



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

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# *The Living Light*

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER - MAY 2023



## **Waiting for God to Answer**

Waiting is one of the most difficult experiences in life. From waiting in line to waiting for the big day. From waiting for the return phone call to waiting for the long-expected trip. Waiting for the Lord to answer our prayer.

The poet Lemon Anderson wrote this about waiting on the Lord:

**The Lord may not come when you call,  
but He's always on time.**

God might not answer you in a tangible way today, but He will answer. And the Lord is always on time.

In Psalm 20, the psalmist is looking forward to the Lord's hand to be at work with great anticipation and faith. In this psalm we also see the repetition of one key verb: answer.

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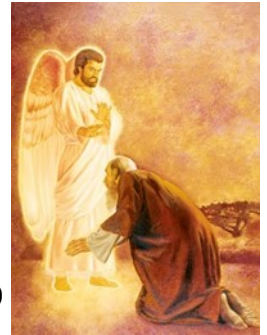
*God will answer. God has  
already heard you and is  
already answering you.*



- <sup>1</sup> May the Lord **answer** you in the day of trouble!  
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- <sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary  
and give you support from Zion!
- <sup>3</sup> May he remember all your offerings  
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! *Selah*
- <sup>4</sup> May he grant you your heart's desire  
and fulfill all your plans!
- <sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your salvation,  
and in the name of our God set up our banners!  
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!
- <sup>6</sup> Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed;  
he will **answer** him from his holy heaven  
with the saving might of his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They collapse and fall,  
but we rise and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord, save the king!  
May he **answer** us when we call.



We see a God who answers many times  
in the Psalms alone. *God will answer.  
God has already heard you and is  
already answering you.*



You may now wonder why God is  
taking so long or why you don't have  
the answer you want. After all, Psalm 20  
even describes the types of answers:  
*protection, help, support, fulfilled desires, successful plans,  
victory of our enemies.* But why is it taking longer than you  
hoped?

In seeking to understand God's ways, consider Daniel  
10:10-14. It's a strange but powerful passage about delay.  
Daniel is "mourning for three weeks" (Daniel 10:2). He's  
exhausted, hungry, and sad. Why is God taking so long to  
help Daniel? The Bible tells us:

<sup>10</sup> And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on  
my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> And he said to me, "O Daniel, man  
greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you,  
and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And  
when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up  
trembling. <sup>12</sup> Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for  
from the first day that you set your heart to understand  
and humbled yourself before your God, your words have  
been heard, and I have come because of your words. <sup>13</sup> The  
prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one  
days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help  
me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup> and  
came to make you understand what is to happen to your  
people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to  
come."



Isn't it great how a messenger from God says to Daniel that he is a "man greatly loved." Maybe these were the words Daniel needed most of all as he sat there. But then, the divine messenger says that as soon as Daniel went to the Lord with his problem, his words were heard, and God sent help. But why did the divine help take so long? Well, apparently, there's a spiritual battle going on that Daniel knows nothing about. It's so bad that another angel must come on the scene. Then, after three weeks of battle, the divine answer comes.

But it took a while.



Sometimes, perhaps our answer is on the way but held up somehow in spiritual battle. It happened to Daniel, and it can happen to us. I think God was teaching Daniel that his prayers involve something much deeper, much more expansive, and much more complicated that he can know.

But God knows. And He sends divine help to fight battles we cannot perceive.

May the Lord bless each of you as you wait on Him to answer your prayers!

*Pastor Andy*

## Organ Project Update

The new Allen organ has arrived at TLC and is being installed this week. The organ speakers and new sanctuary speakers have been installed in the sound pillars built by Brian Kuntz and Eric Toepke. We are working on plans to dedicate and use the Organ soon. The final step of the organ project is the construction and installation of the fabric covered panels that will cover all the speakers and finish the pillar effect. Thank you for everyone who has donated towards the organ fund.

## Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday will be held during the 10:30 am worship service on May 7, 2023. There will be a special reception for our confirmation students during the Fellowship time from 9:00 am – 9:20 am.

The following students will be confirming their Baptismal faith:

*Ava Groubert, Natalie Harsey,  
Miya Kuntz, Noah Sipusic, and  
Kaleb Wendland*







Lutheran Campus Ministry of Kent has served the students of Kent State University for 50 years! God be praised! The last few years coming out of the pandemic have been challenging, and we are looking for people to bring fresh vigor to this ministry. We would like to connect with alumni who benefited from LCMK, folks who love KSU, and people who are generally interested in campus ministry to help this ministry thrive for the next 50 years. We are praying for some people who would like to serve on LCMK's board of directors, but we also want to find people who would generally like to partner with and pray for LCMK. If you are such a person, please contact Pastor Eric Tritten at [pastort@gloriadeihudson.org](mailto:pastort@gloriadeihudson.org).

# Small Groups Update

## Women's Fellowship

May's potluck meeting is Thursday, May 11, 6:00 pm in Room 12.

## Marriage Connect Group

Come join us on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm for our next study titled "Love is Tenacious, Are You?" Regular lasagna and "no carb" lasagna will be served. Please bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy good food and fellowship as we grow our marriages together in community.

## The Wise Owls

The Wise Owls will travel to Hartville Kitchen for lunch on Tuesday, May 23 after Bible Study. No meeting in May. Regular meetings are the third Saturday of the month at 12:00 pm in Room 12

## May's Operation Christmas Child Donations

Thank you so much to our church family for your support and donations for this special ministry all year. Let's keep our momentum going for the month of May by collecting small travel games, crafts, puzzles, musical instruments, etc.; things small enough to fit in the shoe box and lots of fun for ages 2 - 14. Please place all donations in the grey donation bins marked with the "Operation Christmas Child" logo in the Donation Nook. Happy shopping!

*For where two or three are  
gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them.*

*Matthew 18:20*



We had an AMAZING turnout for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

The gym was PACKED & LOUD!

The youth ran the games, there was a balloonist this year that made every child a balloon creation, lots of popcorn and lemonade, we were able to share the Easter story and of course, the kids enjoyed the chance to grab 1500 eggs!

Thank you again to ALL of the volunteers that made it possible!

- Gail



And a HUGE THANK YOU TO GAIL  
for all of the time & love she always  
puts into TLC's special events!  
We appreciate you!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 19-23**  
**9AM-12PM**

**TALLMADGE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**REGISTER AT**  
**[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/TLCVBS2023](https://vbspro.events/p/tlcvbs2023)**  
**OR SCAN THE QR CODE**



# In The Community: *summer fun*

Maca Aquatic Center [Maca Memberships | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)

Pool passes are now on sale!

Please see the website for information about membership, swim lessons, classes, the Marlins swim team & more!

New this year: Daily admission sales begin at 12 pm. Members can enjoy member-only days on Tuesdays!

Have a your party at Maca! [Maca Parties | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)

Please see the website for pavilion rental information.

Memorial Day Parade [Memorial Day Parade & Service | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)

Monday, May 29 at 9:30 am

Mack Burleson Field (The Hole) - The Circle - Tallmadge Cemetery

Touch A Truck [Touch-a-Truck | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)

Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Tallmadge Rec parking lot

Farmers Market [Farmers Market | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)

Opens Thursday, June 15, 2023

Every Thursday in the Tallmadge Rec's parking lot from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

June through October 12, 2023

Music On The Circle [Music on the Circle | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)

Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, June 15 - Chardon Polka Band (Pop Polka)

Thursday, June 29 - The Akron Symphonic Winds (Classical)

Thursday, July 20 - The Belairs (Oldies)

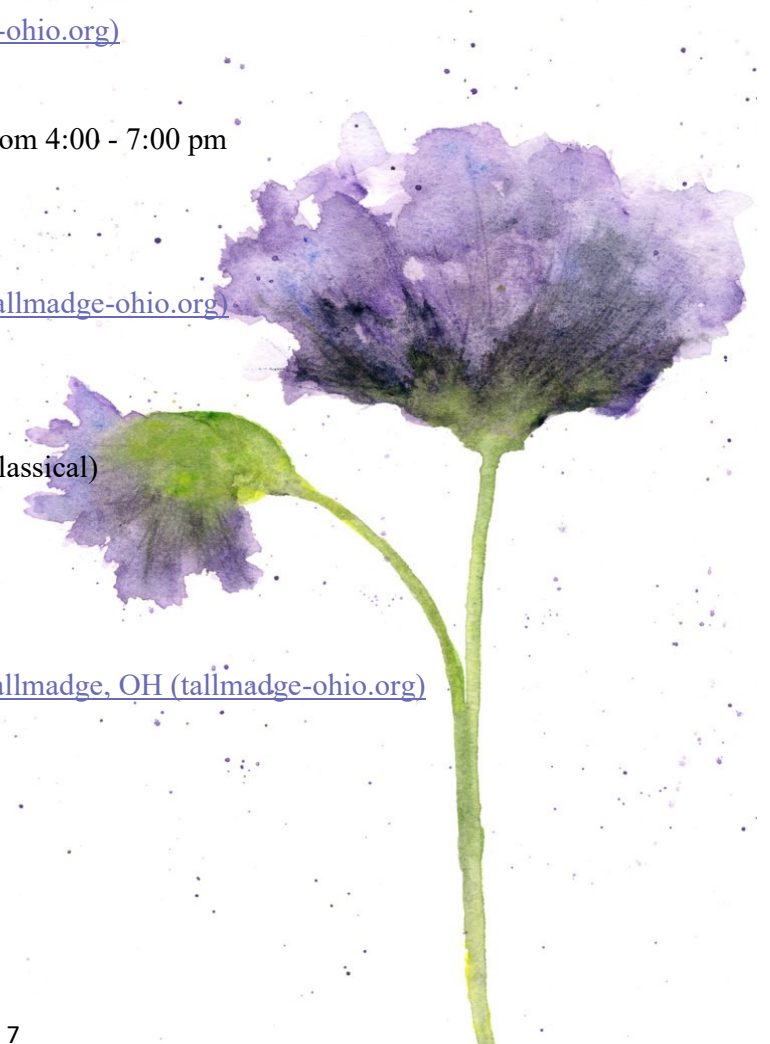
Thursday, August 3 - Revolution Pie (Beatles Cover)

Circlefest & Light Parade [Circle Festival & Light Parade | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)

August 19, 2023, 5:30 - 11:00 pm on The Circle

Light Parade at dusk

Fireworks following parade





# Music Ministry News:

The Organ Is Here! We are pleased to announce that our new organ has been installed and will be used in worship very soon. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project – our Organ committee, the Board members who oversaw the project, the members who helped with the speaker column and installation, and most importantly, the members who donated toward this cause. We have needed a new organ for a very long time and we will be blessed by its music soon!

*Have a Musical Summer!*

Summer is coming! With summer comes the chance for more people to offer anthems and special music in our services. If you play an instrument or have been interested in possibly singing in church, I would love to work with you! You could play/sing from the main floor or the balcony, by yourself or with a small group. I would love to include more church members in our music ministry, and summer-time is a nice low-stress time to jump in. If you are interested, please contact Annie Alberts.





# Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Liv Laube

## Upcoming

Sunday, May 21, 12:00 - 2:00 pm Youth Meeting

Thursday, May 25, 5:30 - 7:00pm Assemble Memorial Crosses (Fundraiser)

Sunday, June 4, 12:00 - 2:00 pm Youth Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 4:00 - 7:00 pm Family Fun Night (Service)



## Easter Breakfast



# *In* REMEMBRANCE

Personalized Memorial Day Banners will be displayed on crosses in front of the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 28. Please fill out the form below indicating the number of banners and the name you would like written on the banner. Each banner is a \$5.00 donation toward the Youth Group Ministry. Please place orders in the *Secretary* mailbox by Wednesday, May 24. Families may collect their banners Sunday, May 28. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Niermann at [campdeac@yahoo.com](mailto:campdeac@yahoo.com)



## Remembering Your Loved Ones Memorial Banner

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Banners: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) for Banners: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!



# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

Cross hung in staff hallway  
Boiler leaks repaired  
Handicap signs replaced  
Security sign added near dumpster  
Door handles repaired  
Blinds hung  
Gym storage closet cleared  
AED mounted  
Pews removed for organ space  
Warped bookshelves removed  
Floor buffer received  
Picnic tables (Thank you Gail & Patti)

## Upcoming Projects:

Spring Clean-Up  
Mailbox area  
Library



# Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	<b>1</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Monday Night Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	<b>2</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>3</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (off site) 7:30pm Choir	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>5</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	<b>6</b> 8:00am - 5:00pm Confirmation Celebration (gym, kitchen)
<b>7</b> <b>Confirmation Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9:00am Confirmation Reception 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20am Reception for Confirmands 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Board of Directors (Rm 12)	<b>9</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>10</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 7:30pm Choir	<b>11</b> TCP Graduation (gym)	<b>12</b> TCP Graduation (gym)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Mother's Day</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	<b>15</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>17</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 7:30pm Choir	<b>18</b> 12:00pm Tallmadge Ministry Alliance 6:00pm Marriage Connect Group (Rm 12)	<b>19</b> 11:00am - 1:00pm Fire & Police Appreciation Lunch	<b>20</b> 12:00pm Wise Owls (Rm 12)
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>23</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>24</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 7:30pm Choir	<b>25</b> 5:30pm Youth - memorial crosses	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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## Birthdays

- 3 Jonathan Vanaman

3 Alex LeVan

3 Holly Dussel

5 Walter Fenske

7 David Graybeal

7 Beverly Goss

8 Dan Capp

10 Susan Young

12 Dennis Klicman

13 Lillian Wojtek

16 Ed Huzzard, Jr.

18 Marti Heilmeier

19 Joyce Riley

20 Haley Lattimer

21 Sandee Mick

22 Chuck Currier

23 Jay Springer

23 Eric Toepke

25 Jennifer Graf

25 Dennis Holzer

30 Todd Hedderly

31 Thomas Kenny

## Anniversaries

- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Klicman

14 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Dutka

17 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bomer

17 Mr. & Mrs. David Bass

18 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Knepper

31 Mr. & Mrs. Jon Huck

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