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



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

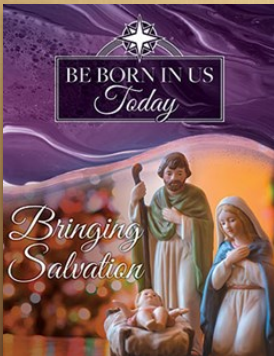
TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 2022

# The Living Light

## Be Born in Us Today

In the last verse of the Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" we sing:



**"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Immanuel!"**

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**God's entry into our beautiful and broken existence is not just an ancient folktale. The promise of Christmas is that Jesus comes to us, abides with us, not only once in history, but again and again in the actual circumstances of our lives. In this way, the old story is ever new. So, how do you connect with it this year? What does it mean that Christ is born in you today this Christmas season?**

Maybe you're like *Mary and Joseph*, struggling to make it through the nights with a baby whose smiles and cries are cause for both joy and exasperation. Maybe you don't have a baby, nevertheless you worry about the well-being of your children, grandchildren, or the children of others – families in crisis or in need.

Maybe you're like the *shepherds*, weary with the thanklessness of your work and the tedium of your life and just looking for a reason to rejoice.

Maybe you're like the *magi*, longing for a sign to lead you to a new purpose, even if it means setting out across unknown territory far away from what has been familiar until now.

Maybe you're like the *angels*, trying your best to show up for others and guide them to joy and hope, in spite of all the reasons for discouragement.

Our reality is that **Immanuel, God with us, is born not only in a stable in first-century Bethlehem, but also in the life of every person who has embraced – and struggled with – the Christmas story ever since.**

**It's my prayer that Jesus may be born you in every day. His life, death, and resurrection. His forgiveness, healing, and abundant life. His hope, peace, and joy.**



**Jesus being born in you today is your story too, so treasure it again this year. Ponder the words in your heart, not simply because Christianity hands them down to you at this time every year, but because God is offering you good news of great joy in the very place you find yourself.**

**To you is born this day a Savior, one who reflects God's loving heart, one who shares your life – your joys and pains, one who accompanies you even through the valley of the shadow of death and who guides your feet into the way of peace. Glory and praise be to God!**

**God bless your Advent and Christmas preparations!**

**Pastor Andy**



## Liv Laube, DCE

Director of Christian Education Intern- Olivia "Liv" Laube has been placed at Tallmadge Lutheran Church to be our DCE Intern starting the middle of January, 2023 Liv will complete her 4th year of studies at Concordia University in St. Paul, MN this December.

The DCE Intern will serve our congregation by developing and growing ministries in the areas of Christian Education, Children's Ministry, and Youth Ministry. Liv will seek to help members of all ages to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. At the end of the one-year internship, TLC and the DCE will have the opportunity to transition into a full-time called ministry staff position. Please pray for Liv as she finishes her classwork at Concordia and for her move to Ohio!

## Marriage Small Group:

Any and every married couple is welcome to our next Marriage Small group on Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 pm. The next study will be, "Love is Generous. Are you?" Chicken Cordon Bleu casserole will be served. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hope to see many of you there!

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Are you looking for ways as a family to help others?  
I have the PERFECT solution:  
a Reverse Advent Calendar!

Each day in the month of December, pick up a specific food item and bring them all to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day!

Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar are in front of the mailboxes.

Let's all be a blessing to families in need!

- Gail McAlister



Each day add an item to a box.  
On Christmas Eve, donate the box to TLC's Food Pantry.

December 1	a box of cereal	December 13	canned green bean
December 2	a jar of peanut butter	December 14	a box of crackers
December 3	a box of stuffing mix	December 15	a box of rice
December 4	canned potatoes	December 16	a box of oatmeal
December 5	macaroni & cheese	December 17	a box of pasta
December 6	canned fruit	December 18	spaghetti sauce
December 7	canned tomatoes	December 19	chicken noodle soup
December 8	canned tuna	December 20	tomato soup
December 9	1lb coffee	December 21	canned corn
December 10	a jar of applesauce	December 22	canned mixed veggies
December 11	canned sweet potatoes	December 23	dessert mix
December 12	canned cranberry sauce	December 24	canned carrots

## 5:00 pm Advent Suppers & 6:30 pm Advent Services

Wednesday, November 30

Wednesday, December 7

Wednesday, December 14

Wednesday, December 21

# December Events

## *Mondays*

Bible Study, 9:30 am in Room 12

Bible Study, 5:30 pm in the Youth Room

## *Tuesdays*

Bible Study, 10:00 am in Room 12

Jubilate Ringers, 7:00 pm

## *Wednesdays*

Men's Bible Study, 7:00 am at Panera

Advent Suppers 5:00 pm

Advent Worship 6:30 pm

Choir, 7:30 pm

Confirmation, 7:30 pm in Room 1

## *Thursdays*

Bible Study, 10:00 am in Room 12

The Chosen, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary

## *Sundays*

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Bible Studies, 9:20 am

Prayer Shawl Friday, Dec 2, 1:00 pm in the Youth Room

Prayer Buddy cards due Sunday, Dec 4

Voters' Meeting Sunday, Dec 4, 11:45 am

Sewing for Service Wednesday, Dec 7, 10:00 am off site

Youth Chocolate Make Sunday, Dec 11, 12:00 pm

Marriage Small Group Thursday, Dec 15, 6:00 pm in Room 12

Cantata Dress Rehearsal Saturday, Dec 17

Wise Owls Saturday, Dec 17, 12:00 pm in Room 12

Youth Chocolate Sale Sunday, Dec 18, 9:15 & 11:45 am

Christmas Eve Services Sunday, Dec 24, 4:00, 6:00 & 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Service Sunday, Dec 25, 10:00 am

Office Closed Monday, Dec 26

New Year's Eve Service Saturday, Dec 31, 6:30 pm



# In The Community

## **Lock 3** [www.lock3live.com](http://www.lock3live.com)

200 S Main Street , Akron (between the State St bridge and Canal Park Stadium)

Ice Skating, Ice Bumper Cars, Ice Bikes, Igloos, Fire Pits, Polar Putt - Putt, Shuffleboard Courts

## **42nd Annual Holiday Craft Show** [www.downtownakron.com](http://www.downtownakron.com)

EJ Thomas Hall 198 Hill Street, Akron

Opens Friday, December 2, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

## **Ballet Theatre of Ohio's Nutty Nutcracker** [www.downtownakron.com](http://www.downtownakron.com)

Akron Civic Theatre 182 Main Street, Akron

Opens Friday, December 2, 7:00 pm

## **Akron Area Soap Box Derby Indoor Rally** [www.akronareasbd.org](http://www.akronareasbd.org)

Summit County Fair Grounds 229 E Howe Road, Tallmadge

December 10 & 11, 7:30 am

## **Jingle Dog Parade & Holiday Mart** [www.downtowncf.com](http://www.downtowncf.com)

Riverfront / Downtown Cuyahoga Falls

December 3, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

## **Kent Skates** (free!) [www.kent.edu/kentskates](http://www.kent.edu/kentskates)

East Erie St, downtown Kent

Nov 19-Feb 26, Wed - Sun 11:00 - 11:00pm





### The Cantata is Coming!

Please join us on December 18th, at both services, to hear Lloyd Larson's "The Gift". This beautiful piece of music will be shared by our Chancel Choir, along with many guest instrumentalists. It will be an amazing beginning to your Christmas worship season!

### The Jubilate Bells are Back!

Our bell choir has begun rehearsing again and will share their music a few times during this Advent and Christmas season. We are looking forward to hearing our melodious bells as they fill the sanctuary with music.

### New Organ!

On November 20, our congregation voted to move forward with purchasing a new organ. We are thrilled at the idea of not only having a reliable instrument, but having an instrument which has more capabilities and musical options than TLC has ever experienced. Praise God for this forthcoming blessing! This new instrument will be integrated into both services and is sure to enhance the worship of our entire church family.

### Do you love Christmas music?

While cleaning and organizing the music library here at TLC we have come across a number of CDs from past years. Be on the lookout for some FREE Christmas CDs around the church. Please take some discs and allow them to fill your Christmas season with beautiful worship music created by our music department in past years.





TLC IS LOOKING FOR  
A PIANIST WHO IS PROFICIENT IN PLAYING THE PIANO  
HAS A GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF CONTEMPORARY PRAISE SONGS  
AND THE ABILITY TO ACCOMPANY AND COLLABORATE WITH OTHER MUSICIANS

# PIANIST POSITION

SERVE AS  
CHURCH  
MUSICIAN

8 HOUR  
WORK  
WEEK

10:30 AM  
SUNDAY  
SERVICE

WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT CHOIR  
REHEARSALS

POSSIBLE  
WEDDINGS &  
FUNERALS

ANNIE ALBERTS, TLC MUSIC DIRECTOR

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# Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

## Youth Bible Study

Sunday school meets in the youth room.

Come join us as we tackle  
difficult questions.

Parents are encouraged to come  
and join in the discussion.

Hope to see you there!

- Brian Kuntz, Beth & Jenn

## Upcoming

Sunday, December 11, 12:00 pm Chocolate making

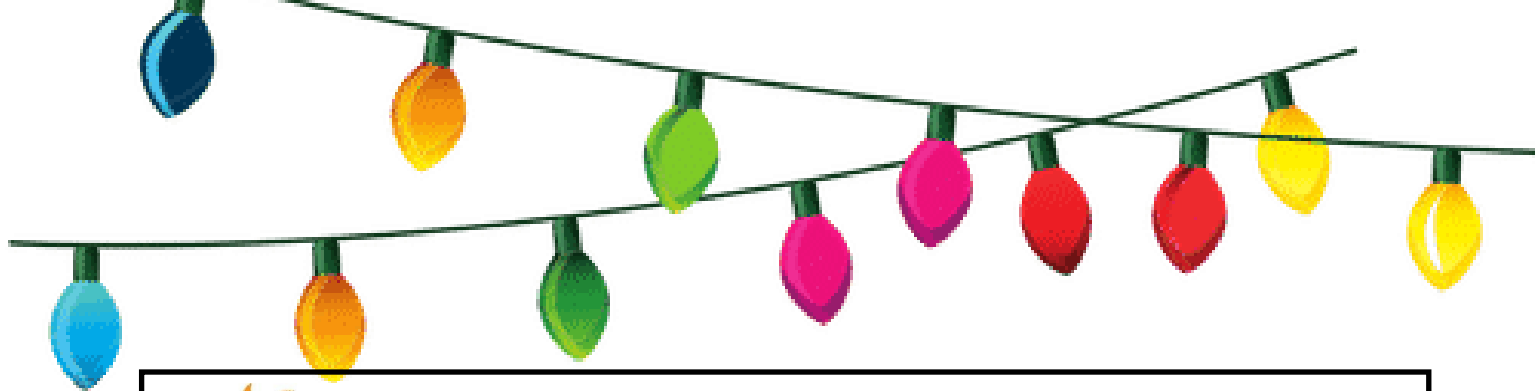
Sunday, December 18, Chocolate Sale

Sunday, December 25 No meeting

A festive graphic with the words "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in a large, ornate, yellow script font. The text is set against a dark brown background with a subtle pattern of small, glowing yellow stars and a larger, faint starburst effect behind the letters. Several small, five-pointed yellow stars are scattered around the text.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS





Preschool and King's Kids



## PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome Tallmadge Christian Preschool  
new Pre K class lead teacher, Mrs. Avantino!



Hi! My name is Monique Avantino!

I am so excited to start this new adventure at Tallmadge Christian Preschool.  
I have been happily married for almost 10 years and have two boys ages 8 & 4.

I enjoy spending time outdoors and catching a good movie.

Looking forward to an awesome year!

# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

Created a Prayer Shawl corner

Patched holes in gym

Replaced outlets in Edu wing

Changed lights in Room 12 & offices

Removed 3 oversized bulletin boards from coatrack hallway

Replaced old rusty dumpster

Repaired Youth Room outer doors and Main entrance door

Prepped for winter: salt, spreaders, etc

Removed debris in field

## Looking Ahead:

Fellowship & Kitchen floor professionally cleaned

Painting

Repair of Door 4 lock

Hang remaining direction & donation signs



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Prayer Buddy Cards 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship 11:45am Voters' Meeting (budget & officers)	<b>5</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Monday Night Bible Study (Youth Rm)	<b>6</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (off site) 5:00pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Choir 7:30pm Confirmation	<b>8</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30pm The Chosen	<b>9</b> 6:30pm - 7:30am KK extended hours	<b>10</b> Set Up preschool program
<b>11</b> 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Youth chocolate 12:15pm - 6:00pm Preschool Christmas Program	<b>12</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Monday Night Bible Study (Youth Rm)	<b>13</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>14</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 5:00pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Choir 7:30pm Confirmation	<b>15</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 12:00pm Tailmadge Ministry Alliance 6:00pm Marriage Small Group (Rm 12)	<b>16</b> Cantata Rehearsal w instruments	<b>17</b> Cantata Dress Rehearsal 12:00pm Wise Owls (Rm 12)
<b>18</b> <b>Cantata</b> Prayer Buddy Books for Christmas 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 9:20am Youth chocolate sale 10:30am Worship 11:45am Youth chocolate sale	<b>19</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Monday Night Bible Study (Youth Rm)	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>21</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 5:00pm Advent Supper 6:30pm Advent Worship 7:30pm Confirmation	<b>22</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>23</b> Christmas Break begins No school	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b> 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service 6:00pm Christmas Eve Service 10:00pm Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b> 10:00am Christmas Day Service	<b>26</b> Office Closed 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Monday Night Bible Study (Youth Rm)	<b>27</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting	<b>28</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera)	<b>29</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> 6:00pm New Year's Eve Worship

# Birthdays

1 Kevin Heilmeier	19 Patrick Larson
2 Benjamin Dussel	19 Jim Bergmann
5 Kyle Tywon	19 Diana Kaiser
5 Sarah Vojtek	19 Sandy Silviti
5 Shawn DeWolf	19 Marlen Hauser
7 Wayne Reed	22 Owen Crawley
8 Kelly Olson	23 Elias Toepke
9 Diane LeVan	24 Linda Huzzard
9 Carmella Smith	24 George Scaife
13 Dawn Dailey	26 Edie Holzer
14 Vickie Sandmann	27 Peggy Holly
16 Daniel Conley	28 John Dailey
16 Steve Wendland	29 Todd Miller
18 Jayne Colosetti	31 Andy Wahl
18 Barbara Bass	31 Lyn Bomer

# Anniversaries

6 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Heilmeier  
10 Mr. & Mrs. John McDowell  
16 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Ruggles  
17 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Strand  
18 Mr. & Mrs. Rick Reynolds  
20 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Case  
26 Dr & Mrs. James Bailey





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