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

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TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LIVING LIGHT

FEBRUARY 2024

The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14, 2024 and so does our congregational Lenten emphasis on Moses' most famous book—Exodus. In the book of Exodus, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (*Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3*) and Pharaoh finally does it!

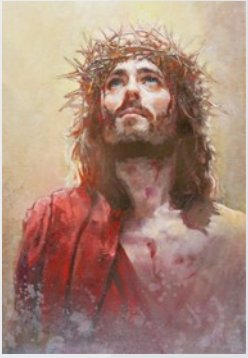
When he does, God's deliverance and salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the exodus 125 times!

One of the key take-aways from the account of Exodus is that God desires to liberate all humanity, and even all of creation, from what binds us—from what enslaves us and from what holds us captive. Maybe fear imprisons us. Maybe the need for control holds us confined. Maybe the thirst for power cages us in unhealthy patterns of life. Maybe greed holds us enslaved. Humanity has long been held captive and enslaved to all of these throughout history.

The Exodus account contrasts the Reign of Pharaoh and the Reign of God. In the Reign of Pharaoh, a fearful, violent tyrant was in charge. Pharaoh's reign depended upon the enslavement of an entire people for hundreds of years. And it was obsessed with production (make bricks; build stuff; amass power, territory, and wealth).

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In contrast, what does the Reign of God look like? What would the world look like if our loving God was in charge? Instead of enslavement, God desires our liberation – our collective liberation from all those things that bind us. And God will go to great lengths to free us.

Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of *Jesus*. Jesus liberates us from our sin through his suffering, death on the cross, and glorious resurrection. Jesus delivers us from all that holds us captive and calls us to follow him into true freedom.

This Lent, be sure to make room in your lives to attend the Lenten Suppers starting at 5:00pm followed by Lenten midweek worship at 6:30pm. There will also be a special Lenten devotional booklet based on Exodus. Pick one up for yourself and consider sharing one with a friend!

Looking forward to journeying with you this Lent out of slavery into the freedom of Christ!

Pastor Andy



2024 Lenten Sermon Series:

The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!

Ash Wednesday, February 14	“Big Things with Small Stuff”	(Exodus 2:1–10)
Wednesday, February 21	“How God Changes Us”	(Exodus 3:1–14)
Wednesday, February 28	“Stop Trying and Start Trusting”	(Exodus 14:1–29)
Wednesday, March 6	“Strike the Rock!”	(Exodus 17:1–7)
Wednesday, March 13	“Mine!”	(Exodus 20:1–17)
Wednesday, March 20	“Digging Ourselves into a Hole”	(Exodus 32:1–14)
Maundy Thursday, March 28	“Access!”	(Exodus 24:1–11)
Good Friday, March 29	“Agnus Dei”	(Exodus 12:1–13)
Easter, Sunday, March 31	“Against all Odds!”	(Exodus 15:1–18)

Sewing for Service

Our sewing group has been busy for many months making dresses for the organization Dress a Girl Around the World.

These dresses will be blessed during the services on Sunday, February 4 in both services. They will then be taken to the organization's state representative and distributed to missionaries who will deliver them to their missions around the world.

At present our members consist of Pam Klicman, Heidi Wojcik, Barb Bailey, Lavonne Dolliver, Larry Buckles, and Debbie Ruggles.

We would welcome additional members even if you don't sew as there are other things you can do to help such as cutting, pressing and elastic insertion.

We meet at the home of Pam Klicman on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 10:00 to 2:00ish. Bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like.

Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 9
from 5:00 - 8:00 pm!

TLC is hosting a fundraiser for Kaye McDowell to raise funds for a new service dog. There will be a spaghetti dinner and silent auction tables with lots of baskets, gift cards and other items that you won't want to pass up!

If you are interested in making a donation of a raffle basket, gift card or other items, please contact Kaye McDowell at kmcdowell12@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the dinner or the silent auction, please contact Gail McAlister at gmcalister1@neo.rr.com.

Please come and support this event!

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

The first VBS planning meeting February 17 at 10:00 am in the Youth Room.

This year's program is Scuba: Diving into friendship with God, June 17-21. We are looking for station and crew leaders as well as help with planning and decorating. There are many roles to be filled whether you can be present that week or just want to help behind the scenes before and after.

Questions contact Regina Kodzev 330-212-8365 or reginalouisekostko@yahoo.com

Lenten Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024

5:00 pm Lenten Supper

6:30 pm Lenten Worship

Wednesday, February 21 & 28

5:00 pm Lenten Supper

6:30 pm Lenten Worship

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20

5:00 pm Lenten Supper

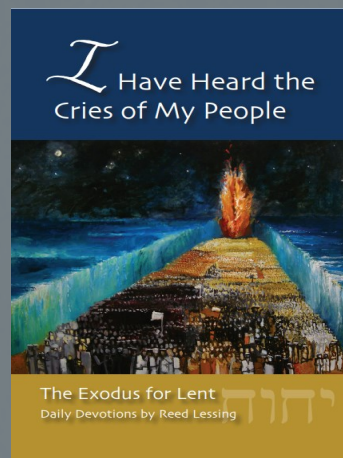
6:30 pm Lenten Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 28 6:30 pm Worship

Good Friday, March 29, 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm Worship

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship

**Be sure to pick up a Lenten Devotional
by the mailboxes or the Narthex.**



Marriage Connect Group

Our next group study will be held on Thursday, February 29 at 6:00 pm. The next Love Language will be... "Acts of Service". It is such a crucial time these days to build "Christian community" and what a great way to do that by strengthening our marriages (which we all can do!), so please do not hesitate to come if you are new. We are ALL one big family! Besides, we like to eat :) Let's all bring a breakfast item and enjoy a feast.

Operation Christmas Child

For the month of February I would like to continue to collect "winter gear", such as gloves, hats, scarves, socks, etc. I know these things begin to go on clearance more in February, so keep an eye out for them! Also, boys and girls underwear are just as important, so keep a look out for those sales!!

Please place all donations in the OCC gray bins in the donation nook. I appreciate you all so much for the continued support all year! - Alisha Wright



Let all that you do be done with love.
1 Corinthians 16:14



Women's Fellowship

Saturday, February 10 we're taking ourselves out to lunch for Valentine's Day at Danny Boys on The Circle.

Saturday, March 16 First Ladies Museum in Canton, followed by lunch in Hartville.

Tours of Shelter Care are in the works. Contact Jeannine Case with any questions.

MITES Sunday

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), a women's auxiliary mission ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will be collecting MITES (loose change and other monies) in both services on Sunday, April 14, August 11 and November 10, 2024.

MITE collection boxes can always be found on the shelf of the Donation Nook in the hallway. Please place boxes in Sandy Dixon's mailbox. Thank you for your support! -Sandy Dixon

Outreach Retreat

Would you like to see Tallmadge Lutheran Church reaching out more into our communities? Do you have ideas on how TLC can better serve and care for others?

Come be part of the Outreach Retreat at TLC on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Room 12.

After a devotion from Pastor Andy and a time of prayer, we take time to brainstorm ideas on how to connect with and care for people outside of our congregation.

The goal of this retreat is to develop an action plan for 2024 on how TLC can better share the love of Jesus in our communities.

Joining Tallmadge Lutheran Church

Are you ready to take the next step in being an active part of the TLC family? Talk with Pastor Andy about becoming a member of TLC.

New members will be received during both services on Sunday, February 11, 2024.

The Annual Safety Training

Saturday, February 24 from 9:00 -11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Join Lieutenant Jim Riley as he covers many topics such as emergencies, evacuations, use of a fire extinguisher and how to support our members during a crisis.

If you are part of the team that assists on a Sunday morning, this training is required. If you are a member that is willing to assist on a Sunday morning, you are welcome to attend as well.

Prayer Buddies

Cards are due Sunday, February 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12. Thank you!

Please contact Cindy Strand with questions!

Acme Cash Back Program

February is the LAST month for receipts to count towards the Cash Back Program.

Please turn receipts in to Ruth Lynch or place in her church mailbox.

Experience the Holy Land - January 2025.

Pastor Andy has rescheduled the trip to Israel (with an optional Egypt extension) traveling January 11-20, 2025. Departing from Cleveland the price for the Israel tour is \$4,792.

For the full trip brochure, please go to <https://www.tlcoh.org/2025-israel-trip/>

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Andy by email pastorandy@tlcoh.org or cell (330) 203-5474.





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, February 1

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

Episode 4 – Clean Part 1

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

Thursday, February 8

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

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

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

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

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

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

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm

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 at 7:00 pm in Room 12.

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

Monday, April 15 - *Imagine the God of Heaven:*

Near-Death Experiences, God's Revelation, and

the Love You've Always Wanted by John Burke

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.
- * **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.



Sunday School Corner

February's Theme:

The foundation for KINDNESS comes through participating in God's story.

KINDNESS is showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.



Games, crafts, So-In-So Show and more!

Come see us!

Sundays 9:20- 10:15 am.



The Music Ministry

Lent is here!

As we move into our Lenten season,
our music takes a more somber turn
as we reflect on Jesus' suffering and death.

We would love to have some more anthems offered throughout Lent,
both on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

If you play an instrument or sing we would love to involve you in our music ministry.

Anthems can be done alone or with others, from the Sanctuary floor or the balcony.

Please reach out to Annie Alberts if you would like more information.



Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Upcoming

Support the youth as they begin to set their sights on New Orleans in 2025.

Each sub supports the youth to attend the national youth gathering.

Order forms are located at the back of the church.

Donated subs are delivered to Haven of rest in time for the game.

TLC Building Projects

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

Completed:

Boiler and Duct work

Upcoming Projects:

Bottle refill station installed in Edu Wing
Edu Wing hallway lights replaced



PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mrs VanSickle, 3's Class Lead Teacher



✨ Spreading joy to little hearts, I sprinkle smiles in my preschool class while cherishing my faith. ❤️ 🏠 Married for 25 years with two bouncing teenage daughters, we are a wild bunch with three cats and a gecko! Hiking trails, playing games, and creating masterpieces with art supplies fuels the adventures of our amazing journey. 🚶 🎮 🎨 #PreschoolTeacherLife #JesusLover #FamilyFun

Birthdays

- 19 Diane Staszak
21 Juliana Eyring
21 John Dailey, Jr.
22 Alexander Duka
25 Kay Graybeal
25 Giuiliana Hovey
26 Janet Gearhart
27 Joe Schuster
27 Cindy Phipps
28 Anne Kuntz

3 Cindy Strand
5 Robert Bloom
6 Laura Eyring
10 James Kirkendall
12 Michele Kaiser
13 Von Alleshouse
13 Pastor Andy
15 Luke Dussel
18 Ellen Tywon

Anniversaries

- 6 Mr. & Mrs Eric Harsey
7 Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Larson
25 Mr. & Mrs Eric Fink
27 Mr. & Mrs Todd Miller



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Sewing for Service Dress Blessing Super bowl sub orders due 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Youth meeting 1:00pm - 4:00pm Preschool Art Show set up in gym	5 Preschool Art Show in gym All Day until 8p 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	6 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	7 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Parera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Klicman) 6:30pm Pre-Confirmation 8th Grade Parent Meeting 7:00pm Choir	8 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30pm The Chosen (Sanctuary)	9	10 Women's Fellowship (Out to lunch)
11 Transfiguration Sunday Receiving New Members Prayer Buddy cards due 7:00am Youth - super bowl sub assembly 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	12 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 6:00pm - 8:00pm TCP Open House 7:00pm Board of Directors (Rm 12)	13 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Parera) 5:30pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30pm No Confirmation	15 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30pm The Chosen (Sanctuary)	16	17 10:00am VBS Meeting (Youth Rm) 12:00pm Wise Owls (Rm 12)
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Tallmadge Lutheran Church exists to help people
GROW as disciples of Christ, *CARE* for one another, and *SHARE* the love of Jesus in our community.

King's Kids School-Age Child Care

Tallmadge Christian Preschool

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