

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

The **TLC** Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MOVING FORWARD AT TLC

As the temperatures are rising and summer break is just around the corner, what's next at Tallmadge Lutheran Church?

TLC will continue preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ and can celebrate all the gifts we have received in our baptisms and whenever we receive Holy Communion. We can celebrate that more people are coming back to worship in person. We will continue to provide as many hybrid worship and Bible Study options (in-person and online) so that as many people can be engaged and growing in their faith. We will answer the question: "Should TLC's ministry be digital or physical?" with an emphatic **"Yes!"**

We Preach Christ
HIM WE PROCLAIM

There has been a lot of conversation about "bringing people back" – back to worship, to Sunday School, to fellowship events, to service projects. But I want to focus more on how do we **Move People Forward** in their faith and lives. As the world opens back up, it is easy to get into the mindset of doing everything like we used to. We think:

- *If we could just get a few more people to come back, everything would be okay.*
- *I wish we could just see the room full again.*
- *We really need to get back to where we were in 2019, and then we can move ahead.*



We truly want everyone back in-person at TLC! But I am convinced that bringing people back isn't our top priority. **Moving people forward is what we want to focus on.** Whether you are connected to TLC online, in-person, from a distance, or not-that-connected at all, we want to help all of our TLC members and friends to move forward in Christ.

TLC is in the midst of searching for new staff. Along with several lay leaders, I am leading a search for a new Music Director and Pianist/Accompanist for our music ministry and worship services. TLC is also in the process of forming a call committee for a new Director of Christian Education. Our King's Kids ministry is looking for one more staff to fill its team. And our Tallmadge Christian Preschool will be looking to hire two or three new teachers/aides this summer.

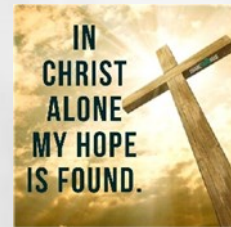
TLC is undergoing some physical transformation. The pavilion has is up and is beautiful. We are looking into the next steps which include a concrete sidewalk from the parking lot to the pavilion, furnishing the pavilion with picnic tables and a grill, putting gutters up on the structure, and much more! The roof of our 1989 Education Wing & gym has suffered some damage from a windstorm and we have received funds from our insurance to replace the roof over this entire addition. We are currently in the process of replacing a furnace/AC unit along with another furnace unit. In the past year there was some redecorating going on as the youth room took over the old sanctuary and the Pre-Kindergarten class moved into Rooms 6 & 7. This summer the 4s Preschool class will be switching into Room 5. The adult Bible class and confirmation that met in Room 5 will now gather in Room 1 (the room closest to the ramp). An architect has examined the structure of the original 1960 sanctuary and has found a substantial amount of rotting along the base of the walls as well as in the original poles supporting the structure. This maybe something we will need to address in the near future if we desire to keep using the original pole barn sanctuary.



One last thought...Most people (including you, I suspect) are exhausted by the division, tribalization, and anger that characterizes culture today. It's pretty clear that the culture is tired of itself too, but it doesn't quite know how to escape. This is the perfect opportunity for the church to simply be the church. An exhausted culture needs an alternative to itself, not an echo of itself. Authentic, grace-filled, hope-bearing, truthful people are what our friends and neighbors need. A generation tired of hate, yet caught in its grip, will only be released from it if there's a clear alternative.

Imagine, if in the next few years at TLC:

- Love surged.
- Hope got fueled.
- We can disagree but not be disagreeable.
- We focus on what unites people, not on what divides people.



It's my prayer that in a divided culture, our faith family at TLC can be the help and the hope that our families, our communities, and our area needs. **That's where TLC is moving forward!**

In Christ,
Pastor Andy

Outdoor Worship throughout the summer months



TLC is offering the 10:30 am worship service outside, weather permitting, for the summer. Members and friends are invited to bring their own lawn chairs to sit on the north side of TLC in the parking lot. We will also be broadcasting the worship service on FM 96.9 if you are more comfortable staying in your car for this worship service. On Sundays with an Outdoor Worship service, TLC will only be streaming and posting the 8:00 am worship service. The Outdoor Worship services will not be live-streamed or recorded.

Bring a chair and join us!

Announcements

- Outdoor Worship - Sundays at 10:30 am
- King's Kids Summer Camp begins - June 1
- Prayer Shawl - Thursday, June 3, 1:00 pm in Room 12
- Graduate Recognition Sunday - June 6
- Board of Elders - Monday, June 7, 7:00 pm
- Board of Directors - Monday, June 14, 7:00 pm
 - * No BOD meeting in July
- Father's Day - June 20
- The Wise Owls - Friday, June 18, 12:00 pm in Room 12

Congratulations Class of 2021



Jennifer Larson

Post-graduation plans are to continue to be a part of the youth group here at TLC. I am also working on finding a full-time job/career where I can use a combination of my skills and abilities from previous positions as well as some of the design knowledge I have attained through schooling.

Isaiah 40:31 *“but those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not become weary; they will walk and not faint.”*

TLC is looking for a part-time Pianist to accompany the Adult Choir and play for the 10:30am worship service. This would be an 8 hour/week position.

TLC is looking for a part-time Music Director to lead the music ministry at TLC, direct the adult choir, and lead the praise team. This is a 12 hour/week position.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in either of these positions, please send them to <https://www.tlcoh.org/hiring-music-ministry-team/>.

*In The Community

Tallmadge Rec Center:

46 N Munroe Road

Activities include adult & youth programs, sports, fitness, art & sewing classes, Family Fun Nights, dances, and more.

Yearly, monthly and daily admission. Plus a 7-day trial for FREE!

Civic Organizations through the Rec Center:

Faithful Servants, League of Women Voters, Tallmadge Foundation, Tallmadge Good Neighbors, Historical Society, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Primetimers, Soccer and Football Leagues

2021 Farmer Market: Opens June 17

In the Tallmadge Recreation Center parking lot (46 N. Munroe Road)

Thursdays, 4:00 -7:00 pm.

Open rain or shine!

Tallmadge Library

90 Community Road next to the Tallmadge Community Center.

"Coffee with the Editor" 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

Maca Aquatic Center:

Passes Are Sold Out! Hiring Lifeguards- apply at the Rec

183 Maca Drive

Opens May 29, 2021

Pavilion & Cabana Rentals, Swim Lessons, Water Aerobics classes offered

Playground is open year round

Community Garden

Garden plots (20 ft x 20 ft) are available to Tallmadge residents.

Access to the plots is from the parking lot behind the Tallmadge Recreation Center.

Register at City Hall prior to participation.

If you have questions, contact Andrea Kidder, Community Development/Communications Manager at 330-633-5639 or akidder@tallmadge-ohio.org.

Please see the Rec's website for more information: tallmadge-ohio.org/232/Recreation-Center

iC.A.R.E. Mentoring

Tallmadge City Schools is beginning a partnership with iC.A.R.E. Mentoring to match community volunteers one-on-one with students in Tallmadge. Mentors are trained and supported by iC.A.R.E. staff as they spend one hour each week with a student for at least one school year. The iC.A.R.E. Mentoring® program is unique in that mentoring activities bring volunteers into the district to mentor students during the school day. To get started, complete a Mentor Profile at <https://www.icarementoring.org/>.



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

Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

Preschool Grad Signs



Upcoming

Sunday, June 6, 6:00 pm Youth-led meeting

Sunday, June 13, 1:00 - 5:00 pm Wingfoot Lake!!

Sunday, June 27, 6:00 pm Regular meeting

Youth Service Project



Music Ministry: *celebrating growth & renewal*

Your Destiny by Kevin Levar and the One Sound

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived—the things God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Beautiful Day by Jamie Grace

“The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad” (Psalm 118:24).

Amazing by Ricky Dillard and the New G

“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you” (Joshua 3:5).

Lord I’m Ready Now by Plumb

“‘Return, faithless people; I will cure you of backsliding.’ ‘Yes, we will come to you, for you are the Lord our God’” (Jeremiah 3:22).

Every Praise by Hezekiah Walker

“Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!” (Psalm 147:1).

Made New by Lincoln Brewster

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Break Every Chain by Tasha Cobbs

“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?” (Isaiah 58:6).

Start a Fire by Unspoken

“They asked each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?’ (Luke 24:32).

King of my Heart by Love and the Outcome

“My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end” (Psalm 119:112).

More of You by Colton Dixon

“He must become greater; I must become less” (John 3:30)



Summer fun,
here we come!



Tallmadge Christian Preschool's **GRADUATION** **DAY!**



Congratulations to
 all of our TCP
 students!

We are SO
 proud of you!

TLC Building Projects

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

Projects Completed

Met with Emergency Management Systems to review quotes
for HVAC replacement

Put up playground barriers in parking lot area by shed

Playground Borders have been ordered

Repaired both toilets in ladies' restroom by mailboxes

Repaired toilet in men's restroom in office area

Carpets cleaned in educational wing

Gym floor stripped and waxed

Purchased CO detector and installed in boiler room

Purchased trash can and bicycle lock for playground area

Playground Borders delivered and were installed by volunteers

The Ray family donated lawn mower

Sink drain in youth room kitchen repaired

Sink drain in boy's restroom in educational wing repaired

Scheduled boiler inspection for 05/07/21

Thompson to replace lighting fixture by door 5

Removed AV covers for the summer

Boil inspection completed

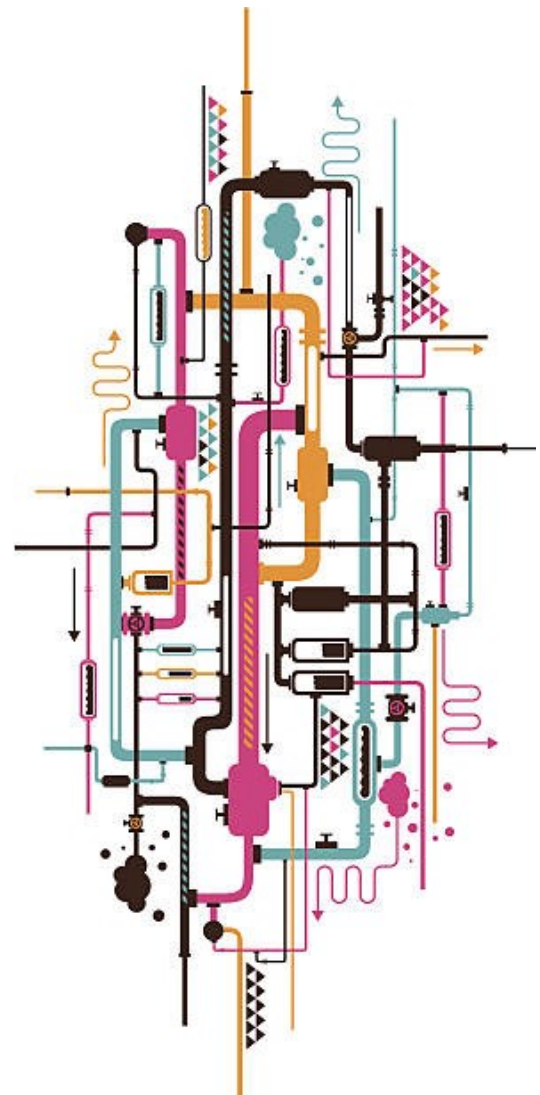
2021 Projects

Paint narthex

Paint preschool hallway

Paint stairway to mechanical room

Hang artwork in room 12



Tallmadge Lutheran Church Presents:

The Pavilion!



Birthdays

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Megan Habusta | 13 Jon Huck |
| 3 Natalie Evanoski | 14 Brianna Miller |
| 3 James Bailey | 15 Brian Kuntz |
| 5 Kathy Vanaman | 16 Ella Craddock |
| 7 Diane Richard | 17 Trudy Heck |
| 7 Dennis Gearhart | 17 Tildy Matulin |
| 7 Betty Scaife | 21 Richard Goebelt |
| 8 Emma Alberts | 21 Janet Buckles |
| 9 Hannah Armstrong | 23 Becky Springer |
| 10 Robert Whipple | 24 Timothy Richard |
| 10 Alayna Satterfield | 27 Elizabeth Mowers |
| 11 Walter Broemsen | 29 Catherine Kenny |

Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Griffin
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. John Dailey
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ross
- 6 Rev. & Mrs. Douglas Riley
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Habusta
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Von Alleshouse
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Eyring
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Bloom
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Shawn DeWolf
- 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gearhart
- 27 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Matulin



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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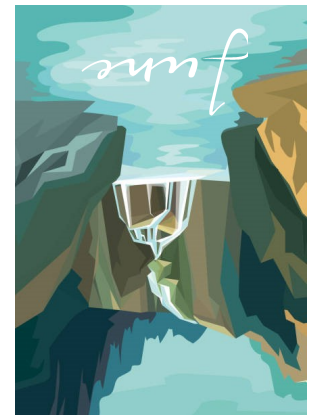
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