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Bible Studies: 9:20 am  
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# TLC

## The Living Light

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### The Dance of Prayer

“Teach us to pray,” the disciples asked Jesus. Jesus gave his followers the Lord’s Prayer, “Our Father in heaven...” And so began the dance of prayer among the followers of Jesus. Praying. Suffering. Rejoicing. Lamenting. Receiving the Holy Spirit. Healing. Intercession for others. Sighs too deep for words to express. Praying in the midst of hopeless situations. But those who followed Jesus knew that the Father heard their prayers and that nothing was impossible with God.



What is your prayer life like? I’ve heard some people express that they didn’t think God would hear their prayers because they didn’t feel worthy. The Good News is that you have already been made acceptable through the blood of Christ. The first words of the Lord’s Prayer are a reminder of your

status before God. He is Father. More than that, he is *your* Father. You already enjoy a relationship of forgiveness and love. You are already God’s daughter or son. You are already cleansed in the blood of Christ. You are already a part of the family. You are already heirs of the riches of heaven.

So when you pray, just let it out. Forget about your praying just the right thing. There is no need to impress him. Don’t worry about the grammar. Just speak. Don’t worry if your requests are right or not. The Lord will give you the answer you need. Don’t worry about how the prayer sounds. Words of prayer are intimate expressions of communication between Father and child.

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I truly believe that the problem with our prayer is not that we ask for too much, but that we ask for too little. As if God is too weak to handle our big concerns or as if he is too ignorant to know what we really desire.

And do not be afraid to lament, even complain. God can handle it. The Lord already knows what you are thinking anyway. Tell him that you are frustrated. Tell him that you are disappointed. Tell him that you are mad, even mad at him. He can take it. Like a child sitting on her father's lap, pound your fists on his chest and scream, "Why?" And then feel his big burly arms wrap around you. Feel your face slowly pressed into his chest to muffle the cries in compassion as he tells you he understands.

Prayer teaches us what is important and what is not through the many answers - both no and yes - we receive. Through it all, we are taught to trust. At the heart of prayer is trust—that God loves you!



You are invited to be part of the **TLC 21 Days of Prayer Challenge**. From October 31 through November 20, let's take these twenty-one days to be in God's Word, to fix our eyes on Jesus, and to pray together.

Using the tools and technology the Lord has given us, I strongly encourage you to download the **Bible App** on your smart phone or tablet. This App was developed by **Life.Church** and is also called **YouVersion**. You can scan this QR code using your camera to go directly to this app. This QR code will also direct you to be choose Tallmadge Lutheran Church as your church in the Bible App.

In the Bible App and in our Church page within the Bible App, you can sign up to follow the plan **21 Days of Prayer Challenge**. This plan was written by three LCMS pastors Zach Zehnder, Mark Zehnder, and Roger Theimer. This plan provides a daily devotion, several scripture passages, a daily challenge, and a prayer prompt.

Each day starting on October 31, I will be going LIVE on Facebook at 7am (<https://www.facebook.com/TallmadgeLutheranChurch>) to read the devotion, scripture passages, and then to pray. I encourage you to join me and participate in the online conversation and prayer time. You can also watch the recorded video and be part of the conversation later in the day.

A special focus of these 21 Days of Prayer is to pray for our congregation leading up to a special Voter's Meeting on November 20. The Future of TLC Task Force is preparing a plan for our congregation to consider implementing to meet the mission and facility needs of our aging congregation. Please keep this Task Force and our congregation in your prayers.

Together let's pray regularly and never give up!

In Christ,

Pastor Andy



## **TLC 21 Days of Prayer Challenge**

Join this 21 Days of Prayer Challenge starting on Monday, October 31 through the Bible App. Read the Daily Devotions, scripture passages, and pray the prayer prompts. Especially pray guidance and direction for our congregation as we seek to address current facility and ministry needs. Join Pastor Andy at 7:00am every morning October 31 –November 20 on <https://www.facebook.com/TallmadgeLutheranChurch> to read the devotional and pray together.

## **Thanksgiving Dinner**

Please join us for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 13 after the late service. Due to Turkey shortages, our meal will consist of ham, stuffing, au gratin potatoes, green beans with slivered almonds, cranberry relish and rolls/corn muffins w/butter. Last name starting A - L, please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry. Last name M - Z, please bring a dessert to share at the dinner. A sign-up sheet will be by the mailboxes. Please remember to sign up so that we can have plenty of food!

## **November 6, 2022 Congregational Open Forum**

Come hear from TLC's leaders and ministry staff on what has been accomplished in 2022 and what to look forward to in 2023 after the late service. The 2023 TLC Spending Guide and slate of nominees for Board of Directors will also be presented for discussion.

## **November 20, 2022 Special Congregational Voter's Meeting**

You are invited to hear, discuss, and vote on recommendations from the Future of TLC Task Force. The Task Force was created to address the needs of our mission and aging facility. The first phase of this plan will be presented on church mission, church finances, and physical needs of our facility.



# New in November



Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 pm Jubilate Ringers begin  
Wednesday, November 2, 10:00 am Sewing for Service  
Saturday, November 5, 9:00 am Cantata Retreat  
Sunday, November 6, 11:45 am Open Forum (budget)  
Thursday, November 10, 6:00 pm Marriage Small Group  
Sunday, November 13, 11:45 am Thanksgiving Dinner  
Monday, November 14, 5:00 pm OCC Week begins  
Friday, November 18, 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl  
Saturday, November 19, 12:00 pm Wise Owls  
Sunday, November 20, 11:45 am Voters' Meeting  
Sunday, November 20, 12:00 pm OCC Packing Day  
Tuesday, November 22, 5:00 pm Youth Bread Bake  
Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
**Wednesday, November 30, 5:00 pm Advent Suppers begin**  
**Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 pm Advent Worships begin**

# **Operation Christmas Child 2022 National Collection Week Drop-Off Dates & Times**

Mon, Nov. 14, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Tue, Nov. 15, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wed, Nov. 16, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Thu, Nov. 17, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fri, Nov. 18, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sat, Nov. 19, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Sun, Nov. 20, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Mon, Nov. 21, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM



# In The Community

## **Leaf Pick-Up - Tallmadge**

### Section 1:

October 31 through November 4  
November 28 through December 2

### Section 2:

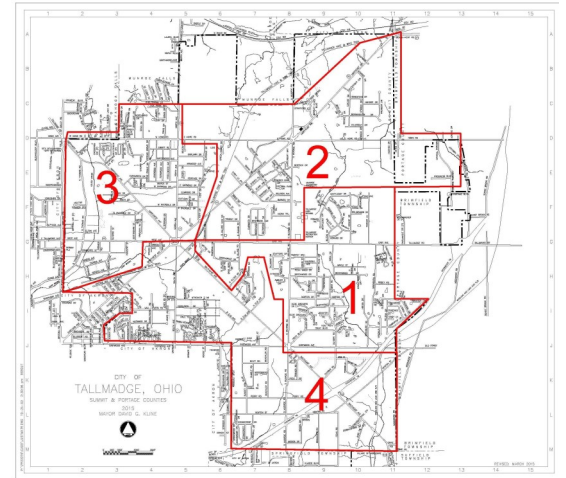
November 7 through November 11  
December 5 through December 9

### Section 3:

November 14 - November 18  
December 12 - December 16

### Section 4:

November 21 - November 25  
December 19 - December 23



## **Holiday Mart - Summit County Fairgrounds**

229 E Howe Road

Saturday, November 12 - 13, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

## **Coffee With The Editor - Tallmadge Branch Library**

90 Community Road

10:30 - 11:30 The 3rd Tuesday of the month

## **Falls Ice Skating Rink - Downtown Cuyahoga Falls**

2085 Front Street

Weekends November 26 - February 20





# Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

## Youth Past Bake

Special thank you to all who supported the youth  
at the Pasta Bake Dinner

## Upcoming

Sun, Nov 13, 12:00 pm Meeting

Sun, Nov 20, 11:45 am OCC

Tues, Nov 22, 5:00 pm Bread Baking

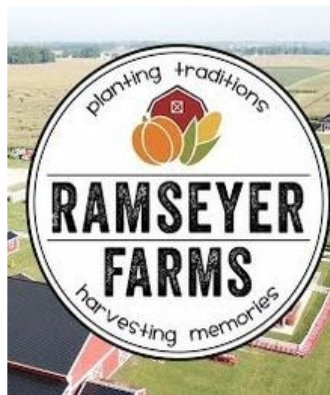
Sun Nov 27, 12:00 pm Meeting

Sun, Dec 11, 12:00 pm Meeting

Sat, Dec 17, 3:00 pm Cookie Bake

Sun, Dec 18 Cookie Sale

## Fall Farm Fun at Ramseyer



# Music Ministry News

Christmas music is coming!

Our Choir will begin rehearsing our Christmas Cantata in November,  
and everyone is welcome!

If you would like to join the choir for a short-term commitment,  
please join us for our Cantata rehearsals.

All voices are encouraged to join and spend time learning and sharing worship music.

If you have questions, please call or email Annie Alberts.

November 5 - Cantata Retreat

8:30-9:00 Breakfast and fellowship

9:00-12:00 Rehearsals and Sectionals

Rehearsal every Wednesday evening 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Dress Rehearsal December 17, 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Cantata Performance both services, December 18







## PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome Tallmadge Christian Preschool  
new Pre K class assistant teacher, Miss Alex!



Hi there! My name is Alex Mericola, aka Miss Alex, and I am the new Pre-K Assistant Teacher. My Husband Ridge and I have one daughter, Wren, who turns 5 in November. She will also be in the Pre-K class this year. She attended the 3's class last year, and I loved the atmosphere and foundations this school as a whole showcased, so when I saw they needed teachers it was the perfect timing as my nannying job was coming to an end over the summer.

A little bit about me: I attended Kent State University from 2010-2014. I graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Child Development. After graduation, I worked at the Riverfront YMCA as a Summer Day Camp Counselor and a School Site Administrator for the Before and After Care program within the Cuyahoga Falls City Elementary schools. I then became a Private Nanny for a few different families starting in 2016, so I have been doing that up until this June.

Ridge and I love photography, and we run a small photography business where we specialize in family/children photos, senior photos, and weddings. I love to sing, watch true crime Netflix shows, and am a huge fan of the Stranger Things series. Also, Target is my favorite store to shop! I can't wait to get to know your kiddos, and look forward to having a great school year with them and the rest of the staff at TCP.



# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

Exterior sprayed for pests  
Fire safety inspections  
Stained glass film in choir loft  
Removal of old picnic tables in play area  
Storage area organization  
Donation Center  
Youth Room exit door repaired and oiled  
Main Entrance door repaired  
Preparations for winter  
Salt spreaders purchased

## Upcoming:

Painting: mailbox, library, coatrack, fellowship and, staff hallways  
Door 4 repair  
Gym & Kitchen floor cleaning (December 2022)  
Cohesive lighting through out the building  
General maintenance and upkeep  
Window cleaning  
Curtains in choir loft

*If you own or work for a local company, we would love to give you our business.*

*Please call the office, 330.633.4775, to discuss.*



## Birthdays

5 Dorothy Murray  
 6 Kris Kodzev  
 9 Gerald Downey  
 9 Susan Pifer  
 11 David Dailey  
 11 Ethel Walent  
 11 Shelia Cambern  
 12 Taylor Graf  
 13 Gracie Craddock-Wahl  
 13 Gunther Zehner  
 14 Daryl Parma  
 16 Brent Ralston  
 18 Deborah Cochran  
 18 Beth Niemann  
 19 Henry Schuster  
 22 Chris Tywon  
 22 Walter Fowles  
 24 Rebecca Bailey  
 24 Alisha Wright  
 25 Walt Satterfield  
 27 Denise Larson  
 28 Dorothy Tarilet  
 29 Joyce Downey

## Anniversaries

1 Mr. & Mrs Ralph Phipps  
 6 Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Currier



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6 All Saints Day</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 TLC Open	<b>7</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Monday Night Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	<b>1</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>2</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (off site) 6:30pm Confirmation (Rm 1) 7:30pm Choir	<b>3</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30pm The Chosen mini-series	<b>4</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am - 12:00pm Cantata Retreat
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