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Sunday Worship Services:  
8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Sunday School: 9:15 AM

# The Living Light

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There are times when life seems to work like a paradox – two opposites at work at the same time. Here we are – together yet separated from each other. We are together in Christ; we are still neighbors living in the same community. We are separated – encouraged to stay 6 feet from each other; encouraged to stay at home as much as possible. Have you noticed or been part of something that has encouraged you? Perhaps the school teachers driving by your neighborhood; perhaps a neighbor helping the little old lady/man down the street – mowing their lawn or buying some groceries for them. Share them with us – send Lindsay a note. As we see people helping others we are encouraged ourselves. Some people gossip – that’s negative. Let’s share good news and good experiences – that’s positive. Our Lord Jesus gives us forgiveness, life, and hope – that’s positive. He is with us and he will be with us though this pandemic. You can count on it. - Pastor Riley

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### We are Better Together!

TLC would love to hear from you! Send in a paragraph and pictures of how you, your family and your friends are staying positive, staying strong and staying connected.

The TLC staff connects through zoom. Are you zooming too? Send us a picture!

Continue reading to see how people are staying connected...



# Your Story Brings God Glory

An excerpt from the book  
*When God Doesn't Fix It*  
by Laura Story  
(part 2)

The story we're living in is God's story. In this context, broken doesn't mean disabled; it means enabled to point to Jesus instead of ourselves. Sinner doesn't mean failure; it means need for a Savior.

The same is true for my story. The reason God wants me to tell my story isn't because He wants me to be embarrassed talking about my lowlights or bragging about my highlights. He wants me to tell my story because my story points to Jesus. My life is but one miniscule, very broken story in His much larger story of redemption.

Understanding the whole story of the Bible, it's much easier to see my brokenness has a purpose. My story isn't just a series of things that happened to me. It is how God used the things that happened to draw me closer to Him. And my story is part of a much bigger story of God drawing all of us closer to Him. A story of His faithfulness intersecting with my faithlessness. God is the hero of the broken story.

Stop for a minute and think. We're all a mixed bag of good and bad. Sinner and saint.

But nothing is mixed about God's story. His book is a story of redemption, and He casts Himself as the Redeemer. God can redeem not only every life, but every season of life, every addiction, every lie, every failed marriage, every financial crisis, every jealous thought, every bad mood, and every deep, dark secret. He uses our lowlights to demonstrate His power. No matter how deep our pit of sin is, God's long arm of redemption reaches down, pulls us out, washes us clean by the blood of Jesus, and welcomes us home.

When we let others know where we came from and how He saved us from our own pit, we become an extension of that arm of redemption.

He wants each of us to share our stories.

People hear about the gospel from those who are living out the gospel. They are redeemed when we point them to the Redeemer. They can be saved when those of us who are saved point to the Savior. God wants to use *your* story for the salvation of the nations – not because of the greatness of your story but because of the greatness of our God.

What trial is God bringing into your life for the purpose of equipping to do His work?

When I try to be the hero of my own story, my story is worthless – but when God is the hero of my story, He can use it in more ways than I can imagine.

We can all think of an instance where someone revealing their story has touched us. Whatever the situation, we've all benefited from someone else's journey. What if they had never told their story?

What if you never tell yours?

Your falls and traumas  
and failures and scars  
are all part of your  
journey, your story.  
Embrace them.  
Tell your story.



[ChelseaDinen.com](http://ChelseaDinen.com)

Article by Jan Tiedemann, TLC Finance and  
Ministry Manager.



# Online Worship

## *TLC - Making It Happen*

TLC would like to recognize and thank our member & friend, Jon Vanaman. Jon has been preparing, perfecting and maintaining TLC's live stream worships. He has provided his own equipment, spent hours in the sanctuary setting up the proper lighting, camera angles and sound. TLC thanks Jon for the care he has for TLC and the hours he has spent helping us connect with you.



Bryon Black II, TLC's Director of Music, has been striving to maintain the quality of music for our online services. He thanks his Music Ministry team of Sadie Eaton, Annie Alberts and Madeline Alberts for ALL they are doing to help maintain the quality of music for our online services. Thanks to their expertise and help, we have been able to still share good hymns, praise songs and special music both during the online services and weekly videos on the Facebook page.

## Distance Communion

In times like these, we need leaders who are willing to do anything for their members to feel connected to Jesus. When we can't worship together, we need to think outside the box.

Pictured here is Pastor Andy giving the sacrament of Communion to members while maintaining a healthy & safe distance.



# Announcements

## Community Garden

TLC is looking for individuals to work together on one or two 20'x20' plots in the community garden on TLC property this year.

The goal is to grow produce to augment our food pantry giveaways and contribute to the Good Neighbors food pantry every Wednesday.

The ground is tilled twice before the plots are available for planting beginning on Friday, May 22.

People with experience planning and cultivating garden areas are needed! Please contact Jan Tiedemann at [finminmgr@tlcoh.org](mailto:finminmgr@tlcoh.org) or call the church office at (330) 633-4775.



## Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. Celebrate with a phone call, video chat or walk in the park.

## Remembering Your Loved Ones

Memorial Banners will be displayed in front of the church on Sunday, May 31. To order a banner, please fill out the form on page ten. You can drop the forms at church or call the office and Lindsay will fill one out for you. More forms are in the blue plastic tub outside the office doors.

## Rummage Sale

TLC's Rummage Sale has been canceled. TLC will announce an alternative date if possible.

## "P" to the Fifth Power

1. **Protect!** Yourself and your loved ones. Distance yourself. Wash your hands. Stay home. Do your part.
2. **Productivity!** Tackle that project you've been putting off. This is the perfect time for spring cleaning.
3. **Positivity!** Keep your mind and body moving. Get outdoors. Garden. Go for a walk or just sit in the sunshine for some good Vitamin D. Think good thoughts!
4. **Plan!** What wonderful things are you going to do once this is all behind you? Make a to-do list of things to look forward too.
5. **Pray.** Pray. Pray.

Not once in  
the bible does it  
say Worry about it,  
Stress over it, or, Figure it out.  
But over and over it clearly says

Trust God

A hand-drawn graphic consisting of several horizontal wavy lines in shades of pink and purple, topped with a starburst or sunburst shape made of black lines.

# Ways To Gather

During the coronavirus pandemic, TLC will be using the online meeting software **Zoom** to keep our members connected. What is great about Zoom is that you can join a conversation on your computer, smartphone, tablet or simply call in using your landline!

## Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am

You are invited to join Pastor Andy for an online Bible Study on Sunday mornings from 9:30 am – 10:30 am. We will be studying the book of 1 Thessalonians together. During His life and ministry, Christ assured the apostles that He would one day return for His people. But how should this future event affect our lives today? In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he reveals that the promise of Christ's return is more than a doctrine of our faith. It is a remarkable truth that can shape how we live, how we connect, and how we view ministry.

Sunday Morning Bible Study:

If you are using a laptop, tablet or smartphone please go to <https://zoom.us/j/716598732>

If you are using a cellphone or landline please dial **1 301 715 8592**  
and type the Meeting ID **716 598 732**.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Pastor Andy will lead a brief devotion, offer time for people to share how they are doing with all the changes and uncertainty brought on by the coronavirus, and end with a time of prayer.

## Tuesday Devotion at 7:00 pm

If you are using a laptop, tablet or smartphone please go to <https://zoom.us/j/169650793>

If you are using a cell phone or land line please dial **1 301 715 8592**  
and type the Meeting ID **169 650 793**

## Thursday Devotion at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

Thursday Mornings at 11:00 am:

If you are using a laptop, tablet or smartphone  
please go to <https://zoom.us/j/328562394>.

If you are using a cellphone or land line  
please dial **+1 301 715 8592**  
and type the Meeting ID: **328 562 394**.

Thursday Evenings at 7:00 pm

If you are using a laptop, tablet or smartphone  
please go to <https://zoom.us/j/163300841>

If you are using a cellphone or land line  
please dial **+1 301 715 8592**  
and type the Meeting ID: **163 300 841**.





## I AM THE VINE, you are the branches

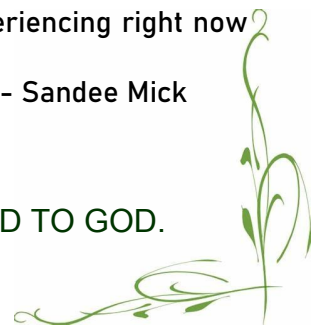
Staying *connected* in a time like this, where it is so easy to feel isolated, takes *effort*. The online worship that TLC is providing is an easy way for me to *connect*, not only to others in the congregation, but to *God*. Although it might feel a bit silly, singing along with the hymns and participating in the service, gives me a feeling of *togetherness*. I especially love reading the comments people make during the service and seeing the reactions pop up (the likes and loves).

-Cindy Strand

Finding *light in the darkness* can be harder some days than others. This whole pandemic has been a scary, bazaar time in life. Being a fairly new member at TLC, I have really enjoyed making phone calls to a list of members to check in with them. It has given me a unique opportunity to get to know a group of people in a way that I never would have otherwise. *Personal interaction* with members has been a bright light for me. The worship online is a blessing, but that is between me and the *Lord*. Pastor's zoom bible class is a special way to connect to a group of people and *interact* with them in a way that helps with the isolation. The chancel choir zoom get together is yet another way to stay close to my choir family. Being able to share "*face to face*" the joys and struggles we are experiencing right now is a great blessing .

- Sandee Mick

SHARE YOUR STORIES OF CONNECTION TO FREINDS & FAMILY, TLC AND TO GOD.





# Music Ministry News: *Ways To Use....*



## **MUSIC To Get More Sleep:**

To combat the negative effects of sleep deprivation, research has shown that music has the potential to increase both the quantity and quality of sleep. During difficult times, being well rested is a crucial part of being equipped to handle challenges, but it's often an elusive state to attain. Soothing, enjoyable music is a natural antidote to the restlessness and exhaustion that accompany frustrating circumstances.

## **MUSIC To Evaluate Different Emotion:**

Expressing emotions is one of the best things that you can do for your mental health during a challenging time, as it allows you to sort through your feelings, gain perspective, and let go of stress and tension.

Music can provide a healthy outlet for emotional expression. Listening to music that resonates with a particular emotion can be a subtle yet effective way to explore complicated inner thoughts, and may allow you to gain a better understanding of your own feelings. Lyrics and melodies written by musicians may convey complexities that you can't put into words yourself, but which perfectly capture your underlying emotions.

## **MUSIC To Promote Relaxation:**

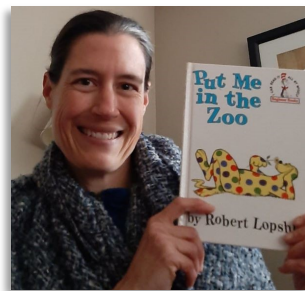
During stressful times, set aside time to listen to soothing music. To calm your nerves and help you feel peaceful.

## **MUSIC To Connect With Others:**

Isolation can often make you feel socially disconnected at a time when you most need the support of a community. At times when people feel alone during difficult periods, music may provide a way for them to reconnect and find the social support needed to overcome challenges.

*It is good to praise  
the Lord  
and make music  
to Your name,  
O Most High.  
Psalm 92:1*

## Our TCP teachers staying connected through online story time:



Check out our facebook page for more stories, videos and fun activities to do with your children!  
[facebook.com/tallmadgechristianpreschool](https://facebook.com/tallmadgechristianpreschool)



# *TLC Building Projects*

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

## Completed Projects

- ◇ Organized room 6, mechanical room, and shed
- ◇ Cut down shrubs outside of door 5 for safety
- ◇ Plastic cover on nursery window
- ◇ Radiator maintenance in nursery
- ◇ Repaired projector cables
- ◇ Certificate of Insurance from TLL received
- ◇ Recycled old electronics
- ◇ Repaired toilet in lady's restroom
- ◇ Monthly building safety check completed
- ◇ AC filters changed
- ◇ Kitchen Inspection
- ◇ Large preschool and hallway bathroom repair

## Upcoming Projects

- ◇ Paint preschool hallway
- ◇ Paint stairwell to mechanical room
- ◇ Sanctuary repairs
- ◇ Paint youth room
- ◇ Gutters
- ◇ Roof repair



# In REMEMBRANCE

Personalized Memorial Day Banners will be displayed on crosses in front of the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 31. Please fill out the form below indicating the number of banners and the name you would like written on the banner. Each banner is a \$5.00 donation toward the Youth Group Ministry. Printed forms are in the outside blue bin by the office doors. Please have orders to the church office by Wednesday, May 27. Families may collect their banners on Sunday, May 31. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



330.633.4775 or [secretary@tlcoh.org](mailto:secretary@tlcoh.org)



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## Remembering Your Loved Ones Memorial Banner

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Banners:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (s) for Banners:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

## Birthdays

3 Holly Dussel	16 Ed Huzzard, Jr.
3 Jon Vanaman	18 Marti Heilmeier
4 Erma Judy	19 Joyce Riley
5 Walter Fenske	21 Sandee Mick
7 Beverly Goss	22 Chuck Currier
7 Dave Graybeal	23 Jay Springer
7 Matthew Phipps	23 Eric Toepke
8 Dan Capp	24 Shirley Scranton
10 Sue Young	29 Eric Ryan May
12 Roseann Currier	30 Todd Hedderly
12 Dennis Klicman	30 Thomas Rettig
12 Tom Renninger, Jr.	31 Tom Kenny
13 Lillian Vojtek	
14 Rocco Hovey	
15 LaVonne Dolliver	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Sanctuary Is Open 8:00 AM Live Stream Worship 9:30 AM Online Bible Study 11:00 AM Kids Zoom	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>6</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Chancel Choir on Zoom	<b>7</b> National Day of Prayer 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>1</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>2</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer
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<b>24</b> 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Sanctuary Is Open 8:00 AM Live Stream Worship 9:30 AM Online Bible Study 11:00 AM Kids Zoom	<b>25</b> Memorial Day Church office closed 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>27</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>28</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>29</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer	<b>30</b> 12:00 PM A Moment of Prayer
<b>31</b> Pentecost Sunday 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Sanctuary Is Open 8:00 AM Live Stream Worship 9:30 AM Online Bible Study 11:00 AM Kids Zoom						





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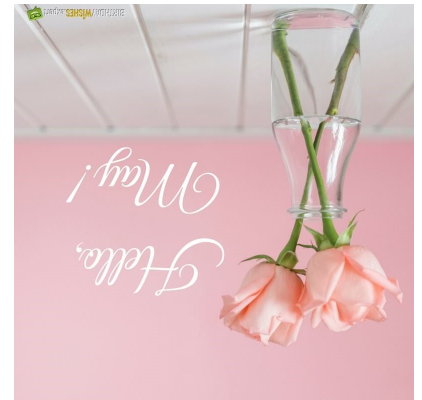
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