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The tlc Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH | AUGUST 2020 | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

“It’s a Great Time to be the Church!”

This is what Dr. Rev. Dale Meyer told us this past week over and over again during an online seminary class on First Peter. As a former Lutheran Hour Speaker and past-president of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Dr. Meyer drew from his experience and study of God’s Word to point us students to the living hope we have in Christ or as Peter wrote:



Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a **LIVING HOPE** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... 1 Peter 1:3

This living hope is not a flimsy thing, but a strong expectation. Living hope stems from our new birth through faith into Jesus Christ. In baptism, we experienced a metamorphosis from sinner into saint, from dead in our sins to alive in Christ. We received a new identity as God has made us His precious child. Peter explains that our new birth in Christ gives us *“an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you”* (1 Peter 1:4).

Our living hope is built on Jesus’ perfect life, innocent suffering and death, and glorious resurrection. We know that Jesus has defeated our spiritual enemies: sin, death and the devil have been vanquished. Jesus shows us that God is for us and Jesus promises us that He is always with us. Jesus is reigning victorious right now through His Church on earth. Jesus promises that the gates of Hades will not overcome His Church (Matthew 16:18).

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Jesus also promises that soon, and very soon, He will return to save us from this world and to deliver all who believe in Him to a new heaven and a new earth. As Christians, we are staking our lives on this hope!

One of the side-topics we discussed was ***What happens when the Church comes out on the other side of COVID-19?*** Dr. Meyer sees the current COVID-19 season as a refining time for churches. The hope he emphasized is that *when* a congregation refocuses on Jesus Christ, who came and will soon come again, *then* members will become increasingly aware of the uniqueness of their gathering amid all other associations and institutions in today's culture. The world—and our nation—continues to need the grace, the forgiveness, the peace and the life-giving relationships that can only be found in the Christian Church. It's a great time to be the Church!

The reality is that post COVID-19, TLC may feel like a new church. We may be smaller, slimmer, but I hope that we can also be more mobile—kinda like the army—able to respond to needs quicker and equipped to better care for each other and our neighbors. We are now equipped to broadcast worship and Bible Studies to peoples' homes around the world. We are better connected as members have been more intentional about reaching out to each other through phone calls, texts and letters. It's a great time to be the Church!

I truly believe that "It's a Great Time to be the Church" because I know that Jesus is the Lord of our Church and there is power to change lives and the world whenever the Gospel is proclaimed and heard. For me, "It's a Great Time to be the Church" because of all of you! I am optimistic about the future of TLC because the Lord has brought together an amazing community of believers here; gifted and passionate men and women who love Jesus and love their neighbors. Members and friends of TLC who support a Christian Preschool and King's Kids ministries for our community.

Volunteers who give of their time and expertise to make heaven a more crowded place.

The Church will be different post COVID-19, but by God's grace, we may filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy! Or as Peter wrote (1 Peter 1:8-9):



Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

It is a great time to be the Church!

In Christ,

Pastor Andy



The last few months have looked a little different adjusting to new 'social distancing' guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In these turbulent times the unknowns outweigh the knowns so how will our church community respond differently? Well, 'social distancing' had revealed the need for more touchpoints for all age groups at our church. The church offers live-streaming Sunday school for all ages, we were able to volunteer to touch base to a handful of members that included reaching out to our members to check-in on them, sending cards with encouraging words to keep their spirits up, continuous prayers and even shopping for our members so they don't have to leave the comfort and safety of their home.

Daniel and I have also adapted to staying connected during the Pandemic with the live-streaming church services and having bi-weekly zoom calls with our bible study group. We could have the opportunity to unlock greater potential for connection and worship during these interesting times. With live-streaming capabilities for our members, we are able to connect with members that are unable to come to church, due to work schedules that hinder members from coming to church on Sundays, taking care of loved ones and members residing in other states, etc.

As the church re-opens, Daniel and I have noticed the extra precautions our church has taken to make sure everyone feels protected and safe. Continuing live-streaming services for our members, hand sanitizer is available, masks if you forget to bring one, checking temperatures, all the seating is rearranged where we can continue to 'social distance', and cleaning crews before and after each service available. We may not be able to shake hands, but a friendly wave is a great substitute for the time being. Daniel and I will go the extra step to greet you for the 8:00 service as we open the church doors for you and your family, so you don't have to worry about touching the doors yourself.

- Ashley Fosnight

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Bible	Members	Gather
Family	Faith	Stream
Church	Study	Word

TLC Announcements & Events

Updates for the Wise Owls, Prayer Shawl meetings, Choir & Bell rehearsals and other calendar events are listed in the midweek notes, bulletins and monthly newsletters . Please check TLC printed and emailed material or feel free to call the church office for event updates.



Tuesdays at 10:00 - Bible Study with
Pastor Riley (Room 12)

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm - Bible Study with
Pastor Andy (Rm 12 & zoom)

Monday, Aug 3, 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Thursday Aug 6 Acme Cash Back Program

Sunday, Aug 16 Blessing of Backpacks

Sunday, Aug 23 TLC Outdoor Worship

Welcome To The Staff

Welcome Patti Trettel as the new King's Kids Director.

Patti has been with King's Kids and TLC for eight years. She also volunteers at the Tallmadge High School & Dunbar Primary and has worked with children for over a decade. Patti lives in Tallmadge with her husband and her son, who is in the US Military stationed in Camp Lejeune, NC. Thank you for your service, Ben. Patti is an amazing asset to the King's Kids program and we are excited to watch her step into a Director's position. Congrats Patti!

Welcome Laura Miller as the new Tallmadge Christian Preschool Director.

I am THRILLED to be the new Director at Tallmadge Christian Preschool! My husband, Todd, and I have been members at TLC for almost 19 years. We are proud to have raised our children (now 21, 19 and 16) surrounded by the love of our church family. Over the years, we have been involved in Sunday School, VBS, Hand Bell Choir, Youth Group and Mission Trips. I taught at TCP from 2012-2107 and am excited to be back! I look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful things that make Tallmadge Christian Preschool such a wonderful ministry. -Laura Miller

In The Community

Please continue to follow state guidelines. Continue to be responsible and considerate of others by social distancing & wearing masks when required. Please confirm dates, times & ticket costs before traveling.

TALLMADGE

August 1, 12:00 pm Summit County Fair
229 E Howe Rd. (some restrictions apply)

August 2, 6:00 pm Youth Trail Ride
Lion's Park 245 Northeast Ave.

August 3, 7:00 pm THS Monthly Booster Meeting
140 N Munroe Rd.

August 14-16 T-Town Softball Showdown

August 2020 Marie's Patisserie
Weekly Cooking Classes
338 Northeast Ave.
440.610.6156 mariespatisserie.com

August 27 7:00 pm Blue Moon (painting)
Danny Boys 10 Tallmadge Circle

<https://allevents.in/tallmadge/august#>

Tallmadge City Schools
www.tallmadgecityschools.com for
re-opening information

CUYAHOGA FALLS

Gorge Metro Park 1160 Front St
Blossom Music Center 1145 W Steels Corners
High Bridge Glens 1817 Front St

www.cityofcf.com/activities

AKRON

August 6, 1:00 pm S.T.E.A.M. Team
Sundays, A.R.T. Studio Sundays
Wednesdays, 11:00 am Story Time
Akron Children's Museum
216 S Main St.

August 21, 6:15 am Sunrise at Summa
Yoga at Akron City Hospital
141 N Forge St.

August 29, 6:00 pm Pawsibility Ball
Akron - Fairlawn Hilton
3180 W Market St.

www.akronlife.com



Music Ministry: songs of hope to comfort the soul

For Your Soul Made to Love by TobyMac
All This Time by Britt Nicole
The Hurt & The Healer by Mercy Me
Oh My Soul by Casting Crowns
You Are More by Tenth Avenue North
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Hillsong United
Overcomer by Mandisa
Redeemed by Big Daddy Weave
Trust in You by Lauren Daigle
Keep Making Me by Sidewalk Prophets
Promises by Maverick City

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



Summer Fun!

Nature walks with my family. We saw a mamma deer and 3 spotted babies on the Towpath.

Read a ton of books and watched a ton of TV.

Went fishing.
Played baseball.
Caught lightening bugs.

My mom made fruit pops with juice and strawberries!

I jumped on my trampoline and made a fort under it with old sheets. My dog stayed with me.

I went on bike rides with my sisters every day. We packed water and snacks and had picnics. Sometimes we would even go in the rain!

I planted a garden with my Aunt. We are growing tomatoes and carrots and cucumbers.

We made s'mores at night and stayed inside during the day with crafts.

Stay tune for more Preschool & King's Kids information!

Tallmadge City Schools resume at the end of August.

Please check the Midweek Note for TCS supply lists & the 2020-2021 calendar

or go to TCS website: www.tallmadgecityschools.com

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
- ◇ Pest Control
- ◇ Coffee Maker Serviced
- ◇ Parking Lot sealed and striped

Upcoming Projects

- ◇ Paint preschool hallway
- ◇ Paint stairwell to mechanical room
- ◇ Sanctuary repairs
- ◇ Paint youth room
- ◇ Gutters
- ◇ Roof repair
- ◇ Shed repaired: siding & roof
- ◇ Pavilion

Birthdays

1 Jen Larson	15 Gail Dailey
2 Ray Olson	15 Jamie Parmelee
4 Tom Matulin	16 Alexandra Olson
5 Adam Dutka	20 Shannon Dutka
5 Paul LeVan	21 Elizabeth DeWolf
5 Emily Martinez	24 Tom Buhalak
4 William Vojtek	26 Rick Habusta
7 Michael Sterling	26 Zachre Hartman
8 Carla Himmelreich	26 Vicki Meek
8 Ann Zachrich	26 Ross Weyandt
13 Barb Bailey	28 Gary Sandmann
13 Eric Taiclet	30 Alyssa Miller

Anniversaries

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Kobb
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Spike Moyer
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Marty Hauser
- 16 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hill
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Gearhart
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fosnight
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Graf

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23 TLC Outdoor Worship	24	25 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	26 Talmadge Schools & King's Kids 1st day 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom)	27	28	29
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