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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

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Led by the Light of Jesus Christ



The end of the Christmas story is the account of the wise men from the East traveling through the darkness to a foreign land following the light of a star. Just imagine what this must have been like. Imagine yourselves traveling through the different kinds of darkness—the darkness of the starry sky; the darkness of an uncertain destination; the darkness of not knowing exactly what they were looking for or what they would find. Each of us has experienced times in our lives where it feels like we are living in the dark!

Darkness can make us afraid – because we can't see what is out there, just lurking, maybe closer than we think; something could be right there and we wouldn't know. In the darkness lies the unknown.

Certainly as we enter another new year, we are embarking into the darkness, into the unknown. Looking into the New Year is much like staring into a dark night.

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HAPPY *New* YEAR!

What will the year 2024 hold?

- Will the world be any more peaceful?
- What will happen with the presidential election?
- Will there be resolution to a certain conflict?
- Will I be able to overcome a certain struggle in the New Year?



Throughout the Bible we hear about manifestations of God's glory, which are frequently described as light. There is no doubt that Israel had its share of struggles and dark times – but God promised to guide them with the light. The light of the Lord exposes the darkness and overcomes the fears and doubts of God's people with His presence.

This month we enter the season of Epiphany, a season where we celebrate God revealing his light to all nations through Jesus Christ. For the wise men, the light of the star led them to Jesus. God's light comes to us like it did the Magi—through God's Word illuminating our lives and through the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that place God's light of faith within us. Even as we embark on a New Year with all the uncertainties it brings: may the light of the Lord guide us and show us our path. And may the Lord shine the light of His glory to all of our uncertainties, doubts and fears. It is that Light, Jesus Christ, who has guided our feet and illumined our lives, that we are empowered then to share the love of Christ in our homes, where we work and go to school, and in our communities. We share a light of love, a light of compassion, a light of hope.

I encourage you to consider these questions:

- In what ways can I more closely be guided by the light of God's Word?
- What are ways I can let God's light shine in the midst of the darkness in my family, in my workplace, at my school?
- Who in my life can I tangibly share the love of Christ?
- How is our church being called to be a light in the midst of the darkness of this neighborhood?

This past November we spent several Sundays reviewing our mission statement:

Tallmadge Lutheran Church exists to help people **grow** as disciples of Christ, **care** for one another, and **share** the love of Christ in our community.

Growing, Caring, Sharing. I am excited to continue to put this mission statement into practice as a community of faith. It is my hope that just as the bright star guided the wise men to Jesus, this mission may guides us closer in our walk with Jesus as we seek to care for one another and spread the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Andy



## **Women's Fellowship**

Women's Fellowship continues to collect a variety of items for Shelter Care. The updated list is as follows:

Deodorant  
Shampoo & conditioner  
Size 3, 4 & 6 diapers  
Teen/adult underwear  
Bottled water  
Tissues  
Baby wipes  
Disinfectant wipes  
Adult socks  
Grocery tote bags

Thank you for your generosity! Please place all donations under the table in the Narthex.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

It was so amazing to be a blessing to the world for 2023. Let's keep that momentum up for 2024!

As we did last year, I'd like to collect all year long in anticipation towards our big shoebox packing party! For the month of January, let's collect "winter gear" such as gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. Take advantage of any clearance items you find and join us in giving to those who have none.

Please place all donations in the OCC gray bins in the donation nook. Thank you so much!

## **Marriage Connect Group**

We would love anyone who is married to join us for our next study. We are still going through the 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman and it's perfect to join now if you haven't yet.

Our next date will be Thursday, January 18, 6:00 pm in Room 12. Our study is titled "Receiving Gifts". Pork carnitas with the fixings will be served. Please bring a side dish or dessert and let's enjoy a meal together.

## **Coffee Hour**

TLC is always looking for persons or groups to host the Coffee Hour on Sundays. We are looking for breakfast items, fruit, desserts or any goodies that you would be willing to provide during the fellowship time in the gym. If you are willing to host, please sign up on the sheet in the kitchen.

## **Be A Reader**

Would you like to read at the 8:00 am or 10:30 am worship service? Call or email the church office to sign up.

## **Acme Cash Back Program**

The program continues through February 2024 Please turn all receipts in to Ruth Lynch or place in her church mailbox. Proceeds go towards the pavilion/building fund.







*Happy New Year!*

from the Tallmadge Christian Preschool teachers:

LeAnne Bright, Laura Miller (director),  
Monique Avantino, Rose Matos, Kim Osburn,  
April Freeman, Kara VanSickle, and Emma Cutlip

# *King's Kids Extended Holiday Hours*



A huge thanks to Ms. Gail, Ms. Sandee & the King's Kids staff for making this night so great!!!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
from Sammi, Jess, Maria, Miss Patti & all the  
King's Kids kiddoes!



# Introducing

## TLC's Board of Directors



Therese Ware  
President



Denny Gearhart  
Treasurer



Gail McAlister  
Secretary



Daryl Parma



Denny Holzer



Ellen Tywon



John McDowell



Jim Bergmann

## TLC Board of Elders



Bob Knepper



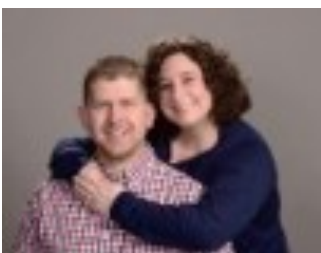
Marty Hauser



Chris Tywon



Dr. Jim Bailey



Dan Fosnight



Todd Hedderly



Jim Case

*Not pictured:*

Kevin Heilmeyer

John Dailey, Head Elder

Kris Kodzev



# The CHOSEN at TLC

Have you ever wondered what it would have looked like to see Jesus through the eyes of Peter, Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, or the tax collector Matthew? Angel Studios has created an engaging account of Jesus' ministry in a mini-series called "The Chosen." Come watch and experience season 3 of *The Chosen* at TLC on Thursday nights starting on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Each Thursday we will watch one episode starting at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Thursday, January 11**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 1 - Homecoming**

*Matthew 5-7; Luke 6:17-49*

Jesus delivers the Sermon on the Mount before He and His disciples return to their families.

**Thursday, January 18**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 2 – Two by Two**

*Matthew 10:5-42; Luke 10:1-12*

The apostles are called by Jesus to begin their missions.

**Thursday, January 25**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 3 - Physician, Heal Yourself** *Luke 4:16-30*

Jesus returns to his childhood home of Nazareth for the Jewish New Year celebration.

**Thursday, February 1**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 4 – Clean Part 1**

The apostles return from their missions, but wrestle with how they performed their miracles.

**Thursday, February 8**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 5 – Clean Part 2**

*Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:41-56*

Jairus searches desperately to find Jesus, hoping for a miracle.

**Thursday, February 15**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 6 – Intensity in Tent City** *Matthew 11:1-19; Luke 7:18-35*

Two disciples of John the Baptist come to Capernaum with a question for Jesus.

**Thursday, February 22**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 7 – Ears to Hear**

*Mark 5:1-20; Mark 7:31-37*

Jesus and the disciples take a dangerous journey to the Decapolis.

**Thursday, February 29**

**6:30pm – 7:45pm**

**Episode 8 - Sustenance**

*Matthew 14:13-33; Mark 6:34-56; Luke 9:1-18*

While Jesus preaches to thousands, the disciples realize there is no food.





# TLC BOOK CLUB

Led by Pastor Andy

The third Monday of each month starting on January 15 at 7:00 pm in Room 12.

Monday, January 15- *Didn't See It Coming:*

*Overcoming the 7 Greatest Challenges that No One Expects and Everyone Experiences*

by Carey Nieuwhof

Monday, February 19 - *Low Anthropology:*

*The Unlikely Key to a Gracious View of Others (and Yourself)* by David Zahl

Monday, March 18 - *Can You Drink the Cup* by Henri Nouwen



## Weather Policy

To ensure the safety of all the members of the congregation TLC will be following the policies below in regards to church activities and inclement weather. These policies are based off the Tallmadge City Schools policies.



**Tallmadge City Schools 2 Hour Delay-** All TLC activities will be as scheduled.

**Talmadge City Schools Cancelation (Snow Day)** All TLC Day Time (6:30am-4:30pm) activities will be cancelled

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



# The Music Ministry



*Happy January!*

Thank you to everyone for your support of our music ministry at Christmastime. We are so blessed to be able to share our musical gifts with all of you!

As we are looking at our new year and an early Ash Wednesday, we are also looking for some new members! This is a perfect time to explore your interest in music.

If you would like to learn more about playing an instrument, playing the handbells or singing, please contact Annie Alberts for more information.

We welcome musicians from beginners to advanced.

We look forward to making music with you soon!

# Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

## Upcoming

The youth group is meeting Jan 7, from 5:30-8:30 pm for a joint youth event, hosted by Gloria Deidre Lutheran for our district youth. Please see your band app for details.

We look forward to making your Superbowl Subs in Feb. Look for upcoming order forms starting mid-January!

## Candy Making

Special thanks for supporting the youth with their candy sale.





# TLC Building Projects

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

## Completed:

Bottle refill station installed in Edu Wing  
Edu Wing hallway lights replaced  
Lawn care contract renewed  
Lights in choir loft replaced.

## Upcoming Projects:

To have a wonderful, productive  
and blessed 2024!



If you own or work for a company who could  
help around TLC, call the office!

I'd love to give you business!



## PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Bright, 4's Class Assistant Teacher



✨ Planting seeds of knowledge as a 4's Teacher Assistant, spreading giggles and growth wherever I go! 🌱📚☀️ Married to my partner-in-crime, wrangling three awesome kiddos (Isaiah, Sabrina, Elena), playing referee to our furry and feathery family members! 🐶🐭🐰🐔 ✨ Gardening guru, bookworm extraordinaire and movie lover by day 🌸📖🎬 #GrowingYoungMinds #TeachingTales #FamilyFlock



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> Church Office Closed 5:30pm 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> No Choir No Confirmation 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Klismam)	<b>4</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	<b>5</b> 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Epiphany Sunday (Observed)</b> BOD Installation 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b> School back in session 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Directors (Rm 12)	<b>9</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>10</b> 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 6:30pm Confirmation (Rm 1) 7:00pm Choir	<b>11</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30pm The Chosen (Sanctuary)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Baptism Sunday</b> MITTES Prayer Buddy cards due 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	<b>15</b> <b>MLK Jr Day</b> No School 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm TLC Book Club (Room 12)	<b>16</b> Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	<b>17</b> No Confirmation 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 7:00pm Choir	<b>18</b> 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:00pm Marriage Connect Group (Rm 12) 6:30pm The Chosen (Sanctuary)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 12:00pm Wise Owls (Rm 12)
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# Birthdays

- 3 Matthew Schonover  
3 Janet Feeman  
5 Chris Knepper  
7 Johanna DeWolf  
7 Christopher Olson  
9 Dennis Barrett  
9 Josh Eyring  
11 Paul Bomer

15 Brenden Conley  
16 Douglas Riley  
22 Christina Hovey  
27 Rose Mary Seay  
28 Heather Vanaman  
28 Richard William Himmeltreich  
31 Larry Buckles  
31 Katilyn Wendland

# Anniversaries

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Kris Kodzev  
11 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gates  
16 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Buckles  
18 Mr. & Mrs. David Graybeal  
19 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Harsey



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