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#### **Connecting People to Jesus**

Have you heard of "The Andrew Effect"? No, it's not the awe and wonder when you meet someone named "Andrew" (even though people respond to me that way sometimes:). And it's not the effect of everyone laughing when I walk into the room (even though I get this reaction sometimes:). "The Andrew Effect" refers to how the disciple Andrew was always connecting people to Jesus!

Our Sunday morning Bible Study is slowly working through the Gospel of John. In John chapter 1, we get to know Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptizer. Andrew had made himself ready for the coming Messiah as proclaimed by John. So when the Baptizer pointed to Jesus and declared him to be "the Lamb of God," Andrew and another of John's disciples followed Jesus. John's gospel continues the story:

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked,
"What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"),
"where are you staying?"
"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon"

(John 1:38-39).

From this mention through the end of John's gospel, Andrew is specifically mentioned three additional times. Each time, Andrew is found connecting people with Jesus:

- Taking his brother, Simon Peter, to meet Jesus as the Messiah (John 1:40-41).
- Taking the boy with five barley loaves and two small fish with Jesus to feed the multitude (John 6:8-9).
- Taking Gentile seekers hoping to meet Jesus at the feast on Jesus' last trip to Jerusalem before his crucifixion (John 12:20-22).

These four glimpses of Andrew God gives us in the Gospel of John provides us with the four primary pillars of "The Andrew Effect":

- 1. Connecting with Jesus personally.
- 2. Connecting those we know with Jesus.
- 3. Connecting those who want to help with Jesus.
- 4. Connecting people of other cultures with Jesus.

Do you notice the progression there? It all starts with a personal relationship with Jesus. Once you and I experience the grace, the love and forgiveness Jesus won for us on the cross, this moves us to connect others with Jesus!



One of the blessings of the coronavirus shutdown is the new ability for TLC to share its

worship services and Bible Studies online.

We are able to connect with one another from all over the world. We actually have people regularly joining our worship services from Columbus, OH, Wisconsin, Florida and even from Nepal! Social media allows us to connect with people who may never step a foot inside our church doors.

I believe that the Lord will use this pandemic time to make His Church stronger and to open up new ways for Christians to connect others to Jesus. We know that God continues to work in our lives through all of our experiences to develop us and use us for his good purposes (Romans 8:28-29). God — as Father, Son, and Spirit — gives us spiritual gifts to use to bless the body of believers with whom we live and share fellowship (1 Peter 4:10-11; Romans 12:1-8). We are not put where we are and when we live by accident! Each of us is where we are by God's design, and He continues to work in our lives for His good purposes (Philippians 2:13).

During this pandemic, you may have wrestled with the question, "What am I really supposed to be doing with my life?" Or "I don't feel like what I do matters very much...that my life makes much of a difference. How do I make my life count...especially as a follower of Jesus?"

The truth is: God has equipped, gifted and called us to do some very specific things with our lives. However,



we usually discover these specific things within the context of living our lives on mission for Jesus. The doors of opportunity and understanding for our specific calling arise out of fulfilling our life's mission of connecting people with Jesus.

In the midst of social distancing, I want to challenge each of you to apply the principles of "The Andrew Effect" in your life. What are some ways you can be more purposeful in:

- 1. Connecting with Jesus personally.
- 2. Connecting those you know with Jesus.
- 3. Connecting those who want to help with Jesus.
- 4. Connecting people of other cultures with Jesus.

I challenge you this month of July to reconnect with Jesus. I challenge you to get back into the habit of participating in worship every Sunday. And I challenge you to read through the Gospel of John and pay attention to the way Andrew connects with Jesus and connects others to Jesus. Let's join Andrew in living our lives *connecting people with Jesus!* 

Pastor Andy

# **TLC Announcements & Events**

Thank you to all of the staff and members for the gifts and thoughtful cards. I was truly touched by everyone's kind words and generosity.

I was asked "What is your favorite memory?" Thinking on this made me realize how many wonderful people I have been blessed to have interacted with over the years. Tallmadge Lutheran Church and everyone who has part of it will always have a special place in my heart.

Many Blessings,

Katie Bungard





"During this time, we have enjoyed praise music in the house with two girls playing instruments. We have discovered Zoom for Bible studies and friend connections and we love the online TLC services."

- Anne Kuntz

# Tuesday Mornings Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Class will, God willing, resume on Tuesday, July 7 at 10:00 am, studying 1 Thessalonians. We will meet in room 12. In the interests of good health and safety, I want to do the following:

There are four tables in the room; I would like two people at each table. There are four chairs/ couches in the room; I would like one person in each chair and couch. We can have four chairs arranged in the room; there are small tables we can put between the chairs so you can place a book or coffee cup on it. We can arrange more chairs if needed. The wearing of masks is encouraged, but I won't be wearing one (so you can hear me). None of the lollipops have contacted the disease, so they will be there for the questions. It's been quite the imposed vacation, and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

- Pastor Riley



## In-Person Worship

Welcome back to TLC! On June 21, TLC had 40 people attending the 8:00 am service in-person and 30 people at 10:30am. At the 8:00 am service, every worshiper was wearing a face mask! At the 10:30 am service, there were several households that chose not to wear face masks. We were able to provide communion in a safe way that allowed for physical distancing between households. A special THANK YOU to Jonathan Vanaman for moving all the audio/ visual equipment to the balcony. Thank you Altar Guild for prepared spaced-out communion trays (especially Becky Springer and Janet Buckles); to the ushers (Matt Schonover, Ray Olson, Pat Larson, and Bob Knepper) who guided members to their seats. Thanks to Denise Larson and Isaac Alberts for running the PowerPoint, and for everyone that sanitized the facility in between services. Re-opening was a team effort! All for the glory of God!

Pending any new developments from the COVID-19 Virus, these are the worship times for the summer months.

Sundays 8:00AM In –Person Worship in TLC Sanctuary Worship live streamed on Facebook

10:30AM

In-Person Worship in TLC Sanctuary
Worship live streamed on Facebook or find the 8:00
am service on TLC's Website, www.tlcoh.org.

TLC continues celebrating Holy Communion the first and third Sundays of the month. For those who are only able to worship online, we will offer the Sacrament via a drive-in communion worship on Sunday, July 19, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm by the Three Crosses in the TLC parking lot. Drive in Communion requires online registration in advance.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094da8a828a6fa7-july

# TLC 2020 Vacation Bible School:

"For Such a Time as This"

Have you ever wondered, "God, why is this happening?" Have you ever thought to yourself, "God, I really don't want to do this!" If so, then this year's virtual VBS is for you! Dig in to the Bible story of Esther. God placed Esther as Queen in order to help save God's people. Even in the midst of a challenging time, the Lord used Esther "For Such a Time as This!" Our online VBS will include an energetic Opening with songs, the Theme Bible verse and some skits. Pastor Andy will share the Bible teaching lesson. There will also be videos guiding you and your family through a daily craft and fun science experiment. It's going to be great!

We hope to post our virtual VBS the second week in July. You will be able to access to all the resources and videos from TLC's webpage, www.tlcoh.org. We will send out an email to all members and friends of TLC when our virtual VBS is ready and online. You will be able to access this virtual VBS at any time that is convenient for your family. Invite another family that is part of your tribe to explore this VBS together. While this is certainly not the ideal way to share God's Word, we are excited to still be able to share God's Word in a fun and exciting way with our families through online VBS. If you have any questions, please email Annie Alberts at annalberts@gmail.com.



# \*In The Community

#### **TALLMADGF**

#### **Virtual Art Classes**

for a complete list visit tallmadgerecreation.org

#### Patriotic Pines - Paint with Rae! at Danny Boys

July 16, 7:00 pm 10 Tallmadge Circle

#### **Summit County Fair**

July 11 Open Show Series July 29 - August 2 Fair 229 E Howe Road

summitfair.com/faireverything.html allevents.in/tallmadge/july#

#### Marie's Patisserie cooking classes

July 7, 6:45 pm Hand pies

July 8, 6:45 pm Cookie decorating

July 12, 2:00 pm Cassata cakes

July 13, 6:45 pm Pierogis

July 14, 6:45 pm Opera cakes

July 15, 6:00 pm Lasagna

July 19, 3:00 pm Scones

July 20, 6:55 pm Cheesecakes

July 21, 6:45 pm Tiramisu

July 22, 6:45 pm Cruffins

July 26, 3:00 pm Buttercream

July 27, 6:45 pm Italian classics

Marie's Patisserie

338 Northeast Ave

440.610.6156

mariespatisserieonlineordering.com



#### **CUYAHOGA FALLS**

#### **Cuyahoga Falls Community Band Concerts**

July 6 Lions Park

July 13 Valley Vista Park

July 20 Water Works Peninsula Shelter

All concerts start at 7:30 pm

#### **Water Works Family Aquatic Center**

2025 Munroe Falls Ave

#### Sarah's Vineyard Winery

1204 E Steels Corners Rd

#### **Blossom Music Center**

1145 W Steels Corners Rd

#### **Falls River Square**

2085 Front St.

www.cityofcf.com/calendar/2020-07

#### **AKRON**

#### S.T.E.A.M. Team Saturdays

Saturdays, 1:00 pm

Akron Children's Museum

216 S Main St.

#### **Putts for Pets**

July 1, 11:30 am - 7:00 pm

Silver Lake Country Club

1325 Graham Rd

July 13 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Portage Country Club

240 N Portage Path Rd.

#### **Meet Me at The Museum**

July 15, 2:00 pm

Akron Art Museum

1 South High St.

www.akronlife.com

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- \* Please confirm dates, times & ticket costs before traveling.

Fourth of July Fireworks

Friday, July 3, 8:00 pm Salute to America Blossom Music Center 1145 W Steels Corners Cuyahoga Falls

Saturday, July 4, 8:00 pm Salute to America Blossom Music Center 1145 W Steels Corners Cuyahoga Falls

Saturday, July 4, 2020, 8:00 pm Darryl Worley Concert & Fireworks Mentor Civic Amphitheater 8600 Munson Rd. Mentor,

2020

VISION

**GROW** 

CARE

**SHARE** 

TLC

Akron, Fairlawn, Stow, Hudson & Springfield Lake irework displays are canceled.

northeastohiofamilyfun.com/4th-of-july-events-in-northeast-ohio/

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# **TLC Word Find for Sermon Series:** 2020 Vision

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Treasure Kingdom

Fruitful RealLife Vision

# Music Ministry: Songs of Healing & Restoration

With so much unease, injustice and confusion in our world, it's important to remember God's promises to us. May these songs remind us that God is always with us, and He will never leave us or forsake us.



Even If, by Mercy Me

Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies), by Chris Tomlin

He Never Failed Me Yet, by Roy Ringwald (album: Bryon Black II Presents: Walking in Purpose)

Trust Me, by Richard Smallwood

Order My Steps, arranged by Jack Schrader

You Say, by Lauren Daigle

Jehovah Sabaoth (God of Angel Armies), by Donald Lawrence and the Tri-City Singers

Greater Together, by Jana Anguay Alcain and New Hope Oahu

We Could Change the World, by Matt Redman

Walk Together Children, arranged by Moses Hogan





# Preschool and King's Kids News



## \* Summer Activities that will have your child convinced you are Totally Gool:

- 1. Race Hot Wheel cars.
- 2. Go on a picnic or a bike ride.
- 3. Catch Bugs with them.
- 4. Teach them a new game or play a loved old one.
- 5. Play tag! At night! With flashlights!
- 6. Make them your handyman. Let them fix something for you.
- 7. Give them a disposal camera.
- 8. Make an "2020 Summer Fun" album with the photos they took.
- Go fishing. Turtle Pond in Portage
   Lakes is geared towards young ones,
   is free and always stocked full of bass
   and bluegill.
- 10. Explore a new museum. The Akron Art Museum has free days!
- 11. Get them their own library card.
- 12. Let them do something fun and daring that you wouldn't last year.
- 13. Surprise ice cream run.
- 14. Make a fort.
- 15. Jump on the trampoline with them.
- 16. Make freeze pops with their favorite drink.
- 17. Finger paint. Use paper or arms who cares!
- 18. Have a camp out or a camp in.
- 19. Get creative with duct tape.
- Create a drive in movie theater in your back yard.

- 21. Make s'mores.
- 22. Let them stay up super late.
- 23. Have breakfast for dinner.
- 24. Explore a creek.
- 25. Let them bring home that crayfish.
- 26. Bake. Let them crack the eggs, use the whisk & lick the spoon.
- 27. Plant a garden for them to tend.
- 28. Make a fairy house or bird feeder or both!
- 29. Visit a farmers market.
- Go to a neighborhood garage sale and let them buy something no matter how silly.



It's Your Summer! Make it Awesome!

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# **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
- Boiler Inspection
- Fire Inspection
- Baseball Field closure/Sign posted
- AC covers removed

#### **Upcoming Projects**

- Paint preschool hallway
- Paint stairwell to mechanical room.
- ♦ Sanctuary repairs
- ♦ Paint youth room
- ♦ Gutters
- ♦ Roof repair
- ♦ Pest control
- Coffee maker serviced



25 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Member event (gym)  20 Nicolas Ross 22 Elaine Bloom 22 Beth Hauser 22 Gail McAlister	31	30	29	28 9:00 AM Staff	27	8:00 AM Worship
20 22 <b>PM - 6:00</b> 22 ember event 22	24					26
20 22 <b>PM - 6:00</b> 22 ember event 22	24					Communion
20 22 <b>PM - 6:00</b> 22 ember event 22	24			<b>10:00 AM</b> Bible Study (Rm 12)		10:30 AM Worship 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Drive In
20 22 22	24			9:00 AM Staff Meeting		Studies (Rm 12, zoom
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		22	33	21	20	10
19 Karen Satterfield						
18 Robert Zofchak						zoom) <b>10:30 AM</b> Worship
16 Ed Redman				Siddy (Nii 12)		Studies (Rm 12,
16 Mike Dailey				10:00 AM Bible		8:00 AM Worship
14 Alec Wilkins				9:00 AM Staff Meeting	7:00 PM Board of Directors (Rm 5)	Monthly Ministry Moment
18 12 Mark Richard	17	16	15	14	13	12
12 Ashley Fosnight						
11 Erin Sterling						
11 Lisa Heilmeier						
11 Isaac Alberts						<b>10:30 AM</b> Worship
10 Lisa Smith				Study (Rm 12)		Zoom)
10 Mary Ann Kaiser				Meeting	Elders (Rm 12)	
7 Rick Reynolds	10	٧	CX	9:00 AM Staff	7:00 PM Board of	
5				1		
2 Alex Zehner						
2 Bob Knepper						
2 Aaron Ferrell						
1 Lilli Whipple						
4 Independence 1 Isaiah Alberts	3	2	1			
Saturday Birthdays	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday

# Birthdays

# Anniversaries

3 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Downey 1 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Broemsen

4 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Detzel

- Lilli Whipple
- 2 Aaron Ferrell
- 2 Alex Zehner 2 Bob Knepper
- 5 Vyktorya Reynolds 7 Rick Reynolds

31 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Conley

25 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Dougherty

14 Rev. & Mrs. Andy Alberts 10 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Davis

- 10 Mary Ann Kaiser
- 10 Lisa Smith
- 11 Isaac Alberts
- 11 Lisa Heilmeier
- 11 Erin Sterling
- 12 Mark Richard
- 14 Alec Wilkins
- 16 Mike Dailey
- 16 Ed Redman
- 18 Robert Zofchak
- 19 Karen Satterfield
- 20 Nicolas Ross
- 22 Beth Hauser 22 Elaine Bloom
- 22 Gail McAlister



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