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Bible Studies: 9:20 am  
Sunday School: 9:15 am

# The Living Light

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## What is Tallmadge Lutheran Church FOR?

There is nothing more powerful than a church that is unified and on mission. There is nothing more life giving than when a church digs deep into these truths,

**God loves us.**

**God has made his way to us in Jesus Christ.**

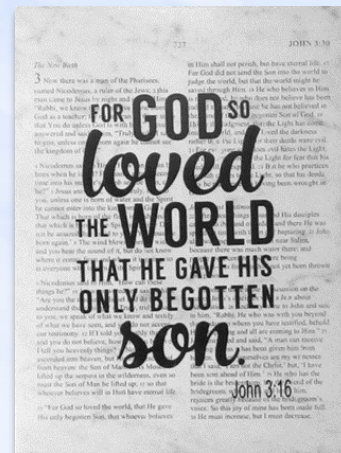
**God is for us.**

The most famous Bible verse begins with the word FOR: "For God so love the world..." In the greatest display of love, Jesus showed his love for this entire world by dying on the cross. God's Word gives us the clearest definition of what love is: God is love. The church has been given the commission to love one another as Jesus has loved us. This is what the Christian Church on earth should be known FOR.

The unfortunate reality in today's world is that instead of being known for what the church is FOR, the Christian church on earth has become known for what it stands against.

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Social research done by the Barna Group show that the fastest group of religious people is actually people who indicate that they have no religious affiliation—also known as “nones.” For many of these “nones,” they are more familiar with what the church is *against* rather than what the church is *for*. And to make matters even worse, many people conclude that the church is against them personally. Many people haven’t necessarily said no to the church, but they just believe that the church has said no to them. And what hangs in the balance is eternity.



What is Tallmadge Lutheran Church **FOR**? As a community of believers, TLC can’t be known for everything, but we need to be known **FOR** something. That we are **FOR** grace and forgiveness. That we are **FOR** community. That we are **FOR** life. That we are **FOR** families—young and old alike. That we are **FOR** being thankful. That we are **FOR** being a welcoming church family. That we are a community of believers that even when people say no to the church, we find ways to say Yes to them. That we are **FOR** proclaiming these greatest truths of all:

- **God loves you!**
- **Jesus died for you!**
- **God freely gives forgiveness, abundant life, and eternal life to all who trust in Jesus.**



This fall starting on Sunday, September 11, we are going to explore together what Tallmadge Lutheran Church is **FOR**. There will be a six-week sermon series that connects with discussion questions that can take place in family groups or small groups. We’ll consider how to create common ground between people who follow Jesus and those who don’t.

As a church family, we are going to rally around what Tallmadge Lutheran Church stands **FOR** so that by God’s grace, we can offer the love and grace of Jesus Christ to all people in our communities, our schools, and our work places.

Ultimately, our hope is that all people may know that Jesus Christ is **FOR** them!

And my prayer for you echoes Paul’s prayer from Philippians 1:9-11 (The Message):

I pray that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. That you may learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover’s life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.

In Christ,  
Pastor Andy

## Announcements & Upcoming Events

Monday, August 1, 7:00 pm Board of Elders

Thursday, August 4 Acme Cash Back begins

Friday, Friday August 5, 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl

Sunday, August 7, 12:00 pm Summer Cookout

Monday, August 8, 7:00 pm Board of Directors

Sunday, August 21, 12:00 pm Summer Cookout

\*The Wise owls will not meet in August







# The CHOSEN at TLC

Have you ever wondered what it would have looked like to see Jesus through the eyes of Peter, Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, or the tax collector Matthew? Angel Studios has created an engaging account of Jesus' ministry in a mini-series called "The Chosen." Come watch and experience *The Chosen* episodes at TLC on Thursday nights starting on Thursday, September 1.

The first night we will watch Episodes 1 & 2 from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

The following Thursdays, we will show one episode from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

**Thursday, September 1, 2022**

**6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**

**EPISODE 1 I Have Called You By Name**

Two brothers struggle with their tax debts to Rome while a woman in the Red Quarter wrestles with her demons.

**EPISODE 2 - Shabbat**

Matthew validates Simon's claims with Praetor Quintus, Nicodemus investigates the miracle reported in the Red Quarter, and Mary receives surprise guests at her Shabbat dinner.

**Thursday, September 8, 2022**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**EPISODE 3 - Jesus Loves The Little Children**

Jesus befriends and teaches the group of children who discover His camp on the outskirts of Capernaum.

**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**EPISODE 4 - The Rock On Which It Is Built**

With his life and family under threat from Rome, Simon spends one last night fishing in a desperate attempt to square his debts. Andrew spots a familiar face waiting for them on the shores of Galilee.

**Thursday, September 22, 2022**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**EPISODE 5 - The Wedding Gift**

Nicodemus interrogates John the Baptizer while Jesus and his students make their way to a wedding celebration in Cana. When the wine runs low, Mary asks her son to intervene on behalf of the bridegroom's family.

**Thursday, September 29, 2022**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**EPISODE 6 - Indescribable Compassion**

After witnessing the healing of a leper on the road to Capernaum, a woman forces her paralytic friend through the crowd to meet Jesus.

**Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**EPISODE 7 - Invitations**

Matthew struggles to reconcile the miracles he has witnessed with reality. Nicodemus meets with Jesus by night.

**Thursday, October 13, 2022**

**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**EPISODE 8 - I Am He**

Jesus and His students complete their preparations and leave Capernaum for Samaria. Jesus meets with a suffering woman at Jacob's Well and announces that He is the Messiah.

# The 2nd Annual Family Fun Night was a HUGE success!

Around 55 kids, families, and volunteers  
enjoying food, face painting, games, and a  
bouncy house!

The weather was perfect and everyone  
enjoyed hanging out and having  
conversations!

Thank you to all the awesome volunteers!  
It was an awesome day.



A special thanks to Gail McAlister  
for organizing these awesome events!

June 29, 2022



# In The Community



## The Annual Tallmadge Circle Festival and Light Parade

August 13, 2022, from 5:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Light Parade at Dusk (approximately 9 p.m.) Fireworks following parade.

Food vendors, musical entertainment, beer and wine garden

## Music on The Circle

Thursday, August 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

The Diamond Project (A Neil Diamond cover band)

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the music.

## Farmers Market

Thursday throughout the summer from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

The Tallmadge Rec parking lot



## Tallmadge City School

TES Meet the teacher night is Monday, August 15

School resumes starting Wednesday, August 17 , 2022

THS Open House Thursday September 1, 2022

## 9/11 Remembrance Candle Lighting

Candles are lit in remembrance of the fireman, police officers, EMS, military personal and civilians who lost their lives on September 11, 2001



# Music Ministry News

Dear TLC family,

I am happy to share with you that I have stepped into the role of Music Director, as Jesse has moved on to get his Doctorate in Choral Conducting. While I have been part of our music team for many years this is the first time that I have been asked to be part of the planning stage. With that in mind, I am looking forward to jump-starting our music programs again this fall!

Annie Alberts

## Choir & Bells

September: Adult choir resumes. See if there is enough interest to restart Youth Choir.

Mid-Fall: Adult Bells resume in preparation for sharing some anthems in December.

## Praise Team

Our Praise Team musicians have been working tirelessly to lead the music for our 10:30 service. But...we need some help! Our only drummer (Isaac) will be heading off to college this fall, and we are down to one guitarist (who is great!). We could also use some more singers.

If you have never sung in front of others - that's okay!

I can help ease you into it, even letting you sing without a microphone for a while.

You have never played the guitar with a band before?

No problem! I can work with you individually until you feel comfortable joining us.

You have never played the drums?

We can work with that! We have the Cajon, which is a percussion box which is super simple to play.

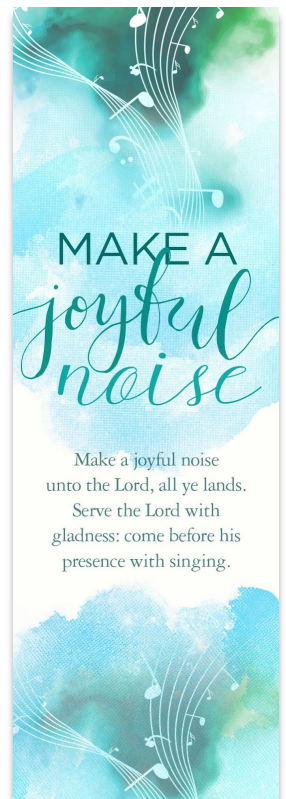
You could even borrow it to practice it at home!

If you have ever had any desire to join our Praise Team, or have just had a passing thought...  
please talk to me.

I am happy to work with ANYONE to help you feel comfortable sharing your gifts and talents.

I am also willing to help raise your ability if you are a beginner, or are unsure of yourself.

Let's make some joyful noises together!





# Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

## National Youth Gathering 2022



### Upcoming

Sunday, August 14 , 12:00 pm Initiation

Sunday, August 28, 12:00 pm Youth meeting

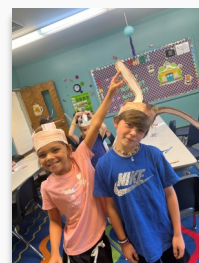




King's Kids Summer Camp has been AWESOME!

Field trips, bike days, water days, crafts, cooking... So Much Fun!

We will miss our Summer Camp Kids! Good luck this school year!



## Backpacks for Preschool

Help us get supplies to "stuff" backpacks for ALL 75 Preschool kids coming this fall! Check out the bulletin board by coatrack! **Item needed:** markers, stuffed animals, crayons, Playdough, pencils, stickers, notebooks, children's book, coloring books. All items are needed by 8/21/22. Thank you in advance! Any questions, please contact Gail McAlister.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:30am Summer Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	<b>2</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>3</b> KK Drum Class 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 8:00am - 4:00pm KK Camp (pavilion)	<b>4</b> Acme Cash Back begins	<b>5</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	<b>6</b>
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## Birthdays

1 Jennifer Larson
16 Alexandra Olson
2 Ray Olson
20 Shannon Dutka
5 Paul LeVan
21 Elizabeth DeWolf
5 Adam Dutka
26 Vicki Meek
5 William Vojtek
28 GarySandmann
13 Barbara Bailey
29 Alex Wright
15 Gail Dailey
30 Alyssa Miller

## Anniversaries

7 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hauser
10 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Redman
17 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Gearhart
23 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fosnight
30 Mr. & Mrs. William Graf



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