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Bible Studies: 9:20 am  
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# THE LIVING LIGHT

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## Love Matters



Have you heard of the Grant Study? In 1938 a group of researchers from Harvard University set out to answer the question of what habits led to a fulfilling life. They chose a group of 268 men who for the next seventy-five years were studied on a range of psychological, physical, economic, and spiritual characteristics. Called the Grant Study (named after its patron W. T. Grant, the department-store baron), it became the longest-running longitudinal study of human development.

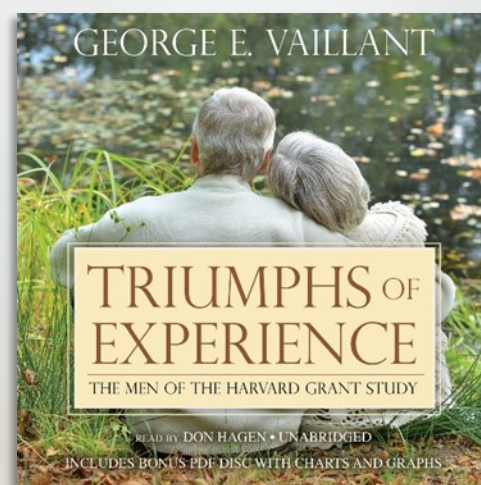
With the remaining participants now reaching into their early nineties, George Vaillant, the last acting director of the Grant Study, decided to bring it to a close by publishing what they had learned in a remarkable book called *Triumphs of Experience*. After more than seventy-five years of research, they learned that while factors such as education, a stable marriage, and healthy lifestyle choices were all helpful for a good life, there was only one thing that really mattered to a vibrant life: **love**. The capacity to love and be loved is the point of our human existence. “The only thing that really matters in life [is] your relations to other people,” Vaillant said.

The Apostle Paul wrote in **1 Corinthians 13:13**

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.

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# LOVE MATTERS

What would it look like if everyone lived as if love mattered most? What if we oriented our lives around loving others in a sacrificial way? How would our relationships change? How would our workplaces and schools change? How would our society change?

One of the books that Annie and I read before we were married is *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas. This book poses a thoughtful question...What if God designed marriage to make us **HOLY** more than to make us **HAPPY**? Gary Thomas writes,

“Marriage calls us to an entirely new and selfless life. . . . Any situation that calls me to confront my selfishness has enormous spiritual value, and I slowly began to understand that the real purpose of marriage may not be happiness as much as it is holiness. . . . If we view the marriage relationship as an opportunity to excel in love, it doesn’t matter how difficult the person is whom we are called to love; it doesn’t matter even whether that love is ever returned. We can still excel at love. We can still say, “Like it or not, I’m going to love you like nobody ever has.” . . .



Marriage creates a situation in which our desire to be served and coddled can be replaced with a more noble desire to serve others—even to sacrifice for others. . . . Each day we must die to our own desires and rise as a servant. Each day we are called to identify with the suffering Christ on the cross, and then be empowered by the resurrected Christ. We die to our expectations, our demands, and our fears. We rise to compromise, service, and courage.

These were challenging ideas for Annie and me. To be honest, most of the time I am more concerned about being happy than holy. It is in relationships that we get to put our faith into practice...loving, forgiving, helping, serving. That’s why being part of a church family is so important—bearing with our brothers and sisters in Christ that are different than us allows us to put love into practice! As we come together for worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study, we hear that God loves us...but we also hear that the people around us love us as well.

In the book, *Deeply Loved* by Keri Wyatt Kent, the author tells the story of how two foster parents help their foster child understand the love of God:

Patti and Bruce, feeling a tug from Jesus, welcomed a four-year-old foster child into their home. Originally the child welfare organization told them Jonathan would be staying with them and their four other children for about a month. Five months later, after a couple of attempts to place him back with his mother, he’s still living with Patti and Bruce.

The process has been messy and complicated. This little boy is sweet, charming, and winsome at times, but angry and confused at other times. So sometimes he cuddles and hugs, but other times he acts out: yelling, scratching, hitting, and even biting.

My friends have loved this child, even as he tries their patience, even as they sometimes despair over the difficulties his birth family faces: poverty, illness, and so on. When they tuck him in at night, they ask him, “Jonathan, when God looks at you, what does he say?” And they have taught him to answer, “He says, ‘I sure do love that little boy!’”

It is my hope and prayer at Tallmadge Lutheran Church: that each of us knows, beyond a shadow of a doubt, “God loves me!” I also pray that the Lord uses each of us to let the members of our families, our co-workers and classmates that God loves them too!

In Christ,  
Pastor Andy





# ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- Food for The Poor Presentation Sunday, February 6 in both services
- Prayer Shawl Meeting Friday, February 4, 1:00 pm in Room 12
- Pre-Confirmation 8th grade Parent Meeting Sunday, February 6, 6:30 pm
- Super Bowl Orders are due Wednesday, February 9
- Pastor Andy's Birthday Sunday, February 13
- Super Bowl Sub Pick-up is Sunday, February 13
- Valentines Day Monday, February 14
- Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 13
- Ohio District Youth Mini-Gathering Sunday March 13
- Wise Owls Saturday, March 19 at 12:00 pm
- Church office closed Monday, April 18 in observance of Easter

## THE WISE OWLS

The Wise Owls will carpool to Hartville Kitchen with the Tuesday Morning Bible Study on Tuesday, February 22. Please meet at TLC, by 12:00 pm.

## LENTEN WORSHIPS

Ash Wednesday Worship March 2, 7:00 pm

Midweek Worships at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 9, 16, 23 & 30

Wednesday, April 6

Maundy Thursday Worship April 14, 7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship April 15, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Worship April 17, 2022

6:30 am Sunrise Service

8:00 am Celebration Service

10:30 am Celebration Service

## ORDER YOUR SUBS TODAY!

### 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, February 9.

Pick-up is Sunday, February 13.

Order forms are on page 8 and by the mailboxes.

Please call Todd Miller with any questions 330.573.5779 or [tandl22720@gmail.com](mailto:tandl22720@gmail.com).



# Food For The Poor

*Sunday, February 6, 2022 8:00 am & 10:30 am*

Pastor James Stoltenberg will be our Food for the Poor guest speaker. Food For The Poor's mission is to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit, especially those living in desperate need in primarily 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. By providing lifesaving food, secure housing, clean water, healthcare, emergency relief, micro-enterprise projects and education opportunities, Food For The Poor seeks to give those in extreme poverty a chance at a better future, and showing them God's love. There will be a special door offering for Food For the Poor that Sunday <https://www.foodforthe poor.org/>



## Organ Task Force

Tallmadge Lutheran Church is putting together a task force to obtain a used/new electronic organ. Our current organ has major flaws and issues and has reached the end of its life. This task force would research electronic organs, receive quotes for a new/used organ, explore and implement fundraising, and oversee installation of the new organ.

If you are interested in serving on this task force, please contact Pastor Andy (email: [pastorandy@tlcoh.org](mailto:pastorandy@tlcoh.org) text: 330-203-5474).

# TLC Planning Session

*Saturday, February 19, 2022 9:00 am — 1:00 pm.*

All TLC members are invited to participate in a Congregational Planning Session. We will meet from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at church to discuss, dream, and prioritize action-possibilities to create a stronger future for Tallmadge Lutheran Church. To attend virtually, click on the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82062552275?pwd=d3U1cGRnNjJlVWJlOWUFXV0grVTNVZz09>

or call-in on your phone (312) 626-6799 with Meeting ID 82062552275 and passcode 120724.

## Pianist

**Please welcome David Sipusic as  
TLC's new Church Musician!**

David will be accompanying the Adult Choir and playing piano for the 10:30am worship services. David has been playing piano almost all of his life and is excited to be making music once again. When not playing piano, David is a partnering attorney for the law firm Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder in Solon/Cleveland. Before joining MRR, David served as Associate General Counsel for Research/EEO and Executive Director of the Excellence Training Center at Youngstown State University. David's wife, Melanie, is a music teacher at Brecksville-Broadview Heights Middle School. Their son, Noah, is a seventh grader and loves to play soccer. The Sipusic family are members of Tallmadge Lutheran Church.

Thank the Lord for providing a pianist for our congregation!

# IN THE COMMUNITY: TALLMADGE

## Tallmadge Snowman Building Contest

Tallmadge residence, build your best snowman, take a picture and send it to Sam at the Rec Center for a chance to win a gift card and see your frozen fella on The Rec's facebook page!

Build as many as you want! The pictures will be randomly posted and each month one lucky winner will receive a \$10 Rec Center gift card! Email your snowman pics to Samantha at [sdelapa@tallmadge-ohio.org](mailto:sdelapa@tallmadge-ohio.org)

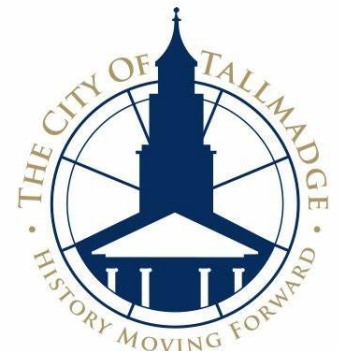


## Maca Passes on sale now

	Resident	Resident Sr	Non Resident	Non-Resident Sr
Individual	\$100	\$55	\$150	\$80
2 Members	\$150	\$75	\$225	\$110
3 Members	\$180		\$275	
+ Household Member	\$30		\$50	

Daily Admission by age: 2 & under free; ages 3-12 \$10; ages 13-59 \$15; ages 60+ \$5

Guest of member \$5 (limit 2 per day)



## Family Fun Fest Friday, February 25, 2022, 6:30-9:30 pm

This family-oriented night includes a variety of family fun! Inflatables that parents and kids of all ages can jump on together, family crafts, face painting, exhibits, games, and a live petting zoo! Everyone will have the chance to meet several big, furry celebrities, such as the University of Akron's Zippy, the Tallmadge Blue Devil and the Akron Rubber Ducks mascots! Discounted pre-sale tickets are available a few weeks prior to the event or can be purchased at the event.

Pre-sale tickets: \$4/person

Event Day tickets: \$5/person

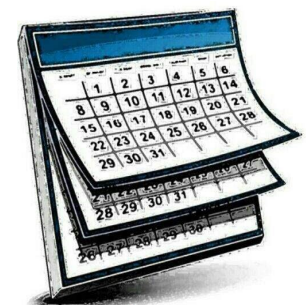
Children 2 and under are free

Tickets go on sale at the Recreation Center February 1.



## Coming up:

- Tallmadge Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 16, 2022, 10:30 am at The Rec Center.
- Tallmadge Rec Community Expo: Mid-April
- Community Garden Opens: Late-May





# Music Ministry News

The missing piece is

*You!*

Join the Choir.

Play an instrument.

Perform an Anthem.

Be apart of this wonderful group today.



Jesse Reed, music director

[music@tlcoh.org](mailto:music@tlcoh.org)

# Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

## Ohio District Youth Gathering

Don't miss the Winter Mini-Gathering on Sunday, March 13! We will be travelling to Royal Redeemer Church in North Royalton from 1:00-8:30 pm. Bob Lenz is the speaker and music will be provided by the Scally Brothers. This event is free to all youth! The mini gathering will also be a great warm up for NYG and will give us an opportunity to meet youth from other churches!

## Super Bowl Subs

Support the Youth and order your sub today! Order forms are by the mailboxes, on bulletin boards and page 8 of this newsletter.

## Upcoming

Sunday February 13, 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

Super Bowl Sub Prep

Sunday, February 27. 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Regular Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 13, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Ohio District Youth Gathering

Sunday, March 27, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Regular Youth Meeting

## Stay Connected & Keep Caring for One Another!



# Sub Sandwich **SALE**



**ORDER your BOX LUNCH for  
Super Bowl Sunday (February 13th) TODAY!!**

**DEADLINE TO ORDER IS WEDNESDAY , FEBRUARY 9TH**

*Box lunch includes:*

6" sub sandwich with your choice of toppings.

A delicious homemade dessert, i.e. cookies.

A bottle of water, bag of chips & a pickle spear.

Toppings	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Sub 4	Sub 5	Sub 6
Ham						
Salami						
Turkey						
Provolone						
American						
Tomatoes						
Onions						
Banana Peppers						
Lettuce						

*(If you would like to order more than 6 box lunches, please use another form.)*

# of Box Lunches \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00/box = Total Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to Tallmadge Lutheran Church.*

Order forms may be placed in the youth ministry mailbox or Todd Miller's mailbox.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Check) \_\_\_\_\_ Will pick up after Early Service (9 a.m.) in the kitchen.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Will pick up after Sunday School (10:15 a.m.) in the kitchen.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Will pick up after Late Service (11:30 a.m.) in the kitchen.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Donate Sub(s) # \_\_\_\_\_ to Haven of Rest.

Box Lunches will be handed out on Sunday, February 13th.

Box Lunches ordered for Haven of Rest will be delivered on Monday, February 14th.

**Proceeds will go towards the TLC Youth Group Funds for future events.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!**



 So much fun!



# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

HVAC unit #3 ordered 12/30/2021 to avoid 12% increase  
New church/TCP/KK signs ordered, delivered and installation has begun  
Toilet repaired in girl's restroom in educational wing  
Andy Wahl painted curb in parking lot by door 6 entry  
Lubricated all locks in church  
Converted light fixture to LED in girl's restroom in educational wing and fellowship hallway by kitchen  
Brian Kuntz changed the door lock on Kings Kids office door  
EMS came in and performed PM on HVAC system  
Ordered table storage cart for tables not stored properly,  
Stacked pavilion picnic tables for winter to help protect from weather  
Tore down barriers for playground and moved by the shed  
Moved Little Tikes stuff behind the shed for winter  
Covered the AC units for winter storage  
Brian Kuntz repaired soffit by door 1

## To Complete:

Paint narthex  
Paint door 6 entry area  
Paint preschool hallway-August 2022  
Paint stairway to mechanical room-August 2022  
Continue replacing overhead lights that are burnt out

## Hiring:

Tallmadge Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Facilities Manager (approximately 12 hours a week).

The Facilities Manager would supervise maintenance and upkeep of all buildings, grounds, and landscaping by custodians and contractors. Some light physical duties would include, but not be limited to, changing/updating outside sign, keeping salt containers full, replacing lightbulbs, and setting-up and taking down tables and chairs. Starting salary is \$14 /hour.

If interested, please contact Pastor Andy Alberts at (330) 633-4775. For the full job description, go to

<https://www.tlcoh.org/tlc-facilities-manager/>.



Thank you TLC's facilities manager, Steve Staszak!

Thank you for the time and effort you put in to improving TLC as a building & as a church. It was great having you on staff and we are sad to see you go.

Thank you for taking care of us!



## BIRTHDAYS

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

## ANNIVERSARIES

7 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Larson'  
27 Mr. & Mrs. Todd Miller

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Bible study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM Confirmation Choir 7:30 PM Choir	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Preschool Open House	<b>4</b> 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	<b>5</b> 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Member event (Room12)
<b>6</b> 8:00 AM Food for The Poor presentation 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 Worship 6:30 PM Pre-Confirmation 8th Grade Parent Meeting	<b>7</b> 5:30 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>9</b> Super bowl sub or-ders due 6:30 PM Bible study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM Confirmation Choir 7:30 PM Choir	<b>10</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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