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

# The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2023

## Suggestions on How to Pray

This summer we have been exploring the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, what we call “The Lord’s Prayer. I recently came across this writing by Lutheran author Chad Bird on different ways to pray and I hope that his suggestions how to pray bless you this month!

In Christ  
Pastor Andy

Many of you are probably familiar with the expression, “Lord, teach us to pray...” from Luke 11. What you might not be as familiar with is the rest of the sentence, “...as John taught his disciples.”

As John taught his disciples. What are the implications of this? Both of these teachers, John and Jesus, had disciples who, on their own, did not know how to pray. Or perhaps wanted to grow in their understanding and/or practice of prayer. Or were looking for specific direction. Or wanted to know the exact words to say.

Either way, prayer was not something that just came to them naturally, like eating and drinking and sleeping.

Prayer, like any language, is learned.

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## Lord Teach Us To Pray





Here are a few other ideas for talking to our Lord:

1. Several times a day, repeat a short prayer and dwell on a different word each time. My favorite is “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner” (the so-called Jesus Prayer). I will sometimes also just name people who are on my mind, saying, “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. With the Lord’s Prayer, you can either pray all the way through it, or take one or more of the petitions and expand upon them. Something like, “Our Father, who art in heaven, thank you for making me your son/daughter, for being my Father, for adopting me into your family and giving me your name, etc.”
3. My best recommendation is to pray the Psalms in order. The advantage of praying through all the psalms, over and over, instead of cherry-picking the ones you feel like praying, is that the full scope of the psalms begin to form your prayers. In a way, they pray you instead of you praying them. These words \*from\* God become your words back \*to\* God.
4. One other option is to turn other words of Scripture into prayer. It’s very simple. For instance, “In the beginning, you, O God, created the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for the gift of this world, my body and soul, my family, my business, for they are all a gift from you.” Or, “Jesus, you have told us who are weary and heavy laden to come to you. Give me rest. Place your light yoke upon me. Help me to learn from you.”

I like this too, from Macarius, a 4th c. Egyptian priest and monk: Abba Macarius was asked, “How should one pray?” The old man said, “There is no need at all to make long discourses; it is enough to stretch out one’s hands and say, ‘Lord, as you will, and as you know, have mercy.’ And if the conflict grows fiercer say, ‘Lord, help!’ He knows very well what we need and He shows us His mercy.”

Article found @ <https://www.facebook.com/writingsofchadbird>





# Small Groups Update

## Women's Fellowship

Meeting and Breakfast Dinner on Thursday, July 13. Please sign up to bring a breakfast item by the mailboxes.

## Marriage Connect Group

Come one, come every marriage couple to our next Marriage group on Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 pm for our next study titled "Love Never Fails". We will have pulled pork sliders and coleslaw. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share while we enjoy fellowship as we grow our marriages together in Christ .

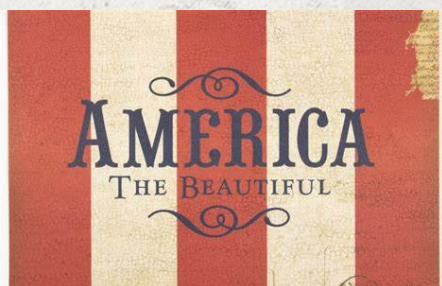
## Operation Christmas Child Donations

We have collected so many "fun" things for our boxes over the past several months. Thank you to everyone who has been donating. We cannot make this ministry a success without you! The next few months we would like to focus on school supplies. This month, we would like to collect scissors, small rulers, small calculators, etc. (no glue!) Please place all donations in the grey donation bins marked with the "Operation Christmas Child" logo in the Donation Nook. Happy shopping!

## The Wise Owls

**The Wise Owls** - Pastor and Joyce Riley will host July's Wise Owl meeting at their home on Saturday, July 15 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Lunch will be provided.

Regular meetings are the third Saturday of the month at 12:00 pm in Room 12.



## Blessings of Backpacks

TLC is supplying each preschool student with their own backpack stuffed with supplies. We are collecting small, stuffed animals. Please put all donations in the grey bins of the donation center. Once we reach 75 boxes, a new item will be listed. Thank you so much for helping with this ministry!

## The Akron Black Stockings Vintage Baseball Team

will be at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens on July 8 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person, and includes the game, tour of the gardens and the Gate Lodge and Conservatory. Pay at the Gate. No reservations required. Bring a blanket, lawn chair, and picnic lunch and drinks, and dress appropriately for an outdoor game in the sun or shade. In other words, bring a brelly to block the sun...

If you'd like to carpool, sign up on the sheet by the mailboxes. This is an ALL CHURCH EVENT.

Questions, call the Cases. 330-688-1437.

PLAY BALL...actually, watch ball....with rules from 1917!!!

## The Rubber Ducks

Join the Women's Fellowship on Friday, August 4 for a Rubber Ducks Baseball game at Canal Park! An info/sign up sheet is by the mailboxes.

Our Church/Choir has been asked to sing *God Bless America* in the 7th inning stretch on August 4. This is open to EVERY church member, not just the choir! We are planning on singing a simple arrangement. Everyone can sing the melody, but we also have the opportunity to sing some harmony. If you are interested, please attend one or two of the following rehearsals:

Tuesday, July 25 at 11:00 am

Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 1 at 11:00 am

Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm

# *Police, Fire & EMS* Appreciation Luncheon

The 2nd Annual Police/Fire/City Employees picnic held on May 19 was a success!

Employees of Tallmadge were treated to a lunch of burgers and dogs, salads, drinks, and desserts.

Each person that attended received a small treat bag with candy as well.

A huge thank you to Gail McAlister for coordinating the event and to our amazing volunteers that made it happen:

Kevin Heilmeier, Denise Larson, , Betty Scaife, Therese Ware, and Pastor Andy







## In The Community: *Fireworks*

Akron – Summit Lake Birthday Bash

Where: Summit Lake Nature Center, 411 Ira Ave.

When: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Akron – Rib, White & Blue Festival

Where: Lock 3, 200 S. Main St.

When: June 30-July 4, 2023

Akron – RubberDucks Independence Day Fireworks

Where: Canal Park, 300 S. Main St.

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Cuyahoga Falls – A Salute to America

Where: Blossom Music Center, 1145 W. Steels Corners Rd.

When: July 2-4, 2023

Fairlawn – Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks

Where: Bicentennial Park, 3486 S. Smith Rd.

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Green – FreedomFest

Where: Boettler Park, 5300 Massillon Rd.

When: Saturday, June 24, 2023

Hudson – Independence Day Fireworks Celebration

Where: Barlow Farm Park, 1965 Barlow Rd.

When: Sunday, July 2, 2023

Hudson – Four on the 4th

Where: First & Main Green, 42 Village Way

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

New Franklin – FREE Old Fashioned 4th of July Picnic

Where: Tudor House, 655 Latham Ln.

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Stow – FREE Splash Bash

Where: Stow City Center Campus, 3870 Darrow Rd.

When: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Stow – FREE Patriotic Picnic

Where: SKiP Stow Kids' Playground, 3870 Darrow Rd.

When: Sunday, July 2, 2023

Stow – Firecracker Run

Where: Holy Family Church, 3179 Kent Rd.

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Stow – FREE Stow Strong 4th of July Parade

Where: Parade steps off from Stow City Hall, 3760 Darrow Rd.

When: Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Springfield Lake – Rock the Docks Festival

Where: 2459 Canfield Rd.

When: June 22-25, 2023

Twinsburg – FREE Patriotic Concert at Liberty Park

Where: Liberty Park Nature Center, 9999 Liberty Rd.

When: Thursday, July 6, 2023

# Music Ministry

## **\* \* Take Me Out To The Ballgame \* \***

As you may have noticed in the other newsletter announcement,  
our music ministry (and the entire church!) has been invited to sing  
*God Bless America* at the August 4 Rubber Ducks Game.

If you are interested in singing, please come to one or two of the following rehearsals.

You are welcome to sing just the melody, or learn the harmony if you feel extra ambitious!

Tuesday, July 25 at 11:00 am

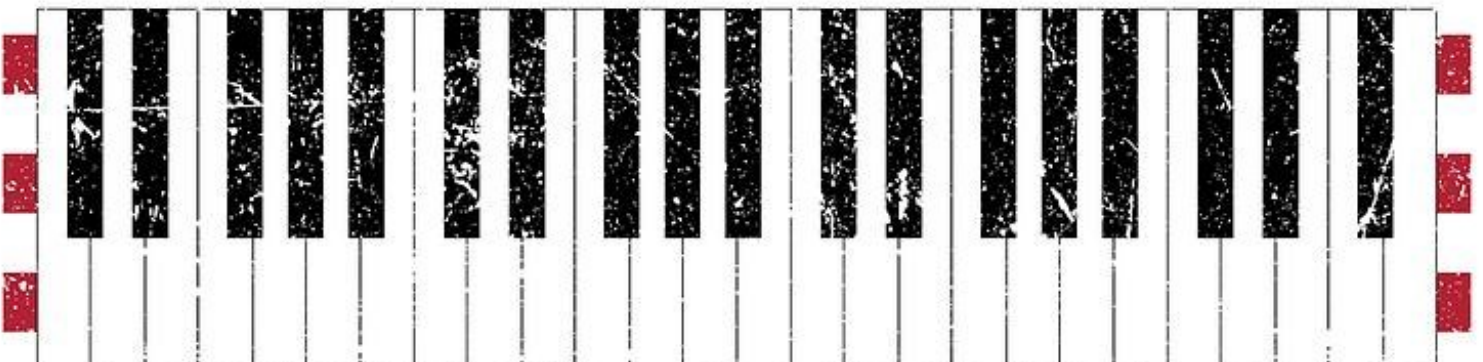
Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, August 1 at 11:00 am

Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm

In other music news, we are still looking for people to share their musical talents  
in small groups or solos through the month of July and August.

Please contact Annie Alberts if you are interested.





# Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

## Upcoming

### *Float the River!*

Sunday, July 16 from 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun. Family and friends are invited to join at their own cost of \$25.

We will meet at church, grab a quick lunch and go.

Reservations are required. Please let leaders know by Sunday, July 9.

Respond on Band app, or contact Beth Niermann at (330) 690-7011.



# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

VBS  
Fire Inspection  
Parking lot repaired  
Two new handicap spots near pavilion  
Lights in Edu wing

## Upcoming Projects:

Mailbox area  
Library  
Youth Room Roof  
Ground Sign

TLC is looking to have the sanctuary painted.

If you know someone for the job, I would love to give them our business.

Please have them call the office. 330-633-4775

#payitforward #shoplocal #iykyk







# Preschool and King's Kids



King's Kids  
Summer Camp  
is Awesome!

# Birthdays

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Eden Parmelee    | 113 John McDowell     |
| 1 Isaiah Alberts   | 14 Alec Wilkins       |
| 2 Robert Knepper   | 16 Christopher Harsey |
| 2 Alexis Zehner    | 17 Jacob Hanchett     |
| 2 Aaron Ferrell    | 19 Karen Satterfield  |
| 5 Vyktoya Reynolds | 20 Nicolas Ross       |
| 7 Rick Reynolds    | 20 Michael Packy      |
| 9 Jeannine Case    | 22 Elaine Bloom       |
| 10 Mary Ann Kaiser | 22 Beth Hauser        |
| 10 Lisa Smith      | 22 Gail McAlister     |
| 11 Isaac Alberts   | 22 Owen Harsey        |
| 2 Ashley Fosnight  | 23 Kathleen Hanchett  |
| 12 Maksim Kodzev   |                       |

# Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|
| 1 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Broemsen |
| 3 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Downey   |
| 4 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Detzel    |
| 6 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Goebelt |
| 11 Mr. & Mrs. Trent Wright   |
| 12 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Olson      |
| 14 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Alberts |
| 16 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kuntz    |
| 26 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Staszak |
| 31 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Conley  |



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2 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	3	4 <b>Independence Day Office Closed</b>	5 KK Summer Field Trip (gym, pavilion) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (off site)	6	7 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	8 Women's Fellowship (Stan Hywet)
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*GROW* as disciples of Christ, *CARE* for one another, and *SHARE* the love of Jesus in our community.

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