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

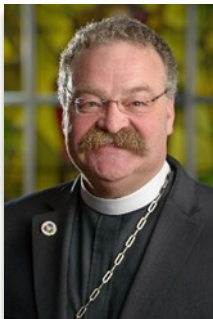
# The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2023

## What is a Lutheran?



What is a Lutheran? Have you ever struggled to answer that question? And why are there different “kinds” of Lutherans? I would like to share with you portions of an article written by the Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, president of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Harrison was just elected to his 5<sup>th</sup> three-year term as synodical president of our Lutheran church body.

Please keep our church body in your prayers as the LCMS is meeting in convention July 29 through August 3, 2023 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee – that we may experience unity and the Holy Spirit to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ into the world!

God bless your August!

Pastor Andy



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“Being a Lutheran does not mean being like Luther or believing everything he taught. Though God magnificently used the blessed reformer to restore the Gospel to its proper place in the church, we don’t confess everything Luther taught.

Being Lutheran is also not heritage or history. Churches descended from the Reformation are not necessarily Lutheran. And being Lutheran does not mean reinterpreting glorious and thoroughly biblical Lutheran words like “grace” to mean “tolerance,” or “vocation” to mean “service.”

Being Lutheran *does mean* subscribing to the specific teachings of the Lutheran Confessions because they accord with the doctrine revealed in Holy Scripture. You all know this confession, which is most simply put in Luther’s Small Catechism. The catechism sets forth the great basics of the faith: the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, Confession and the Lord’s Supper.

At the core of the catechism are these words: **“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.”**



This — the doctrine of justification, on which the church stands or falls — is what it means to be Lutheran. Everything else flows from it. Original sin and the preaching of the Law (apart from Christ, all of us are “lost and condemned persons”) are about justification. Because we know that God justifies sinners, we aren’t afraid of man’s sinful condition, nor do our sins terrify and oppress us. God reckons us righteous, by grace, for Christ’s sake.



Baptism — even infant Baptism — is about justification because the font is one of the places God does His justifying work, apart from any participation of our own. The Office of the Keys is about justification because the pastor’s absolving words are God’s justifying work. The Lord’s Supper is about justification because God gathers His saints around His altar to feed them with the price paid for their justification: the very body and blood of Jesus. Even the authority of the Bible is tied to justification. Jesus says the Bible testifies about Him (John 5), and those who believe in Jesus listen to Him. “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27).

If that’s what a Lutheran is, must one be a Lutheran to be saved? No. As the doctrine of justification rightly teaches, God saves people solely out of His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, through simple faith in Jesus as their Savior. Wherever His Word is preached — even if imperfectly — there is hope for sinners to be saved by the working of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3).

One pastor I know is fond of telling his parishioners that there are no Lutheran insomniacs, at least when it comes to eternal life. No Lutheran should stay awake at night worrying about his salvation. If justification is God’s work alone (which it is), and if He works through tangible means (which He does), then a Christian can remind himself that he is baptized by God and go happily to sleep.

The point of being Lutheran is comfort, not pride. God intends His people to have full and complete confidence that they are His because of His perfect work. This is justification. This is why I am a Lutheran. This joyful confidence is the baptismal birthright of every Christian.”

You can find the full article at: <https://reporter.lcms.org/2023/what-is-a-lutheran/>



# Small Groups Update

## **Women's Fellowship**

See you at the Rubber Ducks Game Friday, August 4!

## **Marriage Connect Group**

We just finished an amazing Family Life study (Love Like You Mean It). Since the summer months tend to be slower, we will take a break from August. Stay tuned for our next study beginning on Thursday, September 28. If you have considered joining the group, the more the merrier!! Let's learn together how to have a marriage that reflects the love of Christ to a world that is watching.

## **Operation Christmas Child Donations**

Thank you so much again to everyone who has been donating! This month, let's collect more school supplies; specifically focusing on crayons, regular and colored pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers. Please place all donations in the grey donation bins marked with the "Operation Christmas Child" logo in the Donation Nook. We cannot do this ministry without your help. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Acme Community Cash Back Program**

The Community Cash Back program will run from August 1, 2023 – February 15, 2024. Turn receipts into Ruth Lynch.

## **Blessing of Backpacks**

Help stuff the backpacks on Thursday, August 10 at 10:00!

The Blessings of Backpacks is Sunday, August 13.

## **TLC's Annual Church Picnic**

TLC's Annual Church Picnic is after late service on Sunday, August 27.

Burgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

Families with last name A- L bring a side dish or salad and M- Z- bring a dessert.

A sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes.

Games such as corn hole, ladder toss, connect-4 will be set up to access and the annual egg toss and balloon toss will commence after lunch!

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun!



# hello SUNSHINE

Do you have a calling to get more *involved* with the church? Do you see a *need* you could fill? Do it!

*Start* a Bible Study. *Host* a gathering. *Get* involved.

*Fill Your Bucket* by spreading the word of Jesus.

Make a difference by bringing people *together*.

*Be The Sunshine* in someone's day.



## The Wise Owls

The Wise Owls enjoying lunch at Pastor and Joyce Riley's home.





# Family Fun Night



The Family Fun Night on June 28 was AWESOME! We had almost 60 kids and adults enjoying the bouncy house, face painting, games, and dinner! Thank you Gail for coordinating this event and to all the volunteers who came to help. It was a huge success!

# THE BLESSING OF BACKPACKS

**TLC is giving Preschoolers a backpack  
stuffed with supplies to use during the school year!**

Backpack donations are being collected in the  
grey bins of the donation nook.

Packing Party Thursday, August 10 at 10:00 am.

Backpacks will be blessed on Sunday, August 13 during both  
8:00 and 10:30 am services.



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# In The Community:

Circlefest & Light Parade [Circle Festival & Light Parade | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/circle-festival-and-light-parade)

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

Light Parade at dusk

Fireworks following parade

Back to School [Tallmadge City School District \(tallmadgeschools.org\)](https://tallmadgeschools.org)

Tallmadge Parks [Parks & Pavilions | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/parks-and-pavilions)

Tallmadge Recreation Center [Recreation Center | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/recreation-center)

Tallmadge Library Events [Tallmadge \(akronlibrary.org\)](https://akronlibrary.org/tallmadge)



# Music Ministry

## **Rubber Ducks Game!**

TLC has been invited to sing at the Rubber Ducks game on Friday, August 4. We will be singing "God Bless America". I am opening this 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, August 1 at 11:00 am

Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm

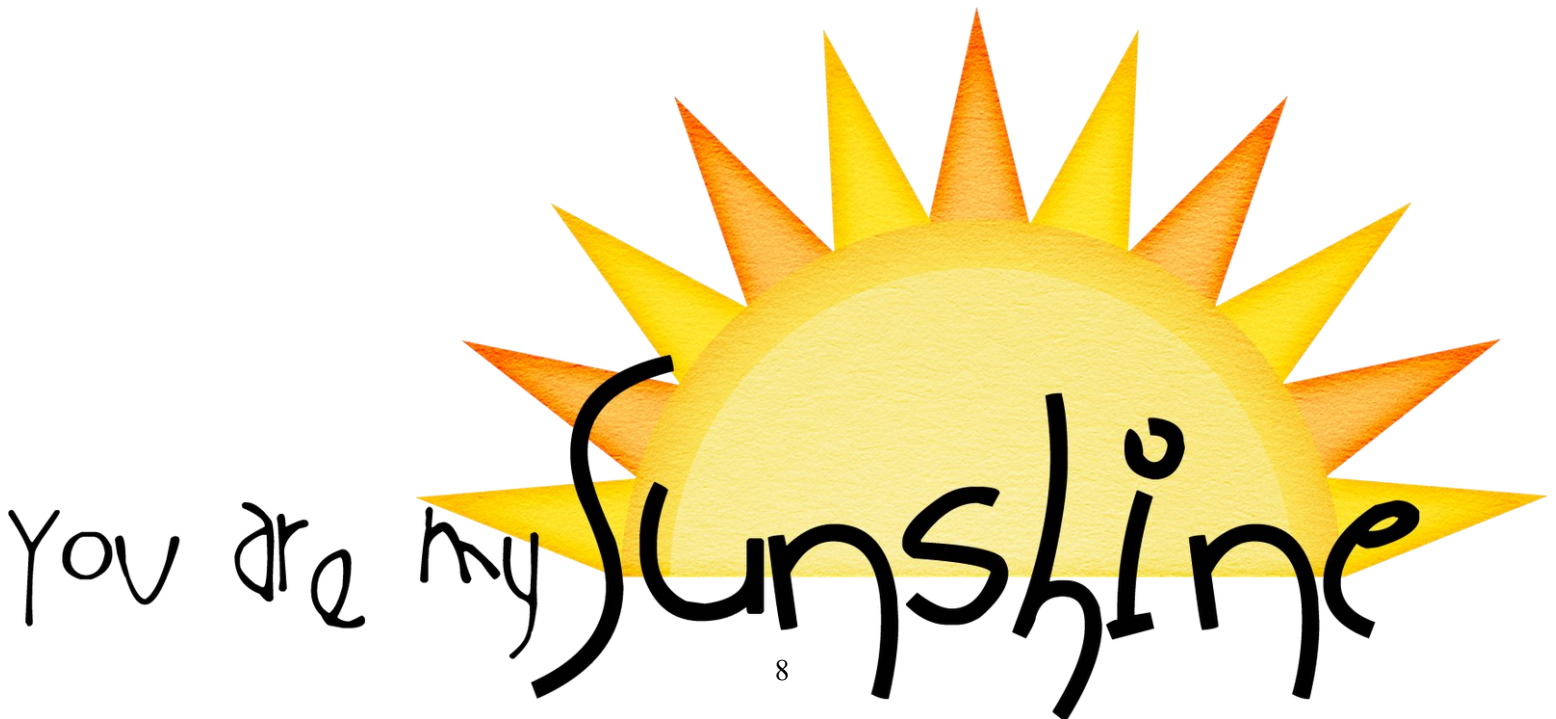
## **Mark Your Calendar!**

Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 6.

We are looking forward to welcoming some new members.

It's going to be a great season to sing together.

All are welcome!





# Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

## Car Wash & Lunch

Come enjoy a meal in the pavilion while the Youth washes your car!

Sunday, August 6 from 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Lunch is \$5 for hot dog or \$6 for burger. The meal includes chips, drink & dessert.

The Secret is out: Special burgers have been created for the event!

Orders forms are included in the newsletter and by the mailboxes.

## Initiation

Youth Group Initiation!

Sunday, August 20 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Welcome our newest members!

Be prepared as its going to be a wet one! A change of clothes is recommended.



# FREE CAR WASH



**HOT DOG - \$5**  
**HAMBURGER - \$6**

**(MEAL INCLUDES BAG OF CHIPS, DESSERT & DRINK)**



**BBQ**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HAMBURGER \_\_\_\_\_

HOT DOG \_\_\_\_\_

*\*SPECIFY HOW MANY MEALS WANTED NEXT TO HAMBURGER OR HOT DOG\**

**ENJOY A MEAL IN THE PAVILION WHILE YOUR CAR IS BEING WASHED!!**

**SUNDAY**  
**AUG 6TH**

**12-5pm**

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BENEFIT TLC YOUTH**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!**

Any questions, contact Beth Niermann @ 330-690-7011 or Jen Larson @ 330-690-2889



# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

Passed Fire Inspection

Classrooms 1, 2 & 5-7 1 lights converted to LEDs

Bulletin boards removed/repaired

Artwork hung

Parking lot repaired

Youth Room roof quoted

Doors numbered per Fire Marshal's request

## Upcoming Projects:

Mailbox area

Library

Front ground sign

Youth Room roof

Youth Room structure fortified



# Preschool is Now Enrolling!

## Spread the Word!

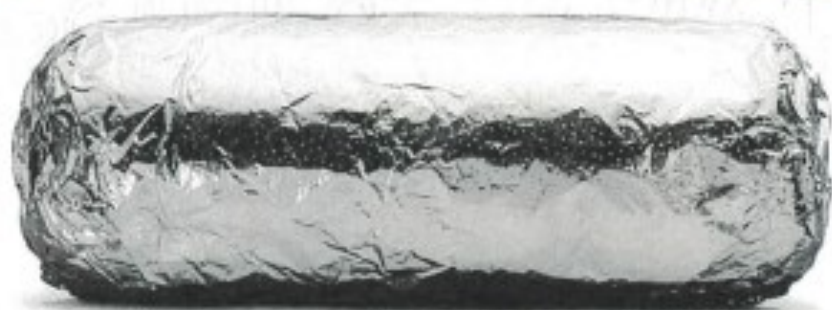
Email Laura Miller, TCP Director at  
[lmiller@tlcoh.org](mailto:lmiller@tlcoh.org) to register.





WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY  
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE  
WRAP IT UP  
TASTE: 100% MADE  
25% BETTER  
EVERY DAY  
FOOD CAN CHANGE THE WORLD  
SOME THING  
DIFFERENT

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**TALLMADGE CHRISTIAN  
PRESCHOOL**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH | 4-8PM**  
4050 CASCADES BLVD STE F, KENT, OH, 44240

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **ME87NVC**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

# Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer Larson  
2 Ray Olson  
5 Paul LeVan  
5 Adam Dutka  
5 William Vojtek  
13 Barbara Bailey  
13 Barbara Fink

16 Alexandra Olson  
16 Roger Galbraith  
20 Shannon Dutka  
21 Elizabeth DeWolf  
26 Vicki Meek  
28 Gary Sandmann  
29 Alex Wright  
30 Alyssa Miller

# Anniversaries

- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hauser  
10 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Redman  
17 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Gearhart  
23 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fosnight  
30 Mr. & Mrs. William Graf



August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Acme Cash Back Program begins 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 11:00am Choir Rehearsal (Rubber Ducks)	<b>2</b> KK Summer Field Trip (gym, pavilion) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (off site) 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal (Rubber Ducks)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Last day/ KK summer camp Rubber Ducks Game 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</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 - 5:00pm Youth Car Wash	<b>7</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	<b>8</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>9</b> KK Summer Field Trip (gym, pavilion) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 8:00am - 10:00am CPR/1st Aid, Preschool & Kings Kids, Gym	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>27</b> Scholastic Book Fair 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 Annual Church Picnic	<b>28</b> <b>9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12)</b> Scholastic Book Fair	<b>29</b> Scholastic Book Fair 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>30</b> Scholastic Book Fair 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera)	<b>31</b>		



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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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