

The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH 2019 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

One Another-ing

As we enter the season of Lent beginning with Ash Wednesday on March 6, this is a great time to reflect on our relationship with God and our relationship with others.



One Lenten tradition is giving up something you consider precious in order to honor the fact that Jesus gave up His life for us. This Lent, I want to challenge you to add something to your life – strive to love one another as God has loved you.

Loving others is vital to being Christ's church on earth. Jesus told his followers in John 13:35, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." In this passage, Jesus calls this a *new* commandment—to love one another.

I have always wondered what makes this commandment "new." The command to love each other is not new in and of itself. Leviticus 19:18 said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." What appears to be new is the way we are to love, namely, "as Jesus has loved us."

Jesus says in the second part of John 13:34 "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Never before had the Son of God come into the world and laid down his life for his people. This amazing greatness of suffering and sacrifice by God's own Son had never happened. This is new.

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Embedded in this new commandment is the call of Jesus to trust him as the sin-bearing Lamb of God for everything we need. The apostle John puts it this way in 1 John 3:23, “And this is his commandment [singular], that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ *and* love one another, just as he has commanded us.” The command of believing in Jesus and loving each other is inseparable! People won’t know you are a disciple of Jesus if you make no profession of faith in Jesus. But if you declare yourself openly to be a disciple of Jesus — your Savior, your Lord — *then* your love for others will be vital in showing that you are really following Jesus.

Jesus comes back to this in John 15 and makes it clear: “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:12-13). And how do we love like that? Jesus tells us, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. *Abide in my love.*”

The desire and strength to love one another as Jesus has loved us comes from abiding in Jesus’ love for you and me.

Not only do we love one another, but God’s Word calls us to Forgive one another, Accept one another, Confess and pray for one another, Encourage one another, and Submit to one another.

Join us on Sundays during Lent as we explore key “one another” passages and learn about the call toward biblical community. I look forward to exploring these “one another” biblical commands with all of you at TLC. Thank you for being (in the best biblical sense of the word) a “one another” church.

In His Grip,

Pastor Andy



Pastor Andy leading devotion for Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Tallmadge Middle School.



Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Engaging the Holy - A Lenten Worship Series

It's been said: A picture is like a thousand words. This Lent at TLC, we will be exploring images captured in scripture surrounding the events leading up to the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Lord has filled His creation with holiness – sometimes it is hard to find. This Lent is a challenge for all of us to find and engage the holy in our everyday lives. Each midweek Lenten worship service will incorporate a theme word: Wilderness, Wind, Water, Darkness, Hope, Fear.

Members of TLC are invited to submit photos that express that theme word in your life. Submitted photographs will be shown following the sermon each Wednesday night. Photographs can be sent to Pastor Andy at pastorandy@tlcoh.org or 330-203-5474.

2019 Midweek Lenten Worship at TC - Images of Hope

March 6	Wilderness
March 13	Wind
March 20	Water
March 27	Darkness
April 3	Hope
April 10	Fear

Announcements

Gym Closing

TLC is closing the Fellowship Hall/Gym Sunday, March 24 after late Service through Saturday, March 30 for maintenance.

LWML

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is now at the end of the church mailboxes.

LWML is still collecting pop tabs, stamps, clean prescription bottles. Please place in the container on the LWML board (if small), in the LWML box or in Sandy Dixon's church mailbox.

The weekend of February 1, two boxes of bottles went down to Dublin, Ohio and then to 25 Ministries in Cincinnati to be used overseas.

Easter Flowers for the Altar

It is time to order flowers to celebrate our Risen Lord ! This year we will be offering Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, including Tete-a-tetes, Chrysanthemums and Hydrangeas to adorn the Altar. Easter Flower Order envelopes are available by the mailboxes. Please indicate quantity, color & if in memory of a loved one or blessing. Place the order form & check payable to "Tallmadge Lutheran Church" & "altar flowers" on the memo line in Becky Springer's mailbox. Orders should be in by Sunday, April 7 to guarantee availability. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 am service on Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.

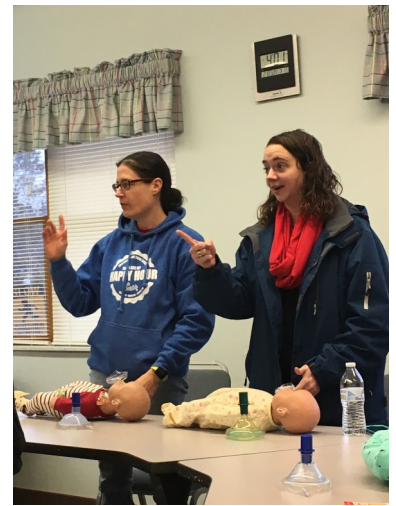
New TLC Directory

You're invited to be a part of our new photo directory. Our last directory was printed in 2015. As you look around in worship, you will see that we have new families, there have been weddings, and babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new photo directory will help us capture these changes.

Wednesday, March 27	1:00 pm – 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday, March 28	2:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday, March 29	1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 30	10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sign-up will also be available on Sunday mornings before and after worship at TLC. This TLC Directory won't be complete without you!

TLC Staff CPR & First Aid Classes



Thank you to Katie Bungard for coordinating the classes.



Youth Group Corner

Kyle Lang, Director of Youth and Outreach Ministries

Junior Youth District Gathering

Please pray for our Junior High as they head to the Junior High Gathering in Columbus, OH March 8-10.

Second Saturday Serve: Haven of Rest



Making *blessing cards* for visitors.



Ministry Spotlight

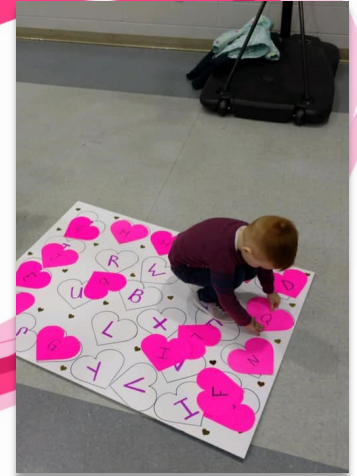
Thank you so much for all of those who purchased Super Bowl Subs in February. Because of the generosity of our members, TLC was able to donate 45 sub sandwiches to Haven of Rest and raise over \$1000 to help send the Youth Group to the Senior High Youth Gathering this summer!

A big shout out to all those youth and kids who helped construct and sell the subs.

Great things are happening at TLC!!



Tallmadge Christian Preschool Valentine's Day Parties



During February, King's Kids participated in Akron Children's Hospital "Have A Heart, Do Your Part" by becoming Change Bandits.

King's Kids students raised \$84.00!!



Choir to perform with DCINY at Carnegie Hall

Our TLC Chancel Choir has been invited to perform in an outstanding, incredible opportunity in New York City on November 14-17, 2019 with Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY). Eighteen of our singers will join a mass choir of 275 choristers from around the country to perform *Sing Christmas*, a Christmas Cantata by Mary McDonald & Joel Raney. While looking for one more choir to participate, DCINY found our TLC website video singing McDonald's "Mercy Tree" on Easter. They were so impressed by our musicianship & passion, they reached out to us to be a part of their performance! The concert will be held in Carnegie Hall on the evening of Sunday, November 18, 2019.

We will be doing a variety of fundraising endeavors throughout the year to help offset the trip costs for our choir members.

Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare. We certainly thank you in advance for any donations or assistance you may be able to provide as we pursue this exciting opportunity for our TLC Music Ministry!

Benefit Voice Recital

TLC Director of Music Bryon Black II will be hosting a benefit voice recital on Friday, March 29, 2019 at 7:30pm. The recital will be held at Tallmadge Lutheran Church open to the public. The recital will feature our Collaborative Pianist, Sadie Fellows. Selections will include vocal art songs spanning various genres, including Baroque, Classical, 20th century, spirituals, and more! Admission will be \$5.00, and all proceeds will go towards funding the TLC Chancel Choir's trip to perform in a DCINY event at Carnegie Hall this November.

Please plan to attend. We would love to see you there! Feel free to contact Bryon Black II (music@tlcoh.org) with any questions.

"Shout the Good News!" cantata recordings available

Recordings from our Chancel Choir & Orchestra's cantata "Shout the Good News!" in December are now available! You may *think* now isn't the time for Christmas music – but our choir's singing will help you to celebrate the good news of Christ all year round!

Buy a recording to keep Christ's good news with you, or spread it to others who didn't get to hear our music in December! CDs can be purchased for \$10.00. the Music Ministry. Contact Bryon Black II (music@tlcoh.org) to get your copy today!



Music Ministry News

TLC Building Projects:

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



computer storage,
snow plowing, new
sensors & facet in
bathrooms, carbon
monoxide sensors

Tallmadge Lutheran Church *joins in the* 2019 Memorial Day 5K



5K RUN

Monday, May 27, 2019

Race time: 8:00 am (5K) 8:45 am (1 mile)

Entry fee: \$25 (includes pancake breakfast)

Not in shape? Join a training group!
We will have morning and evening workouts
for 8-10 weeks prior to the event.
All Walkers & Runners are Encouraged!



Contact Jan Tiedemann (234) 208-9681 home;
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Transfiguration Sunday 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	6:00 PM Home Bible Study 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	Ash Wednesday 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM MOPS Book Study (Rm 12) 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM MOPS Steering Team (Rm 12) 1:00 PM American Sewing Guild (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 6:45 PM Youth Choir 7:30 PM Ohio Christian University	1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Meeting (Youth room)	12:00 PM Member Event (Rm 12, Gym)
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Junior District High Youth Gathering 8:00 AM Worship 9:00 AM Youth Choir 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Jr. / Sr. Youth Groups	6:00 PM Home Bible Study 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Board of Directors (Rm 5)	9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation (Rm 5)	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM MOPS (Rm 12) 10:00 AM All Preschool Event (gym) 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM Kids Beach Club 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 6:45 PM Youth Choir		12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wise Owls
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St. Patrick's Day 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship	6:00 PM Home Bible Study 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Jubilate Ringers	1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Confirmation (Rm 5)	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12) 6:45 PM Youth Choir		
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Birthdays

- 2 Miya Kuntz 20 Betty Dodd
- 4 Pam Meece 20 Stephen Smith
- 6 Greg Redman 21 Kathy Carmen
- 6 Christy Wahl 21 James Catherine
- 7 Ryan Pifer 21 Hanna Latimer
- 8 Juanita Graham 23 Robin Bergmann
- 8 Peggy Hill 24 Andrew Dixon
- 8 Jessica Sterling 24 Steven Staszak
- 10 Kyle Lang 27 Nathan Gorrell
- 11 Molly Conley 29 Marge Ray
- 12 Rick Kellar 30 Isaac Craddock
- 16 Marcie Pendleton 30 Annalise Hovey
- 16 Ryan Tywon 31 Marty Hauser
- 16 Denise Zehner 30 Blake Miller
- 18 Carley Ryan
- 19 David Zachrich

Anniversaries

- 2 Mr.. & Mrs. David Dailey
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Springer



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