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



The Living Light

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Lent 2022 Stand Firm: A Beautiful Resistance

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **Ephesians 6:12-13**

After the arrival of Covid19, the riots of the summer of 2020, the presidential election later that fall, and all the turmoil of this past year, it feels like our nation is more divided than it's been since the Civil War. The culture wars have pivoted to fighting over Critical Race Theory and transgenderism. The Biblical perspectives of the Christian church have frequently been rendered as judgmental and evil. The experience of following Jesus in our cultural moment: it feels like a war for our soul. There is a kind of tug-of-war that is emotionally and spiritually depleting, a tearing at the fabric of our souls' peace.

Why does every day feel like a battle just to stay faithful, to keep following Jesus? Here is an idea: *maybe because it is.*

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For centuries, teachers of the Way of Jesus used a paradigm that's been lost in the modern era, that of the "three enemies of the soul:" Martin Luther defined these three enemies of the soul as:



**The world.**

**The flesh.**

**And the devil.**

While the exact phrase the world, the flesh, and the devil isn't used by Jesus or the writers of the New Testament, the language and categories are. The apostle Paul regularly likened following Jesus to a war. One of Paul's most famous sayings is "Fight the good fight of faith." He told the Ephesians to "put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes" and prayed that their pastor Timothy would "fight the battle well." Paul reminds us that "our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but ... against the spiritual forces of evil" and that "the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world," but he did claim that we have "divine power to demolish strongholds."

While most Christians in the first four centuries after Jesus were pacifists, the idea of spiritual warfare was used to describe the inner dynamics of the soul. The Christian war against the three enemies of the soul is not a war of guns and bombs. It's not against other people at all.

It's a war on lies. And the problem is less that we tell lies and more that we live them. We let false narratives about reality into our bodies, and they wreak havoc in our souls.

This Lent at Tallmadge Lutheran Church, we will be rallying together to **STAND FIRM** in our faith in Jesus Christ. On Sunday mornings, the worship services and sermons will be focused on "Knowing the Enemies of Your Soul." Drawing from John Mark Comer's book *Live No Lies*, we will recognize this three-pronged strategy:

**THE DEVIL** uses deceptive ideas...  
that play into disordered desires of **OUR FLESH**...  
that are normalized in a sinful society of **THE WORLD**.

Jesus sees our primary war against the devil as a fight to believe truth over lies. On Sunday mornings, we will ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth – to Jesus. Through Jesus' perfect life, innocent suffering and death, and glorious resurrection, Jesus sets us free. In Christ, we daily die to self and rise in Jesus. The Holy Spirit covers us in the armor of God so that we may be able to stand our ground.

On Wednesday Midweek Lenten services, we will draw strength from the faithful practice of spiritual disciplines. God has gifted His Church with spiritual disciplines by which we mitigate the isolation and lies of the devil in our secular society with the Spirit and Truth of Jesus and His kingdom. We will focus on spiritual resistance through confession, solitude and prayer, meditating on Scripture, fasting, and corporate worship. By practicing spiritual disciplines and holding to the teachings of Jesus, we will resist the temptations of the devil, the flesh and the world while becoming more and more like Jesus Christ.

It is my hope and prayer that this Lent, you may be strengthened in your walk as a follower of Jesus to "fight the good fight of faith"!

Pastor Andy





## Lenten Sermon Series - Sundays in Lent

### *Knowing the Enemies of Your Soul*

Sunday, March 6

**The DEVIL – Part 1**

Sunday, March 13

**The DEVIL – Part 2**

Sunday, March 20

**The FLESH – Part 1**

Sunday, March 27

**The FLESH – Part 2**

Sunday, April 3

**The WORLD – Part 1**

Sunday, April 10

**The WORLD – Part 2**

Easter Sunday, April 17

**Jesus has DEFEATED our enemies!**

## Midweek Lenten Services Wednesdays

**6:30pm Worship**

### *Spiritual Resistance*

Ash Wednesday, March 2

**LIVE NO LIES**

Wednesday, March 9

**CONFESSION**

Wednesday, March 16

**SOLITUDE & PRAYER**

Wednesday, March 23

**MEDITATING ON SCRIPTURE**

Wednesday, March 30

**FASTING**

Wednesday, April 6

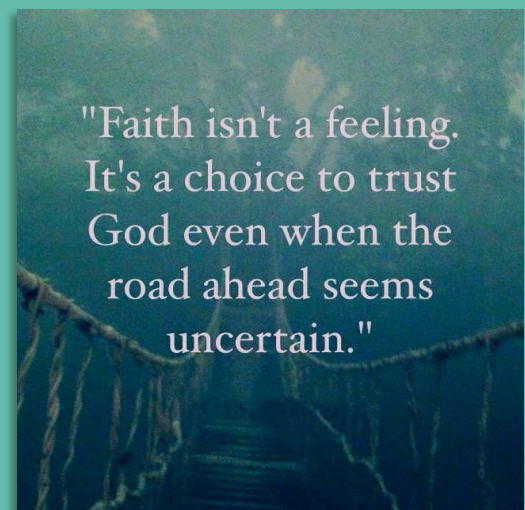
**CORPORATE WORSHIP**

## TLC Planning Retreat

On Saturday February 19, sixteen TLC members gathered for a planning retreat. After a process of discussing, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and desired future, the members present at this planning session chose five ministry priorities to focus on in 2022:

1. Intentionally build connections to Tallmadge Christian Preschool and King's Kids families.
2. Start a monthly Men's and Women's Breakfast gathering – possibly on Saturday mornings
3. Seek to collaborate with area LCMS congregations for fellowship and ministry
4. Better utilize TLC's pavilion, ball diamond, and green space for Outdoor ministry and fellowship
5. Create events to show appreciation to local Firefighters, police officers, teachers, and medical workers

If you have a passion for one of these areas, please reach out to Pastor Andy or Brian Kuntz to be part of the ministry teams to turn these ideas into reality.





# Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Ash Wednesday Worship March 2, 6:30 pm
- Prayer Shawl Meeting Friday, March 4, 1:00 pm
- BOE Monday, March 7, 7:00 pm
- Daylight Savings begins Sunday, March 13
- Ohio District Youth Mini-Gathering Sunday, March 13
- BOD Monday, March 14, 7:00 pm
- Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, March 15
- St Patrick's Day March 17
- Wise Owls Saturday, March 19, 12:00 pm
- Youth Meeting Sunday, March 27, 4:30 pm
- Church office closed Easter Monday, April 18

## Lenten Suppers

Please join us at 5:00 pm, Wednesday nights during Lent for supper. Our current hosts:

Wednesday, March 2 Board of Elders  
Wednesday, March 9 Wise Owls  
Wednesday, March 16 Board of Directors

If you have a Bible study or group who would like to host, please contact head elder, Bob Knepper,

## Lenten Worship

Ash Wednesday Worship March 2, 6:30 pm

Midweek Worship 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



# In The Community: Tallmadge

## 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)



## Tallmadge Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022, 10:30 am at The Rec Center. Children ages 2-12 years old can join the hunt for candy and prize filled eggs. Children are broken into age groups of 2-4 years old, 5-6 years old, 7-9 years old and 10-12 years old for the hunt. The hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. sharp so get there early with your baskets in hand. The Easter Bunny will be onsite for pictures too! This event is free.



## Coming up:

- Tallmadge Rec Community Expo: Mid-April
- Community Garden Opens: Late-May
- Memorial Parade
- Music on the Circle: Saturday nights, 6:30-8:30 pm, throughout the summer
- Touch-A-Truck: Saturdays, 10:00 am—12:00 pm, in June



## Electronic Recycling

Tallmadge has partnered with [Summit e-Waste Recycling](#) to provide a recycle drop-off bin at the Community Center located at 80 Community Road. The bin is able to take most items but if you have something larger like TVs please contact [Summit e-Waste Recycling](#) directly.



# Music Ministry News



The Music Ministry is looking for new members!  
Join the Choir; help uplift and inspire during Sunday service.

If you know someone TLC may feature,  
TLC would love to show case him or her during the Anthem.  
Contact Jesse Reed at [music@tlcoh.org](mailto:music@tlcoh.org) to join!



# 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!



### Upcoming

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

Ohio District Youth Gathering

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

Regular Youth Meeting

## Super Bowl Subs

135 subs made!

75 subs donated to Haven of Rest!

\$1000 toward NYG!

A HUGE thanks to all of YOU!

God is Good!







# Arts & Giraffes



# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

Plow Company contacted to widen sidewalk and create paths to the dumpsters and shed.

Brian Kuntz widen parking lot so school buses and members could have better access. Thank you Brian!

Second table cart purchased and assembled.

Larry Buckles scrapped old, damaged table cart.

Entrances/walkways shoveled and salted as needed by staff during the week.

Olds Pest Control set bait early January for potential varmints in Youth Room attic.

## Hiring:

Tallmadge Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Facilities Manager (approximately 15 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 \$15 /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/>.

## To Complete:

Paint narthex

Paint door 6 entry area

Paint preschool hallway

Paint stairway to mechanical room

Continue replacing overhead lights that are burnt out



## Birthdays

2 Miya Kuntz	20 Betty Dodd
4 Pamela Meece	21 Hanna Lattimer
5 Steven Packy	23 Robin Bergmann
6 Christy Wahl	24 Steven Staszak
6 Gregory Redman	27 Nathan Gorrell
8 Juanita Graham	29 Marjorie Ray
11 Molly Conley	30 Annalise Hovey
15 Trent Wright	31 Martin Hauser
16 Denise Zehner	31 Blake Miller

## Anniversaries

- 2 Mr. & Mrs. David Dailey  
26 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Springer



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> Ash Wednesday 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Panera) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM Bible study (Rm 12) 7:30 PM Choir	<b>3</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>4</b> 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	<b>5</b>
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