of love!

Pastor Andy



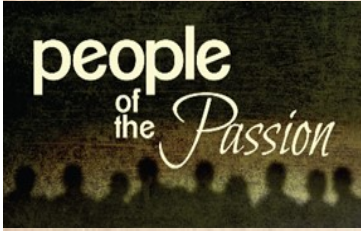
On Sunday, January 21, fourteen TLC members gathered together to explore how we carry out GROWING, CARING, SHARING. TLC leaders and staff have identified three areas to accomplish our mission – Connecting families and the NextGen to Jesus; Serving our Community; and Growing Disciples who Make Disciples. We identified the following three goals for 2018:



- Create, distribute and analyze a comprehensive survey to families to determine their needs and how to better connect them with Sunday School, equip them to be intentional with teaching their children at home, and how to reach families that are not making it to church on a regular basis.
- T.O.O.L. (Tallmadge Outreach of Love) - continue and increase Second Saturday Serve opportunities to include a mini COOL day where TLC members provide outdoor landscape care to members or friends of members in the community.
- Start 3 new small groups by the end of 2018.

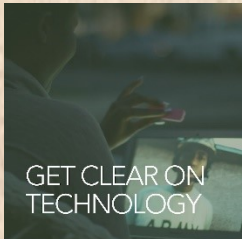
TLC UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Midweek Lenten Theme—Stories of Passion



This Lent we will come together as God's people to remember Jesus and those people involved with his journey to the cross. I've always wondered what it would be like to hear from the people who saw Jesus with their own eyes - what stories they would tell. This Lent, we will be hearing from those whose lives intersected with the life and passion of Jesus. May these stories draw you into a closer relationship with your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. On Wednesday nights during Lent, we will journey through the stories of Nicodemus, Pontius Pilate, Mary Magdalene, Simon of Cyrene, the thief on the cross, Joseph of Arimathea, and the disciples John, Peter, and Judas.

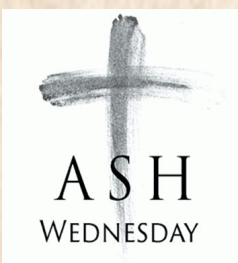
Married People Night Out



Get Clear on . . . TECHNOLOGY

Technology is a part of our lives. Sometimes that's a good thing, and sometimes it's not. But technology is neither of those things in and of itself – it's a tool. And we can use it to connect with our spouse more, or disconnect and distract. The bottom line for this night together: We must fight for deep access to our spouse, versus immediate access to our devices! Come to have fun with your spouse for this Married People Night Out on Saturday, February 3 at 7:00pm.

February 14—Worship at 6:30pm



On Ash Wednesday, come remember Nicodemus' visit to Jesus in the middle of the night. Through a dramatic monologue, you will see Jesus through the eyes of someone who doesn't know what to make of Jesus. The Bible does tell us that after Jesus' death, Nicodemus does help take Jesus' body off the cross and into the tomb. Nicodemus' story is one of questions and wondering that turns into faith and action. We are reminded of our own baptismal birth to new life in Christ and of the call of God to die daily to sin and rise in Christ to newness of life.

Early Communication Instruction



During Lent our congregation will offer once again Early Communion instruction for grade five and older. Along with their parents, students will learn about the gift of Holy Communion, how to prepare oneself to receive this gift, and about the Biblical event of the Passover. The celebration of First Communion for those students who complete this instruction will be at the Maundy Thursday worship service on March 29.

This instruction is OPTIONAL! Students who do not participate will continue to receive First Communion at their Confirmation.

Pastor Andy will be teaching these sessions during the normal Sunday morning instruction hour from 9:20am – 10:15am in the Library on the following dates: February 18, Feb 25, March 4, March 11, April 18, and April 25. Please call or email Pastor Andy with questions (330.203.5474, pastorandy@tlcoh.org).

Sunday Bible Classes

Adult Instruction Class

It's not too late to sit in on a session to refresh the basics of the Christian faith as taught in Holy Scripture and Luther's Small Catechism. This course is for all people, irrespective of their background and experience. Classes will be led by Pastor Andy Sunday mornings in the Library at 9:20am.

"The Life You've Always Wanted"

If you are tired of the status quo—if you suspect there's more to Christianity than what you've experienced, come to this study to explore spiritual disciplines that lead to life transformation and spiritual growth. This class is led by Pastor Riley at 9:20 in room 12.

Tallmadge Christian Preschool is Now Registering for the 2018-2019 School Year!

Classes offered 2018-2019

3-4 year old Class will be offered for children who will be 3 by September 1st. Classes will be held 9:00-11:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays OR Wednesdays and Fridays.

4-5 year old Class is held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings either 9:00-11:30 am OR 12:15-2:45 pm. These classes are for students who will be 4 by September 1st and may or may not be attending kindergarten the following Fall.

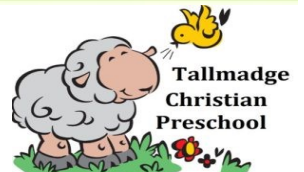
Pre-K Class is held Monday through Friday mornings 9:00-11:30 am. These classes are for students who are 4 by September 1st, will be attending kindergarten the following Fall, AND have completed 1 year of preschool prior to the start of the first class.

Me and My Grown Up! This class is held on Mondays from 9:00 to 10:30 am and is for children 2 years old by May 1st and accompanied by a grown up (parent, grandparent or caregiver). The grownup stays with the child during class and helps introduce preschool fun during the classes. Children do not need to be potty-trained to attend this class since an adult will be present at all times. We ask that the same adult attend each class to help with the routine of the class. Due to the limited space in the classroom, siblings not enrolled in the class are not able to attend.

Please contact Katie Bungard, Director,
if you have any questions or are interested in registering.
(kbungard@tlcoh.org or at 330-633-4908)



Preschool and King's Kids News



Summer and next Fall's Before & After School Care Programs.

Do not get left out of all the fun! King's Kids is taking registration for both!

Your child will be welcomed into a safe Christian atmosphere licensed by the State of Ohio with a wide range of activities that everyone can enjoy!

9:00 am—3:00pm 3, 4, or 5 days a week.
YOU CAN PICK YOUR DAYS for your set schedule.
Before (6:30-9:00 am) and After Care (3:00-6:30 pm) is also offered.

For more information, contact Director, Katie Bungard
at 330-633-4908 or email at kbungard@tlcoh.org.
Check out all the fun on Facebook:
[www.Facebook.com/ KingsKidsSchoolAgedChildCare](http://www.Facebook.com/KingsKidsSchoolAgedChildCare)

Check back next month to see what the King's Kids were up to in February!

Youth Group Corner

Kyle Lang, Director of Youth and Outreach Ministries

Super Bowl Subs

Make sure to order your box lunch for Super Bowl Sunday, February 4! The deadline to order is Thursday, February 1. Box Lunches include: 6" Sub sandwich with your choice of toppings, a homemade cookie, a bottle of water, chips, and a pickle spear. All this for only \$6.50. What a deal! You can order subs for yourself or buy them to donate to Haven of Rest! Completed order can be placed in the envelope on the youth bulletin board across from the mailboxes. Extra box lunches will be sold on Sunday, but **PREORDERS GUARANTEE** you get your sub the way you like it.

Youth group kids- please plan to help assemble the box lunches before church on Sunday, February 4, starting at 6:30am, and to help pass out Subs in between the worship services. I know this is an early morning, but it is lots of fun and a great way to make money for retreats and outings we go on as a youth group!

Upcoming Youth Events

January 28 Youth Group Game Night
January 31 Confirmation
February 4 Super Bowl Sub Making Party
February 7 Confirmation
February 10 Second Saturday Serve
February 11 Youth Group
February 14 No Confirmation
February 18 – 19 Camp Burton
February 21 Confirmation
February 25 Youth Group
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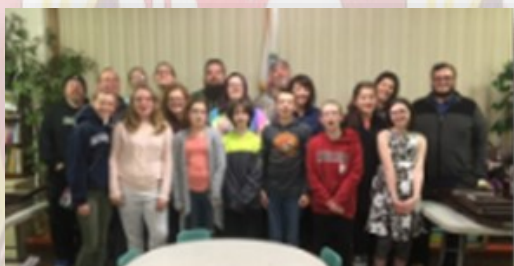
Camp Burton

February 18-19 is our first overnight retreat this year. We will be heading back to camp Burton with Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Solon, Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Amherst, and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Cleveland. This is always a fun time where we play games and dive into God's Word. This is for any youth in 8th grade through senior in high school. You don't want to miss it. Please let Kyle know if you are interested in attending or have any questions by January 25. This year the cost is \$10 per person to offset our food and snack costs.

Junior High DYG

Calling all Jr. High Youth! It is time to start thinking about the District Youth Gathering on March 9-11. The Gathering will be hosted at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus. This is an awesome event and I encourage all our Junior highers to attend. Please let Kyle know if you have any questions or if you are interested in attending by January 30.

Ministry Spotlight



Redeemer Crisis Center—Thank You

Thank you to all the kids and parents who helped out with our first Second Sunday Serve at Redeemer Crisis Center in Cleveland! We helped sort the donation intake room, then served & ate dinner with the clients who came in that night! Way to show your servant's hearts!

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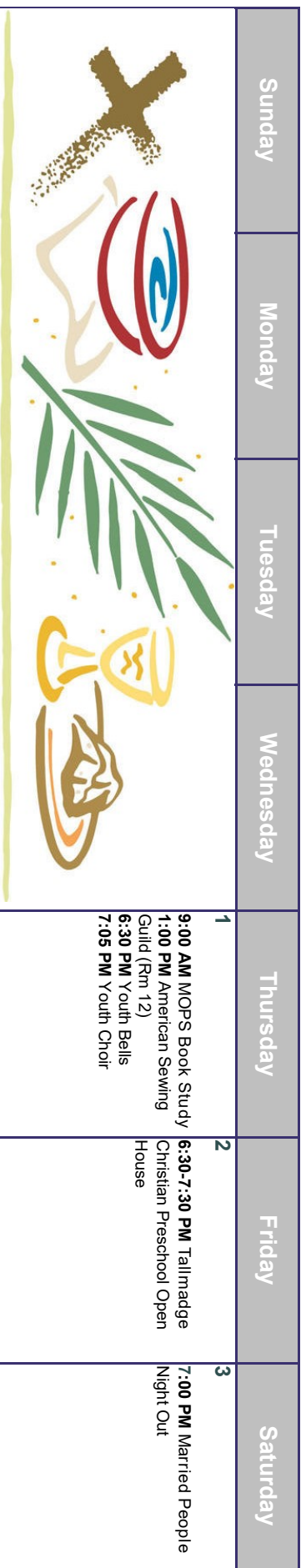
February Birthdays

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| 1 Bob Ray | 25 Joshua Feeman |
| Denise Tell | Kay Graybeal |
| 3 Cindy Strand | Giuliana Hovey |
| 4 Michelle Tennant | Jessica Huzzard |
| 5 Robert Bloom | Randy Keen |
| 5 Cullen Damon | Drew Richard |
| Laura Eyring | 26 Janet Gearhart |
| Roger Lattimer | 27 Cindy Phipps |
| 8 Justin Fox | Joe Schuster |
| 10 Claire Michlberger | 28 Anne Kuntz |
| Judy Rice | Lucy Reynolds |

February Anniversaries

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| 11 Andrew Titus | 7 Pat & Denise Larson |
| 12 Michele Kaiser | 15 Robert & Linda Shinafelt |
| Jenna Senderling | 25 Clive & Jessica Moggridge |
| 13 Andy Alberts | 27 Todd & Laura Miller |
| Von Allehouse | |
| Kim Olds | |
| 15 Luke Dussel | |
| 16 Ben Dailey | |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 9:00 AM MOPS Book Study 1:00 PM American Sewing Guild (Rm 12) 6:30 PM Youth Bells 7:05 PM Youth Choir | 2 6:30-7:30 PM Tallmadge Christian Preschool Open House | 3 7:00 PM Married People Night Out |



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| 4 6:30 AM Super Bowl Sub Assembly 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Super Bowl Sub Order Pick-up (between services) | 5 6:30 PM Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 PM Board of Directors | 6 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Bells 7:00 PM Elders | 7 6:30 AM Men's Study @ Panera Bread 6:30 PM Faith and Family Night 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 8 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM MOPS 6:30 PM Youth Bells 7:05 PM Youth Choir | 9 | 10 Second Saturday Serve |
| 11 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. / Sr. Youth Groups | 12 March Newsletter Deadline 6:30 PM Monday Night Bible Study | 13 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Bells | 14 Valentines Day Ash Wednesday No Confirmation 6:30 AM Men's Study @ Panera Bread 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 15 6:30 PM Youth Bells 7:05 PM Youth Choir | 16 No King's Kids/No Preschool | 17 |
| 18 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Maxwell Baptism Camp Burton Retreat | 19 No King's Kids/ No Preschool Presidents' Day 6:30 PM Monday Night Bible Study Camp Burton Retreat | 20 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Bells | 21 6:30 AM Men's Study @ Panera Bread 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | 22 6:30 PM Youth Bells 7:05 PM Youth Choir | 23 | 24 12:00 PM Annual Euchre Tournament |
| 25 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship- Preschool sings Michberger Baptism 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. / Sr. Youth Groups | 26 6:30 PM Monday Night Bible Study | 27 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 12:00 PM Wise Owls trip to Hartville 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Adult Bells | 28 6:30 AM Men's Study @ Panera Bread 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal | | | |

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| 17 Spike Moyer | 21 Juliana Eyring |
| 18 Ellen Tywon | Lynne Randig |
| 19 Matthias Rettig | 22 Alexander Dutka |
| Diane Staszak | Amber Luptak |
| 21 John Dailey, Jr. | 23 Anthony Munoz |
| 21 | 24 Karley Salter |