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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

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Redeemed

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Ephesians 1:7



There is a story about when a great Parliament of Religions that was held in the city of Chicago in the United States back in 1893. Practically every known religion at that time was represented there. During one of the sessions, a man by the name of Dr Joseph Cook of Boston, a preacher, stood suddenly. He addressed everyone: 'Gentleman, I beg to introduce to you a woman with a great sorrow. Bloodstains are on her hands, and nothing she has tried will remove them. The blood is that of murder. She has been driven to desperation in her distress. Is there anything in your religions that will remove her sin and give her peace?'



A hush fell on the gathering that day, not one of the company replied. Dr Cook, raising his eyes heavenward, then cried out: 'John!' - meaning the apostle John - 'John, can you tell this woman how to get rid of her awful sin'. The great preacher waited, as if listening for a reply, and suddenly he cried: 'Listen, John speaks!' - and quoting 1 John 1 verse 7 in the Bible, he said, **'The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin'**.

Not a soul broke the silence. The representatives of the Eastern religions and the Western cults sat dumb. In the face of human need, it was the Gospel of Jesus Christ alone that could meet that need. Only the blood of Jesus shed on the cross at Calvary can erase human sin - and that is the good news of the Gospel that we preach. We read it here in Ephesians 1:7: 'In Him we have redemption', we are bought back from the bondage of our sin, 'through His blood', Jesus' blood, 'the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace'.

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In his book *Not Ashamed of the Gospel*, Fleming Rutledge reminds follower of Jesus we must remember there is only one way that we can participate in Christ's victory over the demonic Powers. We can only do it by doing it *His* way. The way of grace. The way of the Gospel. The way through the cross redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. For if we try to do it our way, we will fail and we will be back into the rule of Sin and Death. The only way of victory is through the Cross.

Rutledge also makes this observation, "Young people today are faced with so many pressures to assume so many "lifestyles". The messages are all essentially the same... and your lifestyle will be limitless...It's a lie. All of it is a lie. None of these things can give life. The sign of Sin and Death lies across them all. But there is news today. I am among you as a fellow prisoner who brings news of impending release. *The first man, Adam, is strong but the second man, Christ, is stronger still.*" In this month of April and Easter, we celebrate that the second Adam, Jesus Christ, has died on the cross and has defeated all our enemies!

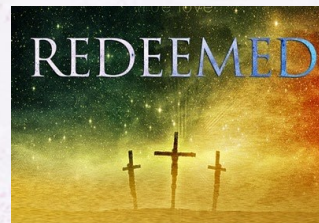
While we can know in our heads that we share in Jesus' victory, sometimes we get overwhelmed by the devil's lies. This month, I challenge you to listen to the voice of Jesus Christ over the lies of the devil. Listen to the voice of Jesus who loves you and who died and rose again so that you might have abundant life now and forever. In her book *Get Out Of Your Head*, Jennie Allen told this story:

My friend Christina, a licensed therapist, tells me that Psychiatry 101 teaches therapists that when you and I choose to believe a lie about ourselves, it's one of these three lies we believe:

I'm helpless.

I'm worthless.

I'm unlovable.



Reflexively I tried to prove her wrong. "Seriously, Christina? Only *three*?" I told her that I've been known to believe three hundred lies about myself—in a day. "Nope," she said. "Each one of those three hundred lies fits into one of these three."

For the sake of argument, let's assume that Christina is right. Which of the three lies do you most struggle against? I pray that the power of Jesus' death and resurrection, the strength of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Father may empower you to trust down the depths of your being and the Lord loves you, God sees great value and worth in you, and that for those redeemed in the blood of Jesus, all things are possible.

In the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Pastor Andy

Food Pantry Updates

2021- TLC was able to get 7000 lbs of food valued at \$7,734.00 from the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. We did NOT pay a cent, due to grants and funding.

2022- TLC will still be accessing food from the Foodbank, but anticipate it costing \$100- \$150/month to continue to provide food to 20 families on a monthly basis.

HOW can you help continue this vital service to the community?

- I will periodically ask for specific items that are needed for the Food Pantry that you can donate. (Look for updates in the weekly email).
- Monetary donations would be helpful at this time as well, so that I can continue to provide a nice selection of foods to support our families.
- Checks can be made out to TLC with writing Food Pantry on the memo line!

Thank you in advance for continuing to support this vital ministry that is really an outreach to families in the community!

Gail McAlister



Lenten Worship

Midweek Worship 6:30 pm, 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

8:30 am Celebration Service

10:30 am Celebration Service

*TLC's Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 am - 11:00 pm (please see page 5 for details).

*Easter Breakfast will be serviced by TLC's Youth Ministry between services on Easter Sunday.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

April

- Prayer Shawl Friday, April 1, 1:30 pm
- BOE Monday, April 4, 7:00 pm
- Jubilate Ringers Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 pm
- Confirmation Celebration Wednesday, April 6, 7:30 pm
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 9, 9:00 am
- BOD Monday, April 11, 7:00 pm
- Jubilate Ringers Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 pm
- Men's Breakfast Friday April 15, 7:00 am
- Church Office Closed Monday, April 18
- Wise Owls Saturday, April 23, 12:00 pm
- Mortgage Burning Party Sunday, April 24, 12:00 pm

May

- May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- BOE Monday, May 2, 7:00 pm
- National Day of Prayer Thursday May 5
- Prayer Shawl Friday, May 6, 1:30 pm
- Mother's Day Sunday, May 8
- BOD Monday, May 9, 7:00 pm
- Preschool Graduation May 13
- Wise Owls Saturday, May 21, 12:00 pm
- Church Office Closed Monday, May 30

HE IS RISEN

Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast

The men of TLC are invited to a Good Friday Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 15 from 7:00 am to 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be available beginning at 7:00 am.

Attendees will be invited to complete prayer request cards that will be used during a time of prayer that will begin at 7:30am.

Bring your sons and/or invite a friend for this a time of food, fellowship and prayer.

This event is sponsored by the Board of Elders.



The poster features a large white Easter egg in the center, set against a background of vertical green and yellow stripes. A green ribbon is tied around the top of the egg. At the bottom, four smaller decorated eggs (one with stripes, one with a zigzag pattern, one with polka dots, and one with stars) are nestled in green grass.

Easter Egg Hunt

Tallmadge Lutheran Church Family Fun Day

759 East Avenue Tallmadge, OH 44278

Saturday, April 9, 2022 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Ages Two - 8th Grade

Games! Crafts! Coloring Contest! Snacks! Prizes for all!

Join us for a FREE Day of FUN!



VBS is Coming! We are hoping to revive our program which has been on hiatus for the past few years due to Covid-19. Our church has changed quite a bit since our 2018 program and we need to figure out what kind of program will work best for our “new normal”.

If you have any interest in helping with VBS on June 13-17, please let Annie Alberts know through email or text. Our program will depend on how many volunteers we have, so we are looking for a general idea as to our manpower for this coming summer. This is NOT a firm commitment, but it will help our planning to know who might be able to help.

Our VBS has been a vibrant part of our children’s ministry in the past and we are hoping to bring it back. Typically 75% of the 160 children were NOT members of our church, and often had no church affiliations at all. Our VBS has been a huge outreach to our community and we would like to bring it back, bigger and better than ever!

Thank you for considering sharing your time and energy with this program! Please contact Annie Alberts at 330-801-7545 or annalberts@gmail.com

In The Community

The Tallmadge Community Expo at the Rec

April 6, 2019 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Rec Center, 46 N Munroe Road, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Easter Egg Hunt at The Rec

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.



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)

Coming up:

- 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



Music Ministry News

Jubilate Ringers Rehearsals: 7:00 -8:15 pm

March 22.

March 29

April 5

April 12

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

If you know someone we can feature during worship, TLC would love to show
case him or her during the Anthem.

Contact Jesse Reed at music@tlcoh.org to join!



Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann



Upcoming

Saturday, April 9, 8:40 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 am Easter
Breakfast set-up

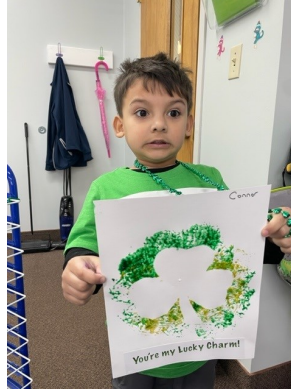
Sunday, April 17, 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
Easter Breakfast

Sunday, May 1, 12:00 pm Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 12:00 pm Parent
Appreciation Dinner

Ohio District Mini Youth Gathering





*The King's Kids barriers are set-up
for spring and summer.*

Please drive slow and safe around the kids.

Thank you!



TLC Building Projects

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

Thank You:

We couldn't do it without our members & staff!
Thank you for your time, assistance and care!

Laurene Malish, Ben & Val Jews

A huge thanks to our custodians! The people behind the scenes. They are the true care-takers of our building. Thank you Ben & Val for your extra work setting up/taking down for Lent Suppers this month as well.

Jon Vanaman

In addition to being our sound and streaming guy, Jon repaired the intercom speaker from the main doors to the office.

Jon also replaces lights in the offices/classrooms. Thanks Jon!

Steve Staszak

Steve kept Lindsay in the loop of what needed to be done during the month of March. He also stopped in to educate Lindsay on how to rotate the umps. Thanks Steve!

Jesse Reed

Jesse helped set up the picnic tables, under the pavilion, for spring/summer. Those tables are heavy! Thanks Jesse!

*Want to see YOUR name here?
Call the office and see what you
can do to make God's House a
better place!*

Completed:

Actuator repaired

Back flow maintenance completed

Fire/Sprinklers inspected

Repaired faulty toilet valve in women's (library) restroom.

Intercom speaker repaired

Church sign (ground) repair quoted

Narthex paint quoted

Parking lot lights and Cross light repair quoted

Boiler pumps rotated.

To Complete:

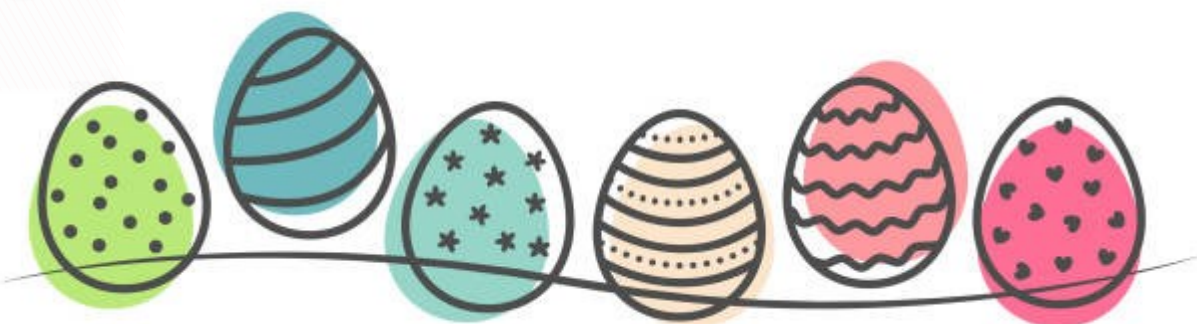
Kitchen inspection

Paint & lighting

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for the spring and summer.

Please drive slow and safe
around the kids.

Thank you!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 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	4 5:30 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	5 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00 PM Jubilate Ringers	6 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Panera) 5:00 PM Lenten Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Worship 7:30 PM Bible study (Rm 12) 7:30 PM Choir 7:30 PM Confirmation Celebration	7 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	1 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	2 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt
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17 Easter 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM Easter Breakfast 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM Youth Easter Breakfast 8:30 AM Celebration Service 10:30 AM Celebration Service	18 Church office closed 5:30 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm)	19 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	20 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Panera) 6:30 PM Bible study (Rm 12) 7:30 PM Choir	21 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	22	23 12:00 PM Wise Owls (Rm 12) Mortgage Party Set-up (pavilion, gym)
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- Prayer requests*
- 1 Jim Scheck
 - 4 Laura Miller
 - 5 Aleksandar Kodzev
 - 5 Carol Goebelt
 - 5 Katharina Leisner
 - 6 Madeline Alberts
 - 7 Susan Capp
 - 9 Lori Earles
 - 10 Allen Emmendorfer
 - 11 Jeanne Colosetti
 - 11 Anya Toepke
 - 12 Kory Senterling
 - 14 Megan Hauser
 - 15 Heidi Beck
 - 16 Dan Fosnight
 - 17 Judy Wilkins
 - 18 Peter Ware
 - 19 Mathew Pifer
 - 22 Samuel Wahl
 - 27 Emily Crawley
 - 27 Gerald Young
 - 28 Monna Fenske
 - 28 Fae Broomsen
 - 29 Therese Ware
 - 30 David Bass

Prayer requests

15 Mr & Mrs Rick Gorrell

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