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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 SEPTEMBER 2023

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TLC Fall Sermon Series Starting September 17, 2023

The book of Revelation is usually not the first...or second...or third book of the Bible most Christians turn to for inspiration and instruction in the Christian life. Many Christians leave Revelation for end-times fanatics and spend their energies elsewhere in the Bible. But did you know that what we consider the book of Revelation is actually a letter intended to be circulated among churches (Revelation 1:11) to remind believers that Jesus loves and cares for us amidst our ongoing struggles (Revelation 1:4, 5)?

We see four parts of the book of Revelation:



- **Chapter 1** introduces us to a vision of the exalted Christ. John, who once reclined by Jesus comfortably as a friend (John 13:23) now falls down as though dead before the majesty of the triumphant king (Rev. 1:17).
- **Chapters 2-3** record letters from the exalted Christ to seven churches located in modern-day Turkey. Jesus demonstrates his love and ongoing shepherding care for his church.
- **Chapters 4-20** reveal Jesus’ defense of the church and the destruction of its enemies.
- **Chapters 21-22** display the glorious consummation of Jesus’ redemptive work in the new creation. “And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true’” (Revelation 21:5).

Don’t let the vivid and colorful apocalyptic genre deter you. The message of the book is quite clear: **the church of the Lord Jesus Christ will be kept through the spiritual war until Jesus returns to complete his glorious work of redemption** (Revelation 1:1-3). Jesus is the glorious, victorious King who will complete his redemptive work and usher in the total fulfillment of all God’s promises!

Starting on Sunday, September 17, we will kick-off a congregational journey into the book of Revelation. We will focus on Revelation chapter 1 on Sunday, September 17 and then for the next 7 weeks, we’ll explore the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2-3. Consider being part of a small group study to discuss each of Jesus’ seven letters to the seven churches with others.

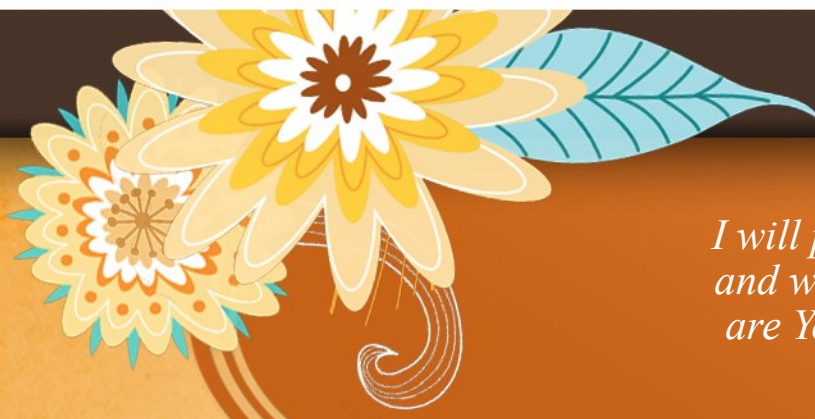
I hope and pray that in this series, with these saints before us, we’ll be comforted and corrected. We are hard-pressed by troubles in this present world. We are lured by sin within and trouble without. Jesus’ words to these seven churches are truly words to us today. Inspired by Jesus’ faithfulness and love for his church, may Tallmadge Lutheran Church display Christ’s glorious character as we fulfill our mission.

In Christ,

Pastor Andy

The Seven Churches of Revelation

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| September 17 | The Lord Who Speaks | Revelation 1 |
| September 24 | Ephesus // The Forgetful Church | Revelation 2:1-7 |
| October 1 | Smyrna // The Suffering Church | Revelation 2:8-11 |
| October 8 | Pergamum // The Compromising Church | Revelation 2:12-17 |
| October 15 | Thyatira // The Tolerant Church | Revelation 2:18-29 |
| October 22 | Sardis // The Slumbering Church | Revelation 3:1-6 |
| October 29 | Philadelphia // The Enduring Church | Revelation 3:7-13 |
| November 5 | Laodicea // The Lukewarm Church | Revelation 3:14-22 |



*I will praise You, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made; Marvelous
are Your works, And that my soul
knows very well.*



RALLY DAY!

Sunday, September 17, 2023

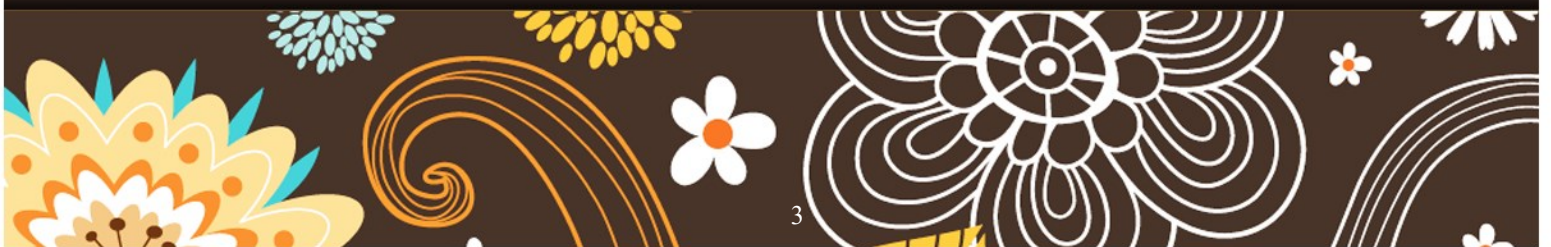
Tallmadge Lutheran Church is kicking-off another year of Christian Education as members of all ages grow in Christ. The theme of our Rally Day is “Encouraging People in Christ” as we kick-off the Fall Sermon Series on the Seven Letters Jesus wrote to the seven churches in Revelation.

TLC members of all ages are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast at 9:00 am and for an intergenerational activity of writing cards and letters to First Responders, TLC members in the military, community leaders, homebound members and more!

Current Bible study and small group opportunities at TLC will be shared, and then we will separate into age groups for Bible related activities. Hope to see you there!

Youth Sponsored Trivia Hosted by Jodi Toepke

Show off your smarts after late service on Sunday, September 17. Bring a snack to share with your table. Pizza and drinks are provided. There will be three rounds of trivia played with prizes! Please sign up by the mailboxes. Call Beth Niermann with questions, 330.690.7011



Women's Fellowship

Fun events coming up:

Haven of Rest luncheon September 5

Pizza Party Thursday, September 14 with speaker,

Jessica Purdy. Everyone is invited!!

First Lady's Museum in October

Marriage Connect Group

If you have considered joining this group, please come as we begin our new study on Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 pm. called "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. Our first session is titled, "Learning to Speak Love". We will take the assessment to know our own primary and secondary love languages. As a couple, we will learn over the course of this study how to love our spouses the way they feel love and why it's so vital to the health and success of your marriage. As our usual format, we will begin by eating dinner together because it's always easier to learn on a full belly. Baked chicken thighs and a simple tossed salad will be served. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We really hope to see many new faces!

Operation Christmas Child Donations

As school starts and there are an abundance of school supplies still on the shelves in the stores, please continue to collect these, especially as they have clearance prices. School supplies are so vital to success for children who have none. Let's set them up for success! We continue to need single subject spiral bound notebooks, scissors, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, crayons etc.

Again, thank you for all the support all year long with this ministry. Let's be a blessing to those who do not have! Please place all donations in the grey donation bins marked with the "Operation Christmas Child" logo in the Donation Nook.



Blessing of Backpacks

TLC seeking Part-Time Director of Children's Ministry

Tallmadge Lutheran Church is seeking to hire a part-time Director of Children's Ministry to join our team in the fall of 2023. Working with children from infants through fifth grade along with their families, the Director's goal is to facilitate Christian Biblical learning with fun and exciting programs that help children grow in their faith in Jesus Christ. Please share this job opening with anyone you think might be interested. Applicants are to email their resume to Pastor Andy at pastorandy@tlcoh.org. You can find a full job-description at <https://www.tlcoh.org/director-of-childrens-ministry/>.

PRAYER BUDDIES


The purpose of a Prayer Buddy is to show our Preschool and King's Kids families that we care for them and their children. To give our congregation members a new opportunity to leave a legacy of faith, to care for others in Jesus' name, and to exercise the powerful practice of prayer, and to provide another connection point between our congregation and our Preschool and King's Kids

Our program will launch in October 2023. Participation in the Prayer Buddy program requires a commitment for the entire 2023-2024 school year. *First cards are due Sunday, October 15.*

A Prayer Buddy can commit to praying for two of our Preschool/King's Kids students throughout this school year. A Prayer Buddy is someone who loves Jesus, and who wants our Preschool and King's Kids families to know that love.

Prayer Buddies are expected to pray for their Preschoolers, King's kids and his/her family on a regular basis. Send one card or note per month per child (please no gifts, except for Christmas and Easter). Submit monthly cards before the deadline.

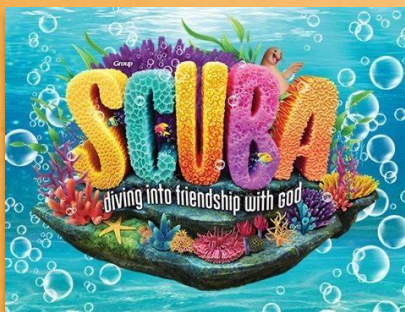
The sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes. Please Contact Cindy Strand with questions!



For this child I prayed
& the Lord answered
my prayers.
1 Samuel 1:27

VBS
2024

The one who believes in Me will have
streams of living water flow deep
from within him.



Dive Below the Surface to Build a Strong Faith

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God.

At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

VBS Collection 2024

While summer is just ending, we are already getting excited and ready for VBS next year! The theme is Scuba and there are a few items we could use from current seasonal sales.

We would love it if members could purchase colorful pool noodles and inflatables - specifically blow up sea creatures but beach balls and tubes would be great too. Please be on the lookout as you pass summer clearance sections as most stores have sales out right now. We will share a longer list of other needed items to be on the lookout for soon!

We appreciate your support and look forward to helping kiddos dive deep into a friendship with God!

Any questions or interest in helping out please contact Regina Kodzev at 330-212-8365.



The Annual Church Picnic was a huge success!

There was food, fellowship, games, and a whole lot of sunshine!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

A special thanks goes to Eric Fink for making TLC cornhole boards
to enjoy for years to come!



In The Community:

September 11 Remembrance

On September 11, the Circle lights up in memory of the firemen, police officers, military personnel and civilians at the World Trade Center, Pentagon and in Shanksville, PA who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The 24 hour candlelight vigil begins as volunteers light the candles at 8:00 am on the 11th followed by an invocation. The candles burn 24 hours.

Candle Ceremony

The candle ceremony began in 2003 and is organized annually by retired Tallmadge Fire Chief Michael Passarelli and firefighter Jeff Quick.

2976 candles line the sidewalks of the Tallmadge Circle Park:

343 RED candles for fire department personnel

60 BLUE candles for police personnel

55 GREEN candles for military personnel

2518 WHITE candles for civilians

Assistance is always welcome to set up, light and remove the candles To volunteer contact Chief Passarelli through the fire department's non-emergency phone line at 330-633-0970.

The Tallmadge Fall Festival

A day of FREE family-friendly fun at the Tallmadge Recreation Center on Saturday, October 7, including live music, food trucks, inflatable games, hayrides, crafts, and a pie-eating contest!

Farmer Market

Thursday nights in the Rec Center parking lot, 4:00 - 7:00 pm through October 12



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



CHIPOTLE

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.

Music Ministry

Happy September!

*Fall brings cooler weather and the return
of our full music ministry!*

Choir will begin again on September 6 at 7:30. At our first rehearsal we will discuss the possibility of possibly changing the start time of Choir....so please come and share your input!

We had the blessing of some extra voices this summer when we sang for the "Rubber Ducks".

We loved having you with us, and we hope that you choose to sing with us this fall.

Everyone is welcome!!! This is a very low stress, high-fun group (that happens to make fabulous music!). If you have any questions about our chancel choir, please reach out to Annie Alberts.

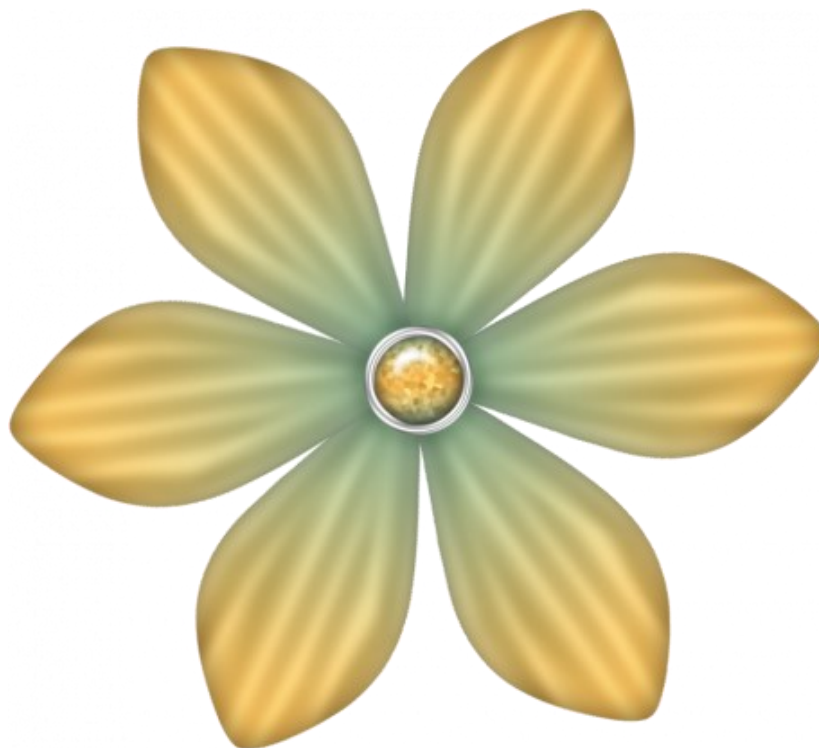
Handbells will not start immediately as we are switching directors for this fall.

Rich is stepping down and we are looking for another director.

Handbells will definitely continue soon - stay tuned for updates!

If you play an instrument and would like to share your gift in church please contact Annie.

We love having variety for our anthems.



Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Upcoming

Sunday September, 3 - Meeting is Canceled

Trivia! Sunday, September 17, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Working At The Car Wash, Yeah!



The car wash brought in over \$200 for the Youth! Thank you for your support!

TLC Building Projects

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

Completed:

Fire Inspection passed
Handicap spots near pavilion added
Parking lot repairs
AC Units' PM completed
All classroom lights converted to LED
All classrooms painted
Carpet/floor strip around piano and organ replaced
West side out outside sign secured
Restructure/Organization of TCP, KK, Prayer Shawl, Office and Music Ministry completed
Roof over Youth Room quoted
Numbers added to outside Doors 1-7 added per Fire Marshall's request
Water heater in Edu bathroom replaced
AED for Edu wing ordered
Odds & Ends around the bldg

Upcoming Projects:

Mailbox area: replace storage under mailboxes
Library: add storage, shelving, update
Parking lot reseal & stripe 2024
Pole Barn
Paint Sanctuary
Front ground sign





Open House Spaghetti Dinner

Parents were treated to a spaghetti dinner made by our loving volunteers, were able to meet their child's teacher, take a tour of the program, and pick up a backpack for their child. The congregation at TLC will be praying for each and every student and teacher as they start a new year!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 8:00am Worship 9-15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study 9-20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship | 4 Labor Day Church Office Closed | 5 TCP's 1st Day of School 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12) | 6 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (off site) 6:30pm Confirmation (Rm 1) 7:30pm Choir | 7 | 1 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12) | 2 |
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| 17 8:00am Install Sunday School Teachers 8:00am Worship 9:00am Rally Day 10:30am Worship 12:00pm - 2:00pm Youth Trivia (gym) | 18 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) | 19 Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) | 20 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 6:30pm Confirmation (Rm 1) 7:30pm Choir | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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Birthdays

- 2 Thomas Strand
2 Annie Alberts
2 Natalie Harsey
4 Molly Kuntz
4 Ruth Lynch
5 Sara Vanaman
7 Lindsay Harsey
8 Kaleb Wendland
10 Paul Dussel
13 Jeffrey Carley
13 Barb Fink

14 Karen Reschke
14 LouEllen Kirkendall
17 William Graf
18 Sandra Dixon
21 Kasey Parmelee
21 Kaye McDowell
26 Richard Himmerreich
26 Regina Kodzev
26 Mary Huck
28 Myra Barrett
28 Walter Ruggles

Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. James Kirkendall
4 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sandmann
7 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Scheck
10 Mr. & Mrs. Walt Satterfield
24 Mr. & Mrs. Paul LeVan
24 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ray
28 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Holzer



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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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King's Kids School-Age Child Care

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