

The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2021

All Are Invited



All of us enjoy receiving invitations—to a meal, a wedding, or a concert. Usually, when the invitation is printed on a little card, there are cryptic letters written at the bottom: RSVP. They are an abbreviation of a French request to reply to the invitation. Unfortunately, not everyone knows that.

A couple found political asylum in this country during the Second World War. They came from Eastern or Central Europe, and they were not well versed in American culture. One day they received an invitation to a wedding, and at the bottom of the invitation were those cryptic letters: **RSVP**. In his thick, Eastern European accent, the husband said, "Vife, vat does it mean: RSVP? " So they thought for a while, until inspiration dawned, and the husband said, "Vife, I know vat it means: **Remember Send Vedding Presents.**"

They made a mistake by imaging that the message was a demand when, in reality, it was an invitation. Unfortunately, there are many people who make the same mistake about Jesus Christ and the Gospel. They think it is a demand when in reality it is an offer—a free invitation.

In Psalm 23, we are told, "The LORD is my shepherd." Partway through this psalm the poet celebrates that the Lord prepares "a table for me in the presence of my enemies," and "anoints my head with oil, my cup overflows." God's preparing a table is a telling theme that runs through the whole Bible. The LORD, the Creator of the universe and its gracious Redeemer, is the ultimate host. He hosts a banquet.

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It's an awesome banquet, based on the gift of his own Son. His Old Testament people were invited. So were the Jewish people of Jesus' day. Millions and millions are invited today, regardless of race, color or creed. You are invited too! And when God's banquet hall is full, this banquet turns into the grand climax of all other celebrations that God ever hosted throughout the centuries. It will become **"the wedding feast of the Lamb."**



Part of the invitation to this banquet or to follow the Shepherd is to recognize Jesus as God's Son and our Savior. The invitation is to become a follower of Jesus, to become a Christ-follower. The call to follow Jesus is not an invitation to a funeral, or a cry-in, or to a life that's somber or boring. It's an invitation to a feast, to a banquet, to a celebration! It's an invitation to the great feast of God's love in Jesus!

The invitation of the Bible is to a banquet, to a celebration, to the feast of God's great love in Jesus. And once we attend that banquet, our whole attitude to following Jesus changes. Then serving Jesus becomes something we want to do because we're thrilled by the invitation to feast on God's love! Please remember – all of you, including you children and young people – the invitation to follow Jesus is the invitation *to a celebration!*

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

~ Matthew 9:9 ~

*On **Sunday, August 29**, TLC will be inviting everyone to be part of our **CELEBRATION SUNDAY**. It will be a homecoming of sorts for our TLC family as we worship together and then spend time together in fellowship at an Outdoor Picnic at our own Pavilion. This is a great Sunday to attend worship and celebrate together! It is also a great Sunday to invite a friend. May you continually live out your faith with joy – You Are Invited!*

Pastor Andy

August Worship Plan

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Both Worship services inside TLC Sanctuary
with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Both Worship services inside TLC Sanctuary
Sunday, August 15, 2021

Both Worship services inside TLC Sanctuary
with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Both Worship services inside TLC Sanctuary
Sunday, August 29, 2021

8:00 am Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 am Worship Outside

Wise Owls

The Wise Owls are meeting the third

SATURDAY of each month.

The next meeting is Saturday, August 21, 2021



Welcome to TLC!



Please welcome our new Music Director, Jesse Reed! Jesse started at TLC this week. He received his Master of Music Degree in Choral Conducting from Kent State University in May of 2020. He is currently conducting the treble chorus, Cantique, and teaching classes at Kent State University. Jesse is familiar with TLC from participating in Bryon Black's Harvest Choir events in the past. He served at a Methodist church for several years during undergraduate school assisting with music and worship.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Aug 1, 2:00 Youth Group at the Crawley's
- Sunday, Aug 1-5 6:30 VBS
- Monday, Aug 2, 7:00 pm BOE
- Thursday, Aug 5, 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Week of Aug 9 - Painting of Education Wing
- Monday, Aug 9, 7:00 pm BOD
- Sunday, Aug 15 Blessing of Backpacks
- Sunday, Aug 15, 6:00 pm Youth Meeting
- Saturday, Aug 21, 12:00 pm Wise Owls
- Sunday, Aug 22, 9:15 am Confirmation Orientation
- Sunday, Aug 29, 12:00 pm TLC Picnic
- Sunday, Aug 29, 6:00 pm Youth Initiation
- Thursday, Sept 2, 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- Monday, Sept 6 Church Office Closed
- Monday, Sept 6, 7:00 pm BOE
- Wednesday, Sept 8, 6:30 Confirmation class begins
- Sunday, Sept 12 Rally Day
- Sunday, Sept 12, 6:00 pm Youth Group
- Monday, Sept 13, 7:00 pm BOD
- Friday, Sept 17, 12:00 pm Wise Owls
- Sunday, Sept 26, 6:00 pm Youth Group



TLC Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 1 – Thursday, August 5, 2021

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

You're One in a ~~Minion~~ ... Million! Have you ever felt like a misfit? Come to VBS this year to celebrate that God has chosen you to be His own. The Lord has a plan for each one of us. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and become a family. We encourage families to come experience VBS together as we meet outside. Come to learn God's Word, for the music, the fun games, and a craft to take home

*In The Community

Tallmadge

www.tallmadge-ohio.org

Maca Pool's last day open - August 15

Circle Fest is canceled for 2021

Tallmadge City Schools Begin - August 16

King's Kids Before & After Care begins - August 16

Farmers Market Thursdays, 4:00-7:00 pm at the Rec

Music on The Circle - Sat, Aug 21, 6:30 -8:30 The Akron Symphonic Winds

Remembrance Candle Lighting on The Circle - September 11



Akron

Lock3 www.lock3live.com

Sunday Cinema 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Fresh Air Fitness

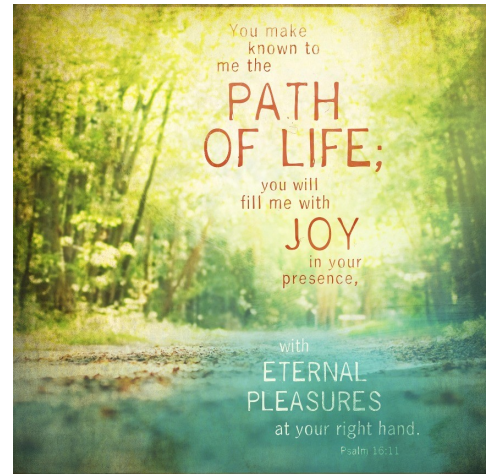
Wednesday Summer Concert Series 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Akron Rubber Ducks Games www.mlb.com/akron/schedule

Cuyahoga Falls

Blossom Music Center www.blossommusiccenter.net

The Riverfront www.downtowncf.com



Kent

Downtown www.kentohio.org/433/events

Kent Theatre www.kenttheatre.org

* Please continue to follow state guidelines.

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

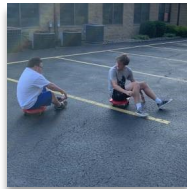
Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann



Upcoming

Sun, Aug 1 – Youth Led Meeting,
at the Crawley's House

Sun, Aug 15 – Regular Meeting

Sun, Aug 29 – Youth Initiation

At The Car Wash, Yeah!.....



A Showroom Shine Every Time

Music Ministry

Dear TLC Family,

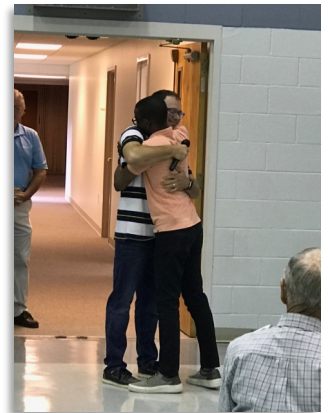
Wow. I cannot thank you all enough for all of your kindness, support, affirmations, and prayers. I'm so grateful to know that I have such an amazing village in all of you as I transition in South Carolina. Thank you to everyone who gave a gift, donation, some thoughtful words or even just their presence. I will miss you all dearly, and I'm grateful for my time with you all over the past six years.

I'll do my best to make you all proud!

God's blessings to each of you.

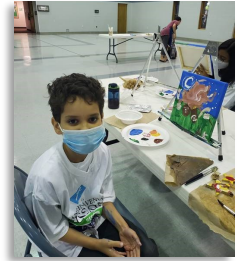
All the very best,

Bryon Black II



And so begins a new adventure...

S U M M E R



TLC Building Projects

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

Projects Completed

Purchased sand tubes for playground barricades
Brian Kuntz planted grass around playground
Purchased paint for narthex
The pavilion has been completed
Purchased 8 yards of topsoil to put around pavilion
The gym roof and room 12 roof has been completed
Furnaces replaced July 20, 2021
Repaired toilet in girl's restroom in educational wing
Replaced wax ring in men's restroom by library
Requested quotes to paint rooms 6 and 7
Five Star Painting of Medina
Rowland Painting
Wollet Painting
Trinity Painting
Scott Blazer
Hired Scott Blazer to paint rooms 6 & 7
week of 08/09/21
Bica Lock came in June 30, 2021
Rekeyed Laura's Door
Tightened Lock on Door 4
Made Copies of the Main Key

2021 Projects

Paint narthex
Paint preschool hallway
Paint stairway to mechanical room
Hang artwork in room 12
Paint rooms 6 and 7
Move cubbies & repaint door 6 entry week of 08/09/21

Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer Larson
- 2 Ray Olson
- 4 Thomas Matulin
- 5 Paul LeVan
- 5 Adam Dutka
- 5 William Wojtek
- 13 Barbara Bailey
- 15 Gail Dailey
- 16 Alexandra Olson
- 20 Shannon Dutka
- 21 Elizabeth DeWolf
- 26 Rick Habusta
- 26 Vicki Meek
- 26 Ross Weyandt
- 28 Gary Sandmann
- 30 Alyssa Miller

Anniversaries

- 5 Mrs. & Mrs. Chuck Kobb
- 6 Mrs. & Mrs. Spike Moyer
- 7 Mrs. & Mrs. Marti Hauser
- 13 Mrs. & Mrs. Mattias Rettig
- 17 Mrs. & Mrs. Scott Gearhart
- 23 Mrs. & Mrs. Dan Fosnight
- 30 Mrs. & Mrs. Bill Graf



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20 AM Bible Study 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM VBS	2 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM VBS 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	3 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM VBS	4 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM KK in Gym (Zoo Day) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM VBS	5 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM VBS	6	7
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22 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Confirmation orientation 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20 AM Bible Study 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM VBS	23	24 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM TCP Parent Meeting	25	26 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM TCP Playdates	27	28
29 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20 AM Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship 11:45 AM TLC Annual Picnic 6:00 PM Youth Initiation	30	31 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)				

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