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Sunday Worship Services:
8:00 & 10:30 am
Bible Studies: 9:20 am
Sunday School: 9:15 am



Pick Something Up for Lent



Have you ever “given up” something for the season of Lent? I have heard of people giving up soda pop, chocolate, alcohol, or even T.V. for Lent. But I’ve noticed, as good as that practice can be, if you don’t replace it or “pick up” something new, usually people will go right back to what they’ve done in the past once Lent is over.

What if instead of “giving something up” for Lent, you had the opportunity to “pick up” something that will continue even after Lent? What if you could “pick up” the habit of putting Christ’s words and habits into practice that could change your life and the lives of those around you?

This Lent, Tallmadge Lutheran Church is embarking on a 40-day Red Letter Challenge to examine Jesus’ words, His habits, and His life. Starting on Wednesday, February 17, we will be reading together the Red Letter Challenge Workbook. This daily devotional shares Jesus’ words in a simple-to understand, but challenging way that will produce spiritual fruit. Through self-examination and daily challenges to put your faith into action, the Red Letter Challenge will help individuals grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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The 40-DAY RED LETTER CHALLENGE BRINGS OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-EXAMINATION!

In Lent, not only are we taught to look to Jesus and remember what He's done for us, but we are also taught to examine ourselves. In light of what Jesus did, we look at our own lives and remember why Jesus had to sacrifice His life for us in the first place. We needed the death and resurrection of Jesus to fully pay for our own sins.

In self-examination we confess our sin in order to receive His grace. It is His grace and His kindness that leads us ultimately to life change. It is not out of obligation, but rather through His grace that we are compelled to want to be the greatest followers of Jesus that we can be. By looking at Jesus first and foremost, we ensure that following after Him comes from the right motive. We do not desire to follow Jesus well because we have to, we do it because we want to. We do it in response to how good our God has been to each one of us.

Each Red Letter Challenge daily reading creates time for self-examination. The RLC workbook is written in a way so that you can write, journal, draw, and scribble your thoughts. Small group materials (videos and study guides) will also be used so that individuals can come together, learn, and grow with one another.

THE 40-DAY RED LETTER CHALLENGE INSPIRES ACTION!

At the root of it, disciples are both hearers and doers of God's Word. While many discipleship resources thrive in helping us be better "hearers," the Red Letter Challenge encourages people to take what they "hear" and "do" something about it. It's this rhythm of hearing and doing that is imperative for all followers of Jesus to live out their faith!

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Every member is encouraged to pick up a Red Letter Challenge workbook before Wednesday, February 17th (that's when Lent begins) and read it daily. Books will be available on Sunday mornings at both worship services or you can pick them up in the church office (330-633-4775) during the week or you can request one by mail. Everyone is encouraged to have their own book. Jr. and Sr. High Youth are also encouraged to participate. There are Red Letter Challenge workbooks available for Children that are written for their level.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

It's a free gift! The cost of the books was approved by the TLC Board of Directors who believe that this Challenge is THAT important.

What if we take the words of Jesus and actually put them into practice?

I challenge you to read the words of Jesus for 40 days! You'll be blessed you did.

In Christ,
Pastor Andy



2021 Midweek Lent Worship Schedule & Sermon Series:

Not Our Plan - His Plan

We all have plans for our lives. It may be a dream that has not been fulfilled yet. It may be goals you want to meet within a certain amount of time. There is nothing wrong with making plans for the future or fulfilling dreams. We just need to be careful on how we achieve our goals. The only way to be fully successful is doing life with God. This Lent on Wednesday nights, we will walk with Jesus as He lives out the PLAN God had for Him on the cross. Drawing from the Gospel of Matthew, we will recall that when we follow after God, our lives are not our own anymore. God has full control over decisions and the end result. We can put our trust in God, because He has a plan for each of us!

Wednesday, February 17 Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm Worship

Not Our Plans HIS Plan (Matt 26:1-16)

Wednesday, February 24, 6:00 pm Worship

Let's Talk About Performance (Matt 26:30-46)

Wednesday, March 3, 6:30 pm Worship

God's Powerful Weakness (Matt 26:47-56)

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30 pm Worship

The Problem is with Jesus Himself (Matt 26:57-68)

Wednesday, March 17, 6:30 pm Worship

The Tale of Two Disciples (Matt 26:69--27:10)

Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 pm Worship

See How Low He Stoops (Matt 27:11-32)

Thursday, April 1 Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm Worship

Something New...Until All Things are New (Matt 26:17-29)

Friday, April 2, Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 12:00pm & 7:00 pm Worship

The Truth is All Here (Matt 27:33-61)

Sunday, April 4, Easter

Sunday April 4, 6:30 am Sunrise Service

Saturday April 3, 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 4, 8:30 am Celebration Service

Sunday, April 4, 7:30 am Easter Breakfast

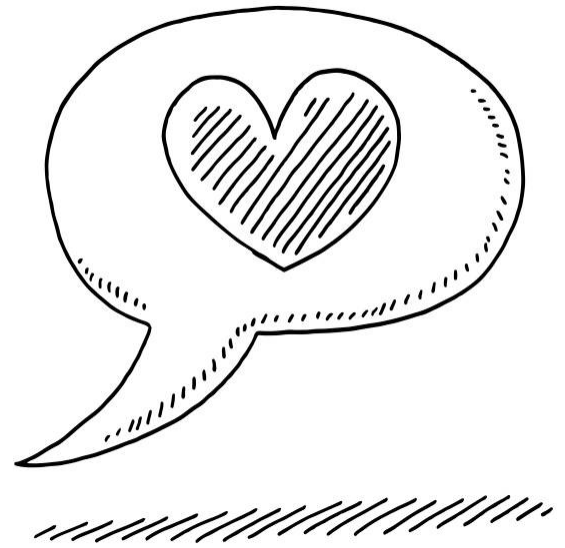
Sunday April 4, 10:30 am Celebration Service



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open by appointment only. Please call the church to schedule a pick up. Delivery may be available.

We are in need of a few items to keep the pantry stocked: corn, green beans, peas & carrots, canned fruit, applesauce and macaroni & cheese. Your donation can be dropped off in the BLUE pantry bucket by the Altar Flowers chart. Thank you! In Christ, Gail M. & Vicki S.



Youth Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser

Get ready for Game Day and treat yourself to a sub sandwich! Subs are \$7.00 each including chips, pickle, water and dessert. Order due by Wednesday, Feb 3. Pick-up is Sunday, Feb 7. Flyers and order forms are by the mailboxes. Please call Todd Miller with any questions 330.573.5779 or tandl22720@gmail.com.

2021 Early Communion Instruction

During Lent 2021 the instruction for the faith milestone of Early Communion will be held for youth 5th grade and older. Along with their parents (or caring adult), students will learn about the gift of Holy Communion, how to prepare oneself to receive this gift, and the Biblical event of the Passover. The celebration of First Communion for those students who complete this instruction will be at the Maundy Thursday worship service on April 1, 2021. *This instruction is OPTIONAL! Students who do not participate will continue to receive First Communion at their Confirmation.* If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Andy at 330-203-5474 or pastorandy@tlcoh.org.

we're all in this together

Valentine's Day Ideas

Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, 714 N Portage Trail in Akron (stanhywet.org)

house, grounds & gardens tours

F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm on Smith Road in Akron (sumitmetroparks.com)

hike or stroll along the guided paths

Winery at Wolf Creek, 2637 Cleveland Massillon Road (wineryatwolfcreek.com)

bring your own food or purchase a cheese platter there.

bring cards or games to play with friends

enjoy Wolf Creek wine and the view

EJ Thomas Performing Arts Hall, 198 Hill Street (uakron.edu/ej)

ballets, concerts, plays and performances

The Akron Zoo, 500 Edgewood Ave (akronzoo.org)

Akron Art Museum, 1 S High Street (akronartmuseum.org)

Ken Stewart's Grille, 1970 W Market St (kenstewartsgrille.com)

fine dining and an award winning wine list

It's Your Winery, 1682 E Waterloo Rd (itsyourwinery.com)

create your own unique flavors

The Tangier, 532 W Market Street (thetangier.com)

dinner, drinks, music and more

Cuyahoga Falls Riverfront Square, 2100-2200 Front Street

stroll down the riverfront and along the vintage shops

Mario's International Spas & Hotel, 35 E Garfield Road (marios-spa.com)

dinner, drink, pampering and relaxation

Hot Air Balloon Rides

Heaven Bound Ascensions, Tallmadge, Oh (heavenboundballoonrides.com)

Fun Makers, 66 N Village View Road (fun-makers.com)

America's Unknown Destinations, Kent Oh ([facebook](https://www.facebook.com/unknowndestinations))

Please call to confirm.

Please adhere to all health guidelines, wear masks and social distance.

Valentine's Day Ideas When Staying In

Order carry-out & a movie

Fire in the fireplace

Board or card games

Jigsaw puzzles

Cook. Try this simple and quick dinner: **Creamy Pesto Shrimp*

1lb linguine pasta

1/2 C butter

2 C heavy cream

1/2 t pepper

1 C grated Parmesan cheese

1/3 C pesto

1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined

Cook linguine 8-10 minutes or until al dente; drain. In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in cream & season with pepper. cook 6-8 minutes, stirring constantly Stir in Parmesan cheese until thoroughly mixed. Add pesto and cook 3-5 minutes until thickened. Add shrimp & cook until they turn pink (about 5 minutes). Serve shrimp over hot pasta.

Take a walk around the block

Date nights in different rooms of the house

Go for a drive

If you don't want to cook: *no-bake *Valentine Night Strawberries*

20 strawberries

1 (3 oz) cream cheese, soft

2 T walnuts, chopped

1 1/2 T powdered sugar

Remove tops of berries and stand them on their heads. Cut an x through the top of each berry almost to the base. Beat cheese until fluffy, add nuts & sugar. Spoon a teaspoon into each berry. Chill & serve.



Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

Youth Faces



Upcoming

Sunday, Feb 7, 7:00 am Super Bowl Subs Prep

Sunday, Feb 14 Polar Blast Snow Tubing

Sunday, Feb 21, 6:00 pm Youth Led Meeting

Sunday, Feb 28, 6:00 pm Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 7, 6:00 pm Youth Led Meeting

Sunday, March 14, 6:00 pm Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 28, 6:00 pm Youth Meeting

Cleaning Up & Out



Music Ministry

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, February 3 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 10 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, February 24 at 7:30 pm

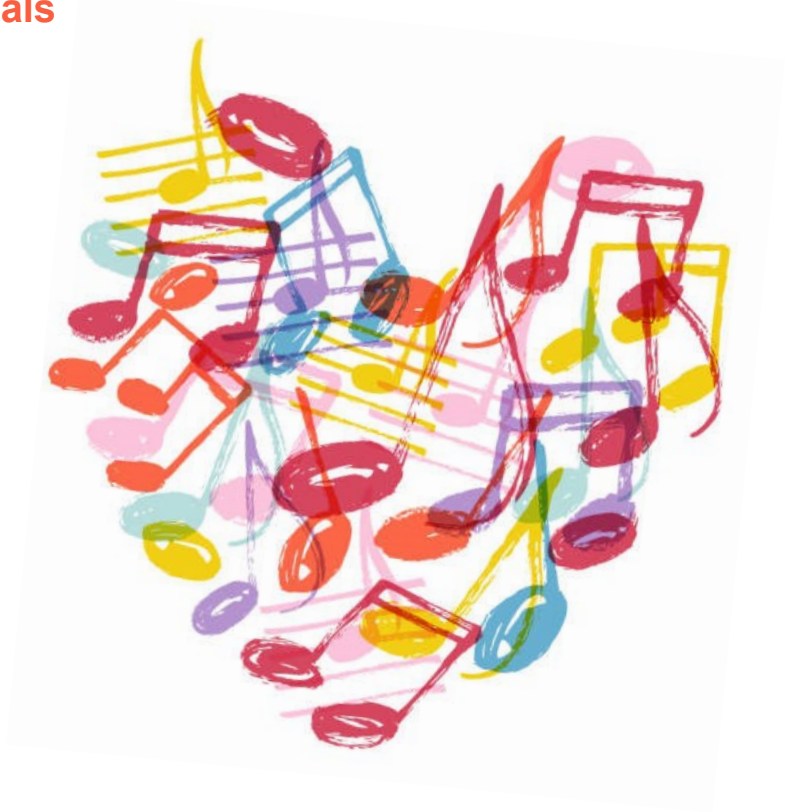
Wednesday, March 3 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 17 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 24 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 31 at 7:30 pm



Songs Celebrating Love

And Can It Be (Amazing Love) by Charles Wesley

What Wondrous Love Is This by St. Olaf Choir

How Deep the Father's Love for Us by Stuart Townend

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) by Casting Crowns

I Love You Lord by Laurie Klein

Deep in Love with You by Michael W. Smith

I Love You by Evan Wickham

Kingdom by Kristian Stanfill

Hold Us Together by Matt Maher

How Beautiful by Twila Paris





TLC Building Projects:

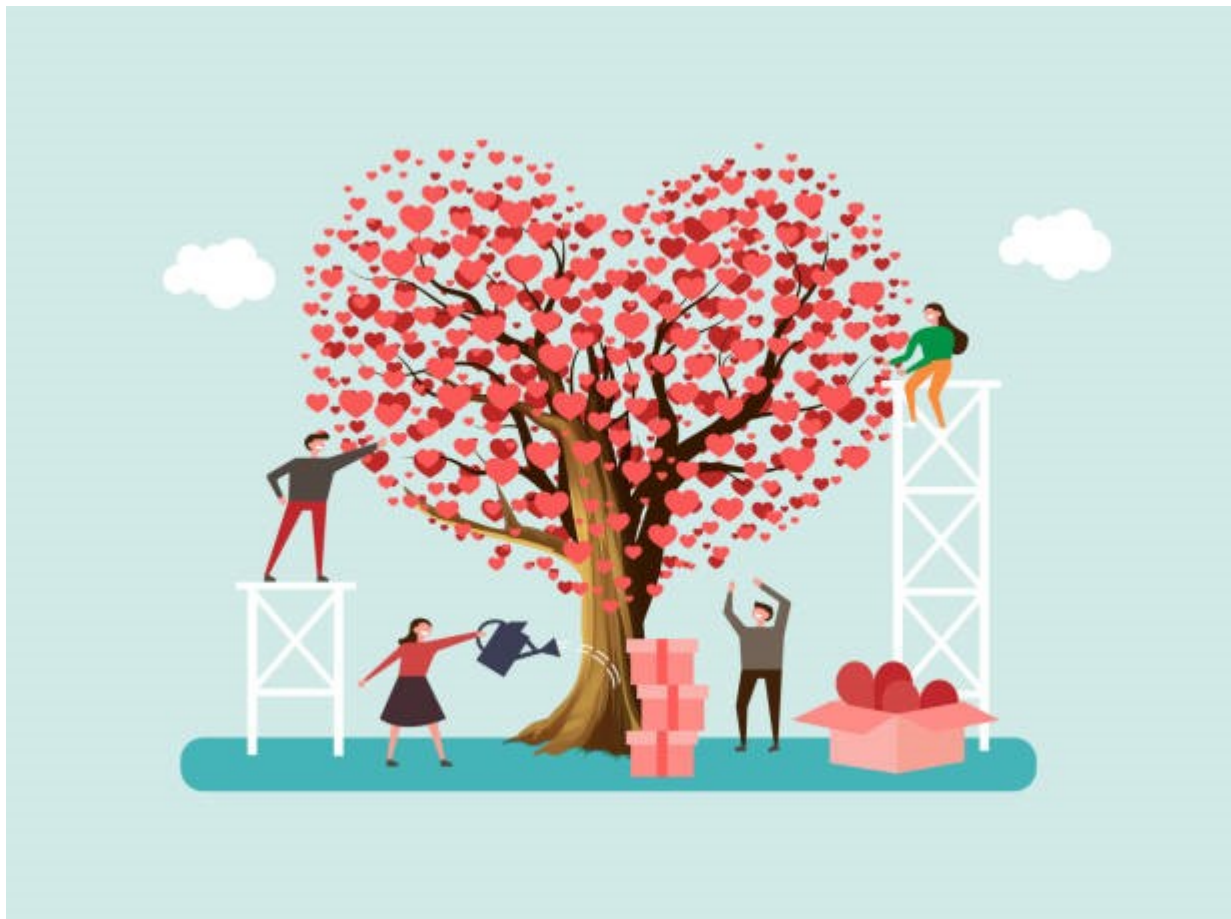
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Completed Projects

Replacing fluorescent lights with LED as needed
Plumbing inspection for water leak
Repaired parking lot light
Converted parking lot lights to LED
Stored barriers & moved picnic tables
Bathroom stall door repair
Boiler pump repaired
Sunday School Bulletin Board
Pre-maintenance completed

Upcoming Projects

Paint preschool hallway
Paint stairwell to mechanical room
Sanctuary and Narthex repairs
Clean gutters
Roof repair
Pavilion
Cleaning out the mechanical room
Hang artwork in Room 12
Youth room door
Repair broken kneelers



Birthdays

1 Robert Ray	18 Ellen Tywon
3 Cindy Strand	19 Diane Staszak
4 Michelle Tennant	19 Matthias Rettig
5 Robert Bloom	21 Juliana Eyring
6 Laura Eyring	21 John Dailey, Jr.
6 Roger Lattimer	22 Alexander Dutka
12 Michele Kaiser	25 Kay Graybeal
12 Jenna Senderling	25 Giuliana Hovey
13 Von Alleshouse	26 Janet Gearhart
13 Andrew Alberts	27 Joe Schuster
15 Luke Dussel	27 Cindy Phipps
16 Charles	28 Lucy Reynolds
Emslander	28 Anne Kuntz
17 Spike Moyer	

Anniversaries

7 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Larson
15 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shirafelt
25 Mr. & Mrs. Clive Moggridge
27 Mr. & Mrs. Todd Miller

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM Youth - Super Bowl Subs prep 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 6/7) 9:20 AM New Member Class (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Pre-Confirmation 8th Grade Parent Meeting	8 7:00 PM Board of Directors (Rm 12)	9 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	10 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	11 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM New Member Class (Rm 12, zoom)	12	13
14 Red Letter Challenge (RLC) Kick-Off Transfiguration Sunday Valentine's Day 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 6/7) 9:20 AM New Member Class (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Youth - Tubing	15 No school President's Day	16 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	17 Ash Wednesday RLC Begins 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship	18 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM New Member Class (Rm 12, zoom)	19	20
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