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TLLC The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2019 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea...

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our fortress. Psalm 46:1-2, 6 ESV



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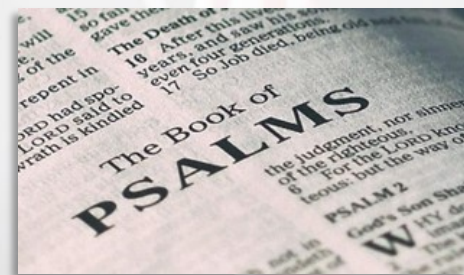
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It's amazing how powerful songs can be. Put a tune to words and all of sudden the words become much more memorable and meaningful. Think about how well you know some familiar favorite songs. A game we like to play in our family is to sing or hum a short portion of a song. Then we get a "point" if anyone else in the family starts singing or humming that song too! There is something powerful about songs.

In the Bible, the Psalms are known as the Hebrew songbook. The word *psalm* comes from a Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "song." The Psalms were the worship songs and prayers of the Old Testament people, and they continue to play a significant role in the worship life of God's people today. Their lyrics can be as memorable and as powerful as some of your favorite songs. You could think of the Psalms as a playlist for God's people.

Can you "Finish That Lyric" from the following Psalms?

- "The Lord is my shepherd ..."
- "Bless the LORD, oh my soul..."
- "Oh come let us sing to the Lord..."
- "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good..."



The Psalms are given to us to show us the conversation that has happened between the Lord and his believers throughout time. We can turn to the Psalms to give words to our prayers - those prayers we didn't have words for, the ones we were too intimidated to pray, and even the ones we thought we couldn't say. Something cool happens when you pray the Psalms. Since the Psalms are the Word of God, it is God himself who is giving us these words to pray! This has amazing consequences for our life with God. In our prayers, we can have conversations with God that include all of the thoughts, emotions, and experiences of life.

This July 10-16, eight youth and four adults will be attending the 2019 LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This year's theme is **REAL. PRESENT. GOD.** based on Psalm 46. This Psalm teaches us that our trust is not based in a naive notion that "nothing bad can happen" -- indeed, the psalm assumes the possibility of natural catastrophe and enemy attack -- but it invites the singers and hearers to put their trust in God, who alone stands firm when all else shakes.

Notice what stands out: God is our refuge and strength; God is in our midst; God is with us; "Be still and know that I am God." The call to "be still" is radical, since it demands utter reliance on God, certainly not on human weapons, not even on the good gifts of an ever-dangerous creation. Trust in God alone!

As New Testament Christians, we Christians recognize the psalm's promise ("the LORD of hosts is with us") in Jesus as Immanuel (Matthew 1:23), Jesus as temple (Matthew 12:6; John 2:21). Now God's presence in Christ fully shares the tests and turmoil of life here on earth. The God who stood above creation has now entered creation. In Christ, God comes now to fill us with His Presence and Peace knowing that we are loved and forgiven.

Please pray for our youth attending the National Youth Gathering this July. I am praying that you may take time this summer to know our Real Present God.

Pastor Andy



DCE CALL PROCESS

After much prayer and many conversations, the Board of Directors and Board of Elders has recommended that TLC move forward to call a Director of Growing, Caring and Sharing Ministries focusing on **Children's and Family Ministry**. Pastor Andy points out that

"Tallmadge Lutheran Church is uniquely situated in Tallmadge to create partnerships with parents and young families through our Preschool, Kings Kids, and proximity to Tallmadge City Schools. I believe that the Lord is calling TLC to leverage our staff, ministries, laity, and resources to strategically reach out to students to connect them to Jesus Christ, equip and encourage parents to be the primary faith-influencers in the lives of their kids, and create community through Word and Sacraments in worship and in small groups."

A Call Committee has been formed of the following TLC members: Cindy Strand & John Dailey – co-chairs; Gail McAlister, Tim Ross, Beth Niermann, Ashley Fosnight, and Pastor Andy. This call committee has begun to review a list of candidates provided by the Ohio District Office.

Please keep the call process in your prayers!

CHURCH & MONEY

Does the Church ask for money? Most definitely — and it shouldn't cause us to be ashamed or embarrassed. Instead, we need to understand why the Church needs money and asks boldly for it. Consider the dentist, grocer, or plumber. They all ask for money in return for something they give us or do for us. God is different. The blessings He gives us are free. Romans 3:24 reminds us: *(We) are justified freely by (God's) grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.* When Jesus sent out His disciples to preach, heal, and raise the dead, He did not want them to charge for God's blessings. Jesus said, *Freely you have received, freely give* (Matthew 10:8). So why does the church ask for money?

The answer can be found as Jesus further instructs His disciples. Jesus tells them not to take gold or silver or extra provisions with them. Their needs were to be supplied by those receiving the blessings: *For the worker is worth his keep* (Matthew 10:10). God's blessings of salvation are free. They were purchased "not with gold or silver but with Christ's holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death" (Luther's Small Catechism, 2nd Art.). God's blessings are free; however, it is the job of the Church to distribute these free blessings as she makes disciples, teaches, and baptizes. While the blessings may be free, the workers need to be sent and cared for, houses of worship built and maintained, Bibles printed and distributed, and the poor clothed and fed.

2019	Income	Expenses	Net Spending
January	\$28,602	\$49,045	\$(20,983)
February	\$33,371	\$35,820	\$(2,449)
March	\$37,528	\$47,851	\$(10,323)
April	\$43,601	\$45,463	\$(1,862)
May	\$32,463	\$41,367	\$(8,904)
TOTALS	\$175,565	\$219,546	\$(43,981)
Average	\$35,113	\$43,909	

We ask that you be faithful in your contributions to the Lord's work at TLC. As we enter into the call process for a new DCE, it is imperative that we restore offerings to pre-2019 levels within our congregation. Please consider presenting an extra gift to our good and generous God during these summer months to help our congregation return to fiscal sustainability. Thank you for your support and partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

THE WISE OWL PICNIC

The Wise Owls picnic had 20 people in attendance on Saturday, June 15.

Those that came seemed to have a good time with great food to share.

Our presentation was on Suri and Huacaya Alpacas given by Sandy Dixon.

Barb Bailey and her family run Alleluia Farm and provided many of the items on display.



DARTBALL

Wednesday, June 19, TLC hosted FORGE Men's Fellowship Dartball tournament. Dartball is a game that was originally played in Lutheran Churches throughout the Midwest.

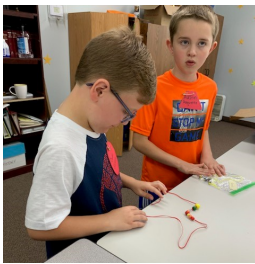
TLC would like to thank Rick Hill for coordinating this fun event. It is always rewarding to host a fun and positive experience for members and friends of our church.

Here is our secretary, Lindsay, trying out the DIY dartboard made by Pastor Andy. Homerun on her second throw. Not too shabby.



¹⁴with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship at the house of God, as we walked about among the worshipers.

Psalm 55:14



Thank you everyone who donated to VBS this year! It was an awesome, out-of-this-world week!



All donated items are stored in Kyle's old office and are ready for pick up.



Tallmadge Lutheran Church

LABOR DAY

5k / 1 Mile Walk / Run



Training begins Thursday, July 1

Better Together

You don't have to be in shape. You don't have to be a runner.

You just have to take one step and say Yes!

Join Team TLC!

An 8 week training plan starts July 1.

Morning, afternoon and evening workouts tailored to
your needs and availability.

All new walkers & runners are encouraged.

Jan Tiedemann

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Announcements

- July 1 Labor Day 5k training begins
- July 5, 1:00 - 3:00 Prayer Shawl meeting in the Youth Room
- July 8 Room 12 closed for the week
- July 10 National Youth Gathering
- July 16 August newsletter deadline
- August 8 Acme Cash Back Program begins
- August 10 TOOL day
- August 20 September newsletter deadline



Music Ministry News

CHOIR NY FUNDRAISER

At Danny Boys on the circle Sunday, July 14 – 5:00-7:00pm

The TLC Chancel Choir will be hosting a ticketed buffet dinner at Danny Boys Italian Restaurant in Tallmadge on Sunday, July 14th from 5-7:00pm. The dinner will serve as a fundraiser for our NYC Carnegie Hall trip this November. Food is buffet style, including all-you-can-eat pizza, pasta, salad, bread, soda, draft beer and wine.

Please purchase tickets in advance through our church office, website, or our choir members. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 children and free for ages 0-3. Bring your family and friends out for a wonderful evening dinner! See Bryon Black (music@tlcoh.org) or Cindy Strand with any questions.

Please see flyer on page 8.

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHANCEL CHOIR



CARNEGIE HALL '2019

FUNDRAISER DINNER
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH CHOIR



SUNDAY 7-14-19

5 - 7 PM

DANNY BOYS

10 TALLMADGE CIRCLE

\$20 Adults, \$15 Kids
Kids 3 & Under Free

**Includes: Buffet dinner,
soda, beer, wine, pizza,
pasta, salad, breadsticks**

Advance Sale Only, Call Church Office for Tickets
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Youth Group News

Christy & Andy Wahl

Lori Whipple

Jennifer Larson

National Youth Gathering

The Senior High Youth are going to **The National Youth Gathering** in Minneapolis, MN on July 10. We are asking for nonperishable donation items for the youth to take with them. (Pop tarts, granola bars, cereal bars, fruit snacks, packaged breakfast foods, snack size bags of chips, trail mix, bottled water etc.) Please put it on the table in Pastor Andy's office, marked for youth gathering By July 7. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

June 30	NYG meeting
July 7	Youth Group
July 10	NYG
July 27	Cedar Point
August 10	TOOL Day

Ministry Spotlight

The Rummage Sale



A HUGE THANKS to Sandy Dixon, Kay Graybeal, Gail McAlister, the entire Wahl family, Peggy Menke, Jen Larson, Lori Whipple and everyone who gave their time and attention to this year's rummage sale. YOU all made the sale a success! This year, TLC made over \$1800!!!

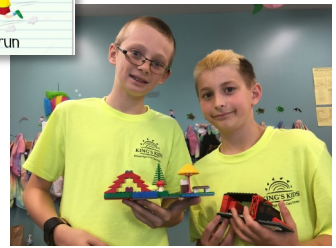
King's Kids Summer Camp



W is for...
wagon



R is for...
run



E is for...
excited

E is for...
exercise



U is for...
us

Q is for...
question



L is for...
laugh

H is for...
happy



B is for...
bike

Pp
play

Check back next month to see what Tallmadge Christian Preschool and King's Kids were up to in July!

TLC Building Projects:

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

Thank you!

Facility Accomplishments:

- New sign listing the Rules for the Playground
- Sanded and refinished courtyard benches
- River rocks
- Edging around door frames



Facility Announcements:

- Room 12 closed July 8—July 12
- Room 12 closed August 19—August 23
- Volunteers needed to help spread river rock
- Concrete ramp by preschool room for better drainage



Thanks to the Dodd memorial fund, TLC was able to purchase river rocks for the flower beds around the church. The rocks will be delivered mid August, but TLC needs help distributing the load around the church. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Clive through the church office or email him directly. 330.633.4775 or facilities@tlcoh.org



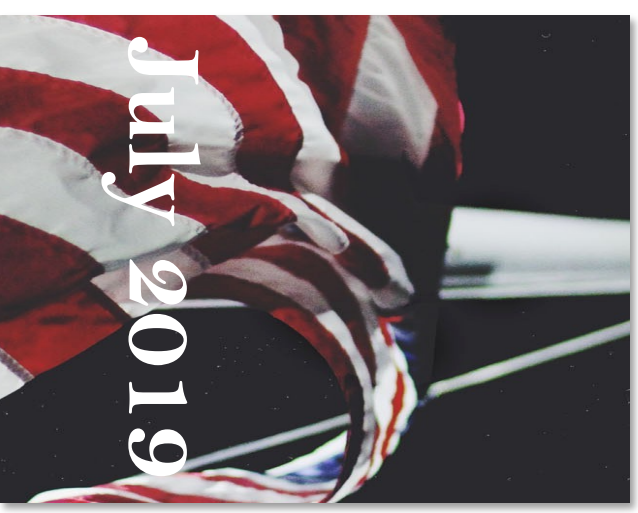
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day 5k training begins 6:00 PM Bible Study (home)	2 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	3 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12)	4 Office Closed 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group (Rm 12)	5	6
7 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:20 AM Bible Studies 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group	8 Room 12 Closed for maintenance 6:00 PM Bible Study (home)	9 Room 12 Closed for maintenance 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 5)	10 National Youth Gathering Room 12 Closed for maintenance 1:30 PM Disciple Group (Pastor's office) 6:00 PM Lego Club	11 National Youth Gathering Room 12 Closed for maintenance 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Disciple Group (Pastor's office)	12 National Youth Gathering Room 12 Closed for maintenance 1:00 PM American Sewing Guild (Library)	13 National Youth Gathering
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Birthdays

- Isalah Alberts
- Eden Parmelee
- Butch Reschke
- Lillian Whipple
- Aaron Ferrell
- Bob Knepper
- Alexis Zehner
- Heather Ross
- Sophia Kellar
- Vyktoya Reynolds
- Rick Reynolds
- Mary Ann Kaiser
- Lisa Smith
- Isaac Alberts
- Lisa Heilmeyer
- Erin Sterling
- Ashley Fosnright
- Mark Richard
- Paul Davis
- Alec Wilkins
- Michael Dailey
- Ed Redman
- Robert Zofchak
- Karen Satterfield
- Nicolas Ross
- Elaine Bloom
- Beth Hauser
- Gail McAlister

Anniversaries

- Mr. & Mrs. Larry Broemsen
- Mr. & Mrs. Jay Downey
- Mrs. & Mr. Roger Detzel
- Mr. & Mrs. Rich Goebelt
- Mr. & Mrs. David Staszak
- Mr. & Mrs. Siegfried Michlberger
- Mr. & Mrs. Paul Davis
- Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kenny
- Mr. & Mrs. Ray Olson July
- Mr. & Mrs. Chris Tywon
- Rev. & Mrs. Andy Alberts
- Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kuntz
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bergmann
- Mr. & Mrs. Steven Staszak
- Mr. & Mrs. Jon Vanaman
- Mr. & Mrs. Dan Conley



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