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



TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

## THANKFUL!

Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.  
**1 Chronicles 16:8**

What are you ***thankful*** for?

At the heart of the Christian life is a spirit of thanksgiving. As we read in the Bible, men and women with great needs encounter Jesus. Even as Jesus knows their immediate physical needs, he reaches down deeper to satisfy their greatest need – their need for a Savior. In response to the healing and forgiveness received, men and women joyful give thanks to the Lord for all that He has done for them.

Christian Sharen writes in *Faith as a Way of Life*: “Christian faith is a gift of God that entails dying to one way of life and rising to another lived not for ourselves, but for God. To receive Christian faith is, in St. Paul’s words, “to walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). Paul shows that Christian faith is not simply a state of mind or a belief that has no practical consequences for daily living. Rather, it is a way of life marked by the mysterious union with Christ described by Paul in these words: ‘it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:20)... Christian faith, then, is God’s gift, not just of salvation and new life, but of a *whole new way of life* ‘in Christ.’”

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At Tallmadge Lutheran Church, we seek to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world by “helping people **GROW** as disciples of Jesus Christ, **CARE** for one another, and **SHARE** the love of Jesus in our communities.” We accomplish this through worship and Bible studies. Our children and youth are shaped in Sunday School and youth groups. We share this life changing message of Jesus in our Preschool and King’s Kids ministries. And each of you carries this Good News into your homes, schools, workplaces, and communities that all people might experience the grace and peace found in Jesus. You are a vital part of this task of joining Jesus on this mission. All the ways you serve and give make the ministries of Tallmadge Lutheran Church possible. Thank you!

In the month of November, we will be having an emphasis on living out our mission – **GROWING, CARING & SHARING**. Part of this will be taking time to complete and submit the 2024 Pledge Card. We will be collecting the Pledge Cards in worship on Sunday, November 19, 2023.

On November 12, our worship will be shaped around the word “**GROWING**.” St. Peter wrote, “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18). Our emphasis will be on the stewardship of time and the priority of our relationship with God.

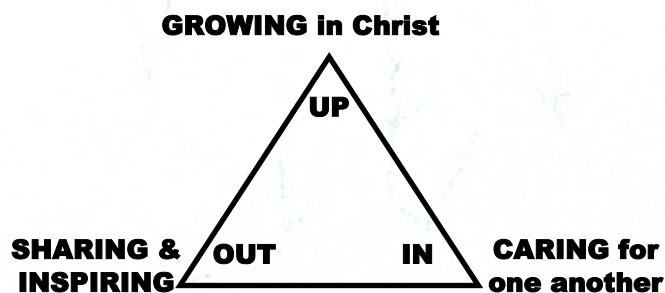
Our Pledge Sunday will be on November 19 shaped by Jesus words in John 13:34, “*Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.*” Our theme will be “**CARING**” as we love one another as the Body of Christ.

On November 26, come hear a message shaped by the vision on “**SHARING & INSPIRING**.” As Jesus began his ministry we are told that “*everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe*” (Luke 5:26). I believe that the way we live our lives gives us opportunities to inspire others by our generosity, through our service and our giving spirit in Christ.

Thank you for all the ways you serve and give to TLC and in our communities!

In Christ,

Pastor Andy



### TLC Weather Policy

To ensure the safety of all the members of the congregation, TLC will follow the policies below regarding church activities and inclement weather.

- \* Tallmadge City Schools 2 Hour Delay- All TLC activities will be as scheduled.
- \* Tallmadge City Schools Cancellation (Snow Day) All TLC Day Time (6:30 am-4:30 pm) activities will be cancelled.

Evening Time (5:00 pm or after) TLC activities will be decided by 1:00 pm. Please check the website or call the office after 1:00 pm to see if evening TLC activities will be held





# Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



Come to the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19 after the late service.

The meal will consist of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry relish and rolls/corn muffins with butter.

Last name starting A - L, please bring a dessert to share at dinner.

Last name M - Z, please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry.

A sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes.

Please remember to sign-up by the mailboxes so that we can have plenty of food!

## Holiday Worship Schedule

Wednesday, November 22, 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday in Advent

Wednesday, December 6, 13 & 20 at 5:00 pm Advent Suppers

Wednesday, December 6, 13, & 20 at 6:30 pm Advent Worship

Sunday, December 24, 9:00 am, 6:30 & 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship

Monday, December 25, 10:00 am Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 31, 8:00 & 10:30 am New Year's Eve Worship





### Women's Fellowship *Project Shelter Care*

After our September speaker's explanation about what Shelter Care is all about here in our community, Women's Fellowship decided at their October 12 meeting to participate in a collection to help with supplies for Shelter Care.

Beginning on October 29, the Women's Fellowship will collect a variety of items for Shelter Care. The list includes items that were deemed most needed at this time. Other ideas are available, as well, but these twelve (12) are needed now: girls' shorts sizes L and XL, hoodies very gently loved or new – all sizes, duffel bags, large tote bags/grocery bags, Legos, baby wipes, new t-shirts – all sizes, bottled water, drawstring bags, and cleaning supplies (i.e., Lysol spray, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfectant wipes, sponges, dish soap, etc.).

Long list, and quite the variety. Other items will be listed later. There will be a bin in the Narthex, with a sign on a table above it, indicating "Shelter Care Wish List". Thanks for your help, and we look forward to doing our part at this time. Please contact Jeannine Case if you have any questions, and if you'd like to assist in delivering the bin after we fill it up.

**Our November meeting is Thursday, November 9**, when we'll talk about Christmas ideas and traditions here at our church. No "theme" for this meeting, just a general potluck. There are several annual events happening for the holiday season, so the ladies will tune in to these and see where we can participate.

No official December meeting, but we'll keep you informed through our church newsletter about upcoming events. **Don't forget to sign up for the Haven of Rest Women's Auxiliary Luncheon Serving Team – December 5!!! It will be by the mailboxes in November.**

### Marriage Connect Group

The next group date is Thursday, November 30 at 6:00 pm. We will be on Session 3 from the 5 Love Languages series titled "Quality Time". This is a great study to pick up with even if you have never joined us. Don't be bashful! Please come if you are married! Let's celebrate the holiday together as well. Roasted turkey breast will be served. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and enjoy this feast with us.

### Board of Directors Openings for 2024

The Board of Directors has several openings for the upcoming year: Chair, Vice-Chair, 3 at-large positions. The board meets monthly to discuss and support Pastor in all matters of the church and congregation. A term of office is for 2 years.

If this is something that you have questions about or might be interested in, please feel free to reach out to any of the current board members for more information.

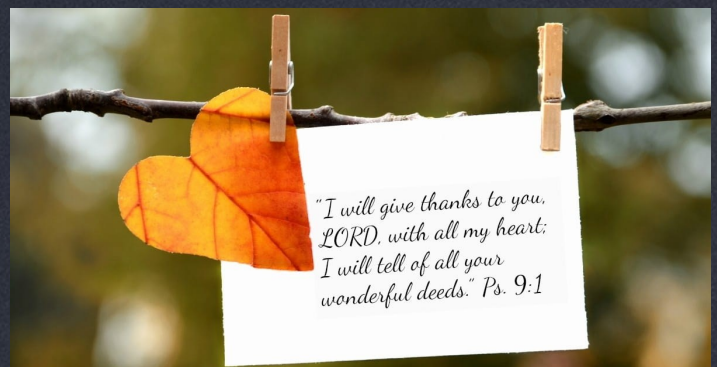
Current members: Bert Holz, Jeff Carley, Dennis Gearhart, Gail McAlister, Bob Knepper, Ellen Tywon, Jim Bergmann, Denny Holzer, and Therese Ware.

### TLC's Open Form

Sunday, November 5 after late service.

### TLC's Voters' Meeting

Sunday, December 3 after late service





# Operation Christmas Child

As we approach our collection week, I am making small sewing kits for the mothers of the children who receive our boxes. Where our boxes go, these people do not have the things we are used to having at our disposal. If any of you have extra buttons, sequins, ribbons, anything like that left over from your projects, I would love to take them off your hands. I already have the thread and the needles. Please, also, continue throughout the year to save your prescription bottles! This is what I'm using for my kits. I cannot thank you all enough for supporting this great ministry!

## Collection week is November 13 - November 20!

In order for us to be able to handle the week, 3-4 volunteers are needed for each shift. Please see the sign-up sheet by the mailboxes for dates and shift times. Times do vary depending on the day. Each day volunteers can expect to have instructions as well as prayer time before we open for drop-offs. A meal of the day will also be served, so no worries about going hungry! Your help is needed in order to make our drop-off site a success!

Monday, November 13 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 14 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 15 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, November 16 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, November 17 from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 18 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 19 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Monday, November 20 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Thursday, November 16 is our **OCC Packing Party**. We will need many, many hands for this night. We will be packing as many boxes as possible with all the wonderful donations we have all collected throughout the year. We are also open that night for drop-offs, so it will be very busy. I also encourage everyone to take an empty box and pack one, or two or three, yourself. The more boxes we pack, the more hands they touch and Jesus is made known throughout the world!

*If you have any OCC questions, please contact Alisha Wright (330-354-6796)*



# In The Community:

## **Veterans Day Remembrance - November 11 at 10:00 am**

The Tallmadge American Legion, Kneil-Lawrentz Post 255 hosts a traditional Veterans Day program at the Historic Church on Tallmadge Circle. The program begins with speakers inside the Historic Church and then moves outside to the Veterans Park area for a 21 gun salute. Music is provided by the Tallmadge High School Band.

## **Summit Arts & Crafts Market - November 11-12**

From 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Tallmadge Community Center. 80+ vendors and artisans setup to showcase their talents

**Tallmadge Tour of Lights - Monday, December 4.** More info in [www.tallmadge-ohio.org](http://www.tallmadge-ohio.org)

**More Fun Events and Things To Do in Tallmadge:** [Events Happening Next in Tallmadge, OH](#)



# Music Ministry

Christmas is coming!

Our handbells are preparing some amazing pieces  
to enhance our Christmas celebrations.

As always, our Chancel Choir is going to share a Cantata with the congregation on December 17. We are always looking for extra friends to join us for this special musical offering. If you are interested in joining our choir for the Christmas Season please speak to Annie Alberts or any of the choir members.

This is always an amazing time to sing with our choir  
and we want to include everyone who is interested.





# Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

## Upcoming

Meeting & Gift - Sunday, November 5, 12:00 pm

Youth Bread making - Tuesday, November 21 starting at 5:00 pm

Youth Candy Making - Sunday, December 3 from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Youth Candy Sale - Sunday, December 10 between services

Youth Meeting - Sunday, December 17 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

## All the Fall Fun





# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

New lights outside Door 4  
Maintenance on boiler /furnace completed  
AED for EDU Wing installed  
Olds Pest Control inside spray completed  
Burner on kitchen stove repaired  
Fire Extinguisher inspection complete  
Water heater in Edu wing bathroom replaced  
Fancy signs on the staff bathrooms

## Upcoming Projects:

Mailbox area: replace storage under mailboxes  
Library: add storage, shelving, update  
Parking lot reseal & stripe  
Pole Barn & roof  
Paint Sanctuary  
Front ground sign (2026)





## PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Cutlip, 3's Class Assistant Teacher



Proudly embracing the role as the trusty sidekick in the magical world of 3's teaching! 🍎 ✨  
Tallmadge resident, married & making memories with my squad of 4 kiddos, a doggo, and two  
purr-fect feline companions. Lost between pages, conquering trails, exploring horizons, and  
devouring all things Mexican cuisine! #TeachingTales #FamilyAdventures #BookwormLife  
#NatureNinja #MexicanFoodLover



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> <b>All Saints Day</b> 8:00am Worship 9-15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9-20am Bible Study 9-20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 11:45am Small Group (Library & zoom) 11:45am TLC's Open Forum	<b>6</b> 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	<b>7</b> 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Small Group (Richard)	<b>1</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Kileman) 11:00am Concordia at Sumner Annual Delegate Meeting 6:30pm Confirmation (Rm 1) 6:30pm Small Group (Rm 12) 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Small Group (Hedderly)	<b>2</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>3</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	<b>4</b>
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<b>19</b> <b>Pledge Sunday</b> 8:00am Worship 9-15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9-20am Bible Study 9-20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship 12:00pm - 2:00pm OCC Drop Off 12:00pm Thanksgiving	<b>20</b> TCP Conferences (1,2,4 Library) 9:00am - 11:00am OCC Drop Off 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm)	<b>21</b> Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:00pm Youth Bread 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>22</b> No Confirmation 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) <b>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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# Birthdays

- 4 Olivia Hedderly

16 Brent Ralston
- 5 Dorothy Murray

18 Beth Niemann
- 6 Kris Kodzev

18 Deborah Cochran
- 9 Susan Pifer

19 Henry Schuster
- 9 Gerald Downey

22 Chris Tywon
- 11 David Dailey

22 Walter Fowles
- 11 Shelia Cambern

24 Rebecca Bailey
- 11 Ethel Walent

24 Alisha Wright
- 12 Taylor Graf

27 Denise Larson
- 14 Daryl Parma

28 Dorothy Taiclet
- 29 Joyce Downey

# Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Capp

1 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vernon
- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Richard

20 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fenske
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Himmelmreich

23 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Barrett



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King's Kids School-Age Child Care

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