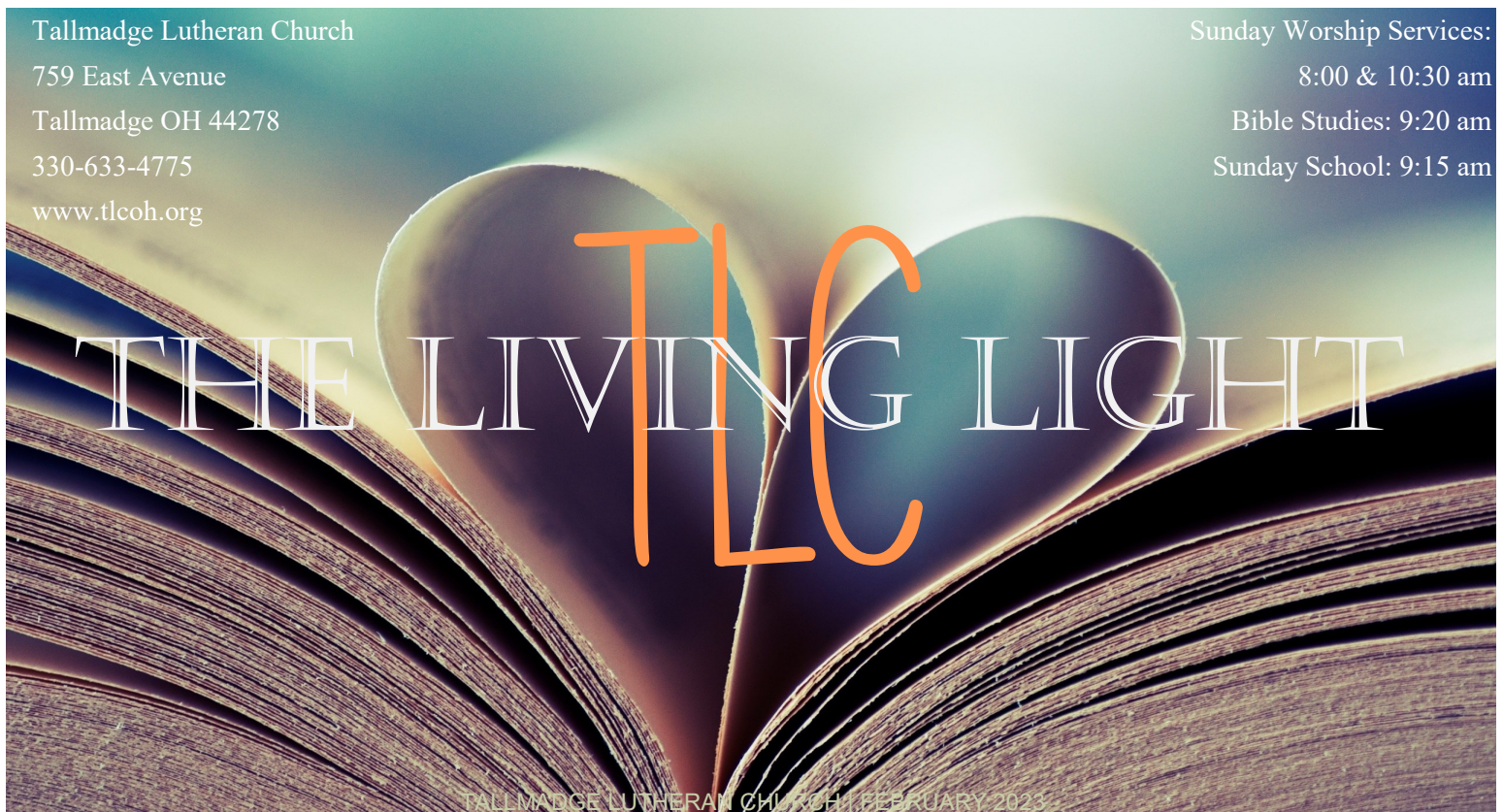


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TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2023

Leaning Towards the Light



Have you heard of **phototropism**? It is a survival mechanism in which a plant grows towards the greatest source of light in an effort to jumpstart the process of photosynthesis. Picture the Leaning Tower of Pisa, only it's a

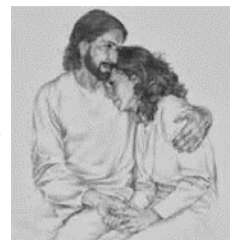
plant! Phototropism is a turning and stretching of the plant's cells towards its source of energy. This reach for the sun is initiated by auxin, a plant hormone that regulates growth. This internal orientation towards the light makes it possible for a plant to thrive even in most adverse conditions.

Just like plants need light to grow and thrive, you and I need to exposure to Jesus. In fact, I think our measure of spiritual growth is entirely dependent upon our exposure to Jesus! When we soak in God's Word, we grow in Jesus. When we absorb the Lord's Supper, we receive nutrients for our soul. When we turn to the promises the God has given us in baptism, Jesus jump starts our growth, our renewal and restoration.

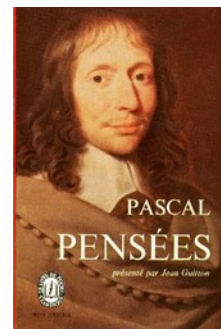
But what happens to plants when they have no light? Plants can still survive, but nothing green grows in darkness because of the lack of sunlight. In our spiritual walk, nothing of spiritual significance can be birthed within us without the illumination of God's Son. As we enter into the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22, I challenge you to consider how much exposure you are receiving from the Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. The measure of our spiritual growth is dependent upon position toward Jesus. Are we positioned to take in the presence of Jesus or not?

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In his *Pensées*, a collection of thoughts written by the French 17th-century philosopher and mathematician Blaise Pascal, Pascal wrote “...there was once in man a true happiness, of which there now remain to him, the mark and empty trace, which he in vain tries to fill from all his surroundings... but these are all inadequate, because the infinite abyss can only be filled by an infinite and immutable object, that is to say, only by God himself.”



Lent represents a time when we can take inventory of our search for “true happiness.” moving away from a caveman-like existence which has left us spiritually blind and wanting in order to move towards the light that will renew our growth. My prayer this Lent is that each of us can find ways to lean towards the light, orient ourselves towards Jesus, and position ourselves so that we can soak up his presence and take in his spiritual nourishment.



On Sundays this Lenten season, we will hear accounts of individuals who have leaned towards the light, made their way to Jesus, soaked up his presence, and discovered life. Like us, they are flawed individuals, skeptics like Nicodemus (John 3:1-17) on March 5, outsiders, like the Samaritan woman (John 4:5-42) on March 12, physically broken, like the blind man (John 9:1-41) on March 19, or lost in the darkness and gloom of death itself, like Lazarus (John 11:1-45) on March 26. This set of four individuals leaning in towards the light are surrounded by two stories of Jesus’ own full presence in the light of God the Father found in the stories of his temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) on February 26 and his Passion (Matthew 26:14-27:66) on April 2.

Together, let us **Lean Towards the Light—Soaking up the Presence of Jesus!**

In Christ,

Pastor Andy

Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesday, February 22, 5:00 pm Lenten Supper 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Worship

Wednesday, March 8, 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Worship

Wednesday, March 15, 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Worship

Wednesday, March 22, 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Worship

Wednesday, March 29, 5:00 Lenten Supper 6:30 pm Worship

Thursday, April 6, 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, April 7, 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 9, 6:30 am Sunrise Easter Service, 8:00 & 10:30 am Easter Celebration Services



February 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
Howe Ave

Choir, 7:30 pm

Confirmation, 6:30 pm in Room 1

Thursdays

Bible Study, 10:00 am in Room 12

Sundays

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Bible Studies, 9:20 am



Sewing for Service Wednesday, February 1, 10:00 am

Prayer Shawl Friday, February 3, 1:00 pm

Prayer Buddy Cards due Sunday, February 5

Super bowl Sub Orders due Sunday, February 5

All About TLC Sunday, February 5, 11:45 am

Board of Elders Monday, February 6, 7:00 pm

TLC Planning Event Saturday, February 11, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Super bowl Sub Pick-Up Sunday, February 12

Board of Director Monday, February 13, 7:00 pm

Valentines Day Tuesday, February 14

Pre-Confirmation Parent Meeting Tuesday, February 15, 8:00 pm

Marriage Small Group Thursday, February 16, 6:00 pm

Safety Training Saturday, February 18, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Presidents Day Monday February 20

The Wise Owls lunch in Hartville Tuesday, February 28, 11:30 pm

Movie Night Thursday, February 23, 6:30 pm

Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 22

Joining TLC – Have you been worshipping at TLC for some time now? Are you interesting in joining Tallmadge Lutheran Church? There will be a special luncheon and teaching time for those interested in earning more about TLC on Sunday, February 5 from 11:45 am to 2:00 pm in Room 12. Please let Pastor Andy know if you are interested in attending.

TLC Congregational Planning Session - On Saturday, February 11, 2023 all TLC members are invited to participate in a Congregational Planning Session. We will meet from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm to discuss, dream, and prioritize action-possibilities to create a stronger future for Tallmadge Lutheran Church. Lunch will be provided.

Introducing Liv Laube, DCE

Hi, My name is Liv Laube, and I am the new DCE intern! This internship is a part of my education at Concordia University St. Paul. It will give me the opportunity to gain experience in the ministry field, as well as work towards becoming a certified and called DCE in the future. You'll see me participating in many different areas of ministry here at TLC, but I love working with kids and youth, so I hope to do quite a bit of that. VBS is especially something I am looking forward to. There is a lot that goes into its planning and preparation, and I am happy to get to assist with that this year. Most of all, I am excited to get to know as many people as I can. If you see me, feel free to come introduce yourself!

A bit about me- I grew up near Des Moines, Iowa with my parents (Brian and Kim), my older sisters (Kelsey and Laura), and my younger brother (Alex). I then moved to Saint Paul, Minnesota during the fall of 2020 when I started at Concordia University. I was pretty involved at Concordia: I led a Bible study, played flute in the band, worked as an RA, wrote for the school newspaper, and even got to observe and teach at a local church. My last three summers have been spent at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca, a Lutheran camp in eastern Iowa. Outdoor ministry is something I am very passionate about, and I could spend hours telling stories and talking about how I saw God at work during my time at camp.

Here are a few other random fun facts about me:

My real name is Olivia (after Olivia Newton John), but I usually only go by Liv

I am super-duper, extremely, deathly allergic to peanuts

I have been to 27 different states, but had never been to Ohio before moving here

I enjoy hiking, running, drawing, listening to podcasts, making music, and traveling

I am currently trying to teach myself how to play guitar

I have a goal to visit as many national parks as I can

I can hold my breath for over a minute

I used to work at an amusement park

My family has two dogs, Bentley and Gigi

My transition here has been going smoothly, and I already feel so welcomed by everyone I have met. I am so grateful that God led me here and is able to use me for His ministry. He has great things in store for this next year, both for my life and the life of the church, and I am excited to see what that looks like!

Here are a few pictures if that is helpful:



Introducing

TLC's Board of Directors



Bert Holz
President



Jeff Carley
Vice President



Denny Gearhart
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Gail McAlister
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Denny Holzer



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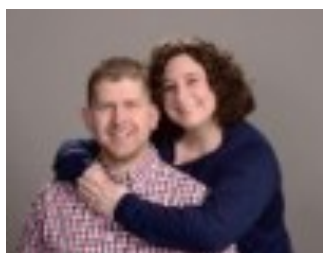
Marty Hauser



Chris Tywon



Dr. Jim Bailey



Dan Fosnight



Todd Hedderly



Jim Case

Not pictured:
Kevin Heilmeier
John Dailey

In The Community

Family Fun Night at the Tallmadge Rec Center

Friday, February 24 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Presale tickets are \$8 and go on sale Wednesday, February 1

Tickets at the door are \$10

Ages 2 and under are free

The Fun includes crafts, games, inflatables, face paint, exhibits, live petting zoo

Akron U's Zippy and Tallmadge's Blue Devils will also be there!

Kent Skates, Haymaker Farm, Karaoke Nights [Events Calendar – Main Street Kent](#)

Goodyear Theatre, EJ Thomas, Akron Civic Theatre [Events | Downtown Akron](#)

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Leona Farris Lodge , Stow-MF Community Expo

[Programs & Events | Stow, OH \(stowohio.org\)](#)



Music Ministry News

Choir has resumed after a triumphant Cantata in December!

We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary and all are welcome to come. It doesn't matter what your musical ability is, if you want to sing and praise the Lord with us, please come!

Handbells resume the end of January!

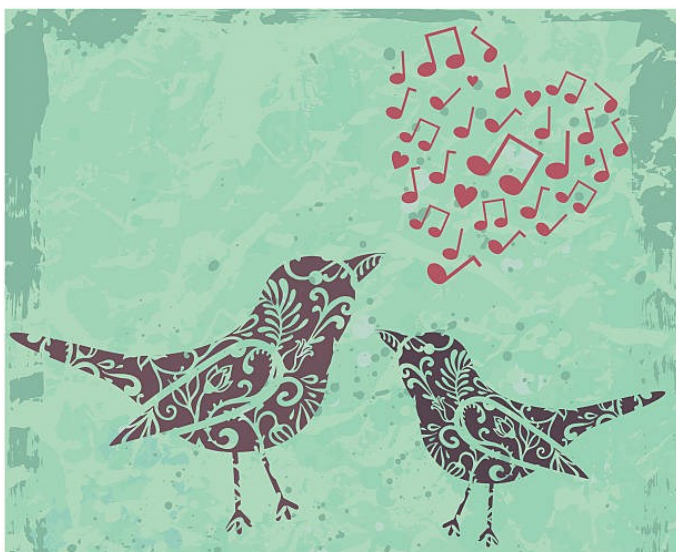
If you are interested in learning more about our handbells, please contact Rich Goebelt. We are always looking for extra ringers, even if just to help out when another ringer is absent for a Tuesday evening rehearsal. We are happy to teach you how to play the handbells, if you are interested.

Community Opportunities

The Metropolitan Chorus is a unique adult choral ensemble focusing on a wide variety of music with intimately-performed works. Representing many diverse backgrounds, cultures, races and beliefs, these multi-generational singers are brought together by their love of the choral arts. They share a dedication to excellence, exploring and preserving choral repertoire from all over the world.

Metropolitan Chorus rehearses Tuesday evenings from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm.

If you are interested, go to summitchoralsociety.org.



Youth Group News

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann

Liv Laube

Super Bowl Subs

Turn your orders in for the Youth Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser by Sunday, February 5.

Sub pick - up is Sunday, February 12.

Please see flyer and order form on pages 9 & 10.

Upcoming

Sunday, February 12, 7:00 -12:00 pm

Superbowl Subs Assembly

Sunday, February 26 12:00 -5:00 pm

Snow Tubing

Youth Snow Tubing

Join us for snow tubing at Boston Mills Brandywine

Sunday, February. 26 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

A tubing ticket is provided for the youth.

Family and friends are also welcome at their own expense (\$32).

Please bring money for lunch at the resort.

Dress warm!

RSVP to the youth leaders by February 12 to reserve tickets.

Contact Beth with any questions



\$7 SUPERBOWL SUBS

*Orders due by Sunday Feb. 5
Pick-up Sunday Feb. 12*

Provided by the TLC Youth as a fundraiser.

GET READY FOR GAMEDAY AND TREAT YOURSELF
TO A SUB SANDWICH!

CHOICE OF TOPPINGS:	EXTRA GOODIES:
HAM	DESSERT
SALAMI	BAG OF CHIPS
TURKEY	PICKLE
PROVOLONE	BOTTLE OF WATER
AMERICAN	
TOMATOES	
ONIONS	
BANANA PEPPERS	
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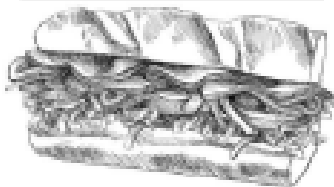
**GET YOUR ORDER
FORMS TODAY!!**

SUPER BOWL

February 12: Let us see with endurance the race that is set before us.

Any questions or for an order form, contact Beth Niermann (330-690-7011) or Jen Larson (330-690-2889)

Sub Sandwich **SALE**



**ORDER your LUNCH for
Super Bowl Sunday (February 12th) TODAY!!**

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY , FEBRUARY 5TH

Lunch includes:

6" sub sandwich with your choice of toppings.

A delicious dessert, i.e. cookies.

A bottle of water, bag of chips & a pickle spear.

Toppings	Sub 1	Sub 2	Sub 3	Sub 4	Sub 5	Sub 6
Ham						
Salami						
Turkey						
Provolone						
American						
Tomatoes						
Onions						
Banana Peppers						
Lettuce						

(If you would like to order more than 6 lunches, please use another form.)

of Lunches _____ x \$7.00/box = Total Due: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Tallmadge Lutheran Church.

Order forms may be placed in the youth ministry mailbox.

Name: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____

(Please Check) _____ Will pick up after Early Service (9 a.m.) in the kitchen.
 _____ Will pick up after Sunday School (10:15 a.m.) in the kitchen.
 _____ Will pick up after Late Service (11:30 a.m.) in the kitchen.
 _____ Donate Sub(s) # _____ to Haven of Rest.

Lunches will be handed out on Sunday, February 12th.

Lunches ordered for Haven of Rest will be delivered on Monday, February 13th.

Proceeds will go towards the TLC Youth Group Funds for future events.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER!



PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Please welcome Tallmadge Christian Preschool
4's class assistant teacher, Mrs. Osburn!



Hi, I'm Mrs. Osburn. This is my third year with TCP. I work as the teacher's assistant in the 4's class! One of my favorite parts of my day is creating new crafts with all the kiddos. I really enjoy working with the 4-year-olds. I've been happily married for 19 years to my amazing husband Jeremy, I also have two beautiful daughters, Savannah (14) and Sofie (11). We also have a golden doodle named Gracie! I enjoy crafts, shopping, reading, and family time. My favorite place is the beach! My family and I love TCP and my oldest daughter can still remember the fun times she had here! I am so blessed to be working here and I look forward to making fun memories with all of you!

TLC Building Projects

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

NEW Donation Center!

The Donation Center is the place for:

OCC donations, Prayer Buddy cards, and MITES

Located between the main entrance and mailboxes.

Operation Christmas Child Donations

This would be a great month to collect children's gloves, hats, socks and underwear for boys and girls ages 2-14.

Please place all donations in the grey donation bins marked with the "Operation Christmas Child" logo in the Donation Center.

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry all year long!

We are on our way to a successful packing party!!

Completed/Scheduled for February:

Coatrack, mailboxes and Room 12 painted

Mechanical Room organized (ongoing)

Roof repair over the sanctuary, offices & youth room

Upcoming Projects:

Direction Signs

Researching a boost in cellular service within the building

Organization of the Library

Room Numbers outside the building for safety

Staff hallway painting



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Birthdays

- 1 Robert Ray
3 Cindy Strand
4 Michelle Tennant
5 Robert Bloom
6 Laura Eyring
6 Roger Latimer
12 Michele Kaiser
12 Jenna Senderling
13 Von Alleshouse
13 Andrew Alberts

18 Ellen Tywon
19 Diane Staszak
21 Juliana Eyring
21 John Dailey, Jr.
22 Alexander Dutka
25 Kay Graybeal
25 Giuliana Hovey
26 Janet Gearhart
27 Joe Schuster
27 Cindy Phipps
28 Lucy Reynolds
28 Anne Kuntz

Anniversaries

- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Larson
27 Mr. & Mrs. Todd Miller



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