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



He is Risen

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LIVING LIGHT

MARCH 2024

Knowing God's POWER

I pray also that you **may know** his incomparably great **power** for us who believe....
which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead

Ephesians 1:19-20

If you have ever found yourself searching for what to pray for others, check out Paul's prayer for the Christians in Ephesians 1:15-23. This prayer explains that the same power the Lord exerted when He raised Jesus from the dead works on the behalf of all who believe in and trust in Jesus. And Paul prays that you and I may know, trust and experience this power.

The heart of Paul's prayer comes at the end of verse 17 where Paul prays "**that you may know him better.**" That's it! *That's the whole prayer right there.* Paul is praying that the Ephesians might know God better. This means that he is writing to and praying for believers who already have some knowledge of God. His central request is, "O Lord, I pray that these people who already know you might come to a new and deeper knowledge of who you really are." This is always a great prayer to pray for our children, our grandchildren, our neighbors or for ourselves! The Greek language contains a number of different words that might be translated as "know." This particular verse contains a verb that means to know deeply, personally, intimately. We are truly invited to climb upon the lap of our heavenly Father and to find a place of peace, a place of comfort, a place of security – in His arms. God invites us into this kind of intimate relationship with him through prayer.

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Paul is also praying that we might grasp “the hope to which he has called you” (Ephesians 1:18b). If we look back at the earlier verses of this chapter, we hear some elements of that hope to which we have been called:

Blessed with every spiritual blessing, v. 3

Chosen in Christ, v. 4

Predestined to be adopted as sons, v. 5

Recipients of his grace, v. 6

Redeemed through his blood, v. 7

Forgiveness of sins, v. 7

Wisdom and understanding, v. 8

God’s plan made known to us, vv. 9-10

Chosen and predestined, v. 11

Included in Christ, v. 13

Sealed by the Holy Spirit, v. 13

Given the earnest of the Spirit, v. 14



All this is ours...in Christ! *It is the permanent possession of every child of God.* We are rich and blessed beyond all measure. Paul prays that we might understand how rich we already are. We pray that all people might come to know of what God has done for all people through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This month as we journey towards the cross and empty tomb, keep in mind this paraphrase of Paul’s prayer for all who follow Jesus:

Why should we worry? Why should we fear? Why should we doubt? Why shouldn’t we go out singing? Our God has given us all we need. Oh, that we might know the hope of our calling, the riches of our inheritance, and the amazing power of God. It’s all ours and it’s all wrapped up in one Person, Jesus Christ. Oh, that we might know him better. Oh, that our eyes might be opened to see things clearly. Oh, that we might love him and serve him and make him the center of life.

Know this is my prayer for you!

Pastor Andy

2024 Lenten Sermon Series:

The Book of Exodus: Let My People Go!

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)

Women's Fellowship

continues to collect a variety of items for Shelter Care. Please place all donations under the table in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations.

- Tuesday, March 5, 10:45 am Haven of Rest
- Saturday, March 16, 10:30 First Ladies Museum & lunch
- April 11, 6:00 pm Meeting & Metro Park speaker

Operation Christmas Child

For the month of March, I would like to collect crafts and travel games/puzzles. We have started the year off with a bang collecting, let's keep it going to bless children around the world and spread the Good News! Please place all donations in the grey bins in the donation nook. I greatly appreciate everyone all year long. This is a group effort and I cannot do it without you all! Thank you -- Alisha Wright

Marriage Connect Group

Because of scheduling conflicts, we will have our next group study on Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 pm.

The next love language is... "Physical Touch". We encourage every married couple, young or old, to come and enjoy a great study and fun fellowship.

Pulled pork sliders with coleslaw will be served. Please bring a side dish to share.



Lenten Worship Schedule

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 Worship

Youth Easter Breakfast 9:00 - 11:00 am

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 gmcaster1@neo.rr.com.

Please come and support this event!



Vacation Bible School

We are diving deep into VBS prep at TLC and we need your help!

This year's program is Scuba: Diving into friendship with God, June 17 - June 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. Dates/times to meet for crafting and creating will be posted soon but we are looking for a few new and used donations to be collected now.

Recycled items we need: packing peanuts, brown packing paper or paper grocery bags, large cardboard pieces (from appliances, big items), blue Christmas lights.

A few other items we will need to purchase include spray foam, green and blue crepe paper, coffee filters, bright solid colored cupcake liners, and mason jars with lids. If you come across these items at home or see a good deal at the store please help us out and drop them in the VBS collection box at church.

Our next meeting is March 16 at 10:00 am in the Youth Room. Join us and help share the love of Jesus with God's children from our church and surrounding community.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

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

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.

Easter Flowers for the Altar

It is time to order flowers to celebrate our Risen Lord! This year we will be offering Easter Lilies, Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils, including Tete a Tetes, Chrysanthemums and Hydrangeas to adorn the Altar.

Easter Flower Order envelopes are available by the mailboxes; indicate quantity, color and if in memory of a loved one or a blessing.

Place a check, payable to "Tallmadge Lutheran Church" in the envelope and place in Becky Springer's mailbox. Orders should be placed by Sunday, March 10, to guarantee availability.

Flowers can be picked up after the late service on Easter Sunday, March 31.

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

Prayer Buddies

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

Please contact Cindy Strand with questions!

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, pastorandy@tlcoh.org or (330) 203-5474.

TLC Book Club

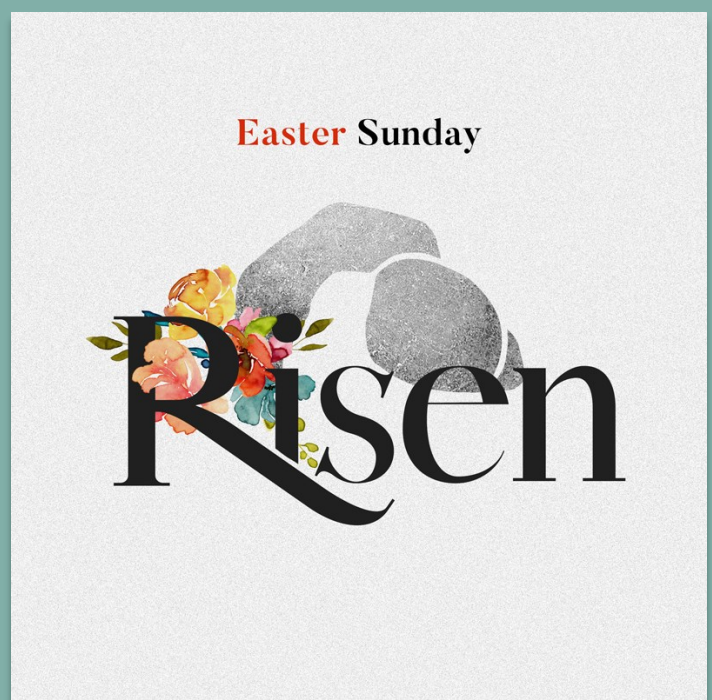
Monday, March 18

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



In The Community

St Patrick's Day on Front Street

Saturday, March 16, 11:00 - 7:00 pm



2024 Maca Aquatic Center Memberships [Maca Memberships | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/maca-memberships)

Passes can be purchased at the Tallmadge Recreation Center.

NEW - Members can enjoy member-only days on Tuesdays!



Daylight Savings

Sunday, March 10, 2024. Spring Forward!



2024 Total Solar Eclipse [Solar Eclipse 2024 | Tallmadge, OH \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/solar-eclipse-2024)

On Monday, April 8, 2024, people within a 124-mile-wide band in the state of Ohio will experience a total solar eclipse! A total solar eclipse is a rare event that happens somewhere on the Earth only once every 1.5 years. Only 21 total solar eclipses have crossed the lower 48 states in the entire existence of the United States.

The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806.

The next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in the year 2099.

Eclipse begins: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 1:59 pm

Eclipse ends: Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 4:29 pm



Eclipse Experience at the Summit County Fairgrounds www.visitakron-summit.org

8:00 am Doors Open

9:00 am Pancake breakfast followed by kids activities, a DJ, etc.

11:00 am food trucks

Neighborhood



Easter Egg Hunt

at Tallmadge Lutheran Church

759 East Avenue, Tallmadge, OH 44278

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Games 10:00 am - 11:25 am

Egg Hunt begins promptly at 11:30 am

Ages 0 - 8th Grade

Balloon Artist! Games! Crafts! Coloring Contest! Snacks!
Prizes for all! *And...* A special visit from the Easter Bunny!

Join us for a FREE Day of FUN!

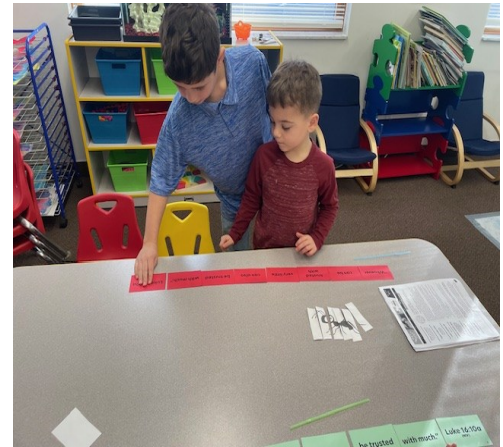




Sunday School Corner

March's Theme:

The foundation for PEACE comes through
participating in God's story.
PEACE is proving you care more about
each other than winning an argument.



Games, crafts, So-in-so show & more!
Come see us!
Sundays 9:20 - 10:15 am



The Music Ministry

Happy Spring!

Our music ministry is expanding!

In addition to our choir and our Jubilate bells performing in church,
a small ensemble of bell players had the opportunity to play
for the residents at Danbury in February.

It's a beautiful way to share our faith with others!

If you would be interested in joining something like this,
please let Annie Alberts know.

We are always looking for more musicians,
whether on a full-time basis or just once in a while!

Katie Edwards, our College Music Assistant, is holding her Senior Voice Recital this spring.
On Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30 pm, Katie will be performing at the Ludwig Recital Hall on Kent State's Campus.
Katie has been such a meaningful part of our TLC music department!
This is a great way to support her as she finishes her on-campus studies.



Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Super bowl sub - Thank you!



Special thanks from all the Youth to the congregation
for supporting them in the efforts to fundraise for the National Youth Gathering.

TLC ordered 191 subs, donating 67 of those to Haven of Rest.

The Youth made 212 total and increased the blessing to Haven of Rest with the extras.

TLC Building Projects

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

Completed:

- Bottle refill station in Edu wing
- Edu hallway lights converted to LED
- Updated outlets in Fellowship Hall
- Preventative Maintenance on furnace and AC units
- O2 sensor in Edu wing replaced
- Batteries in thermostats replaced
- Fire alarms, sprinklers & backflow inspection complete
- Doors 1, 3 and 4 repaired

Upcoming Projects:

- Routine stripe & seal parking lot
- Kitchen fridge repair
- Additional handicap spots Exterior pest Control
- Spring clean up - grounds
- Church sign



PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Mrs Osburn, 4's Class Assistant Teacher



☀️ Teacher Assistant by day, crafting queen by night 🎨 ✨ Sharing the joy of learning with little ones at TCP's 4's class! Married for two magical decades, blessed with two capable and charismatic girls, and pawrent to the lovable Gracie 🐾 🌸 Creative crafts, captivating beach reads, and sunny seaside strolls are my happy place! 🌻 📚 #CraftyAssistant #BeachLover #BookwormMommy

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	2
3 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	4 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	5 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 10:45am Women's Fellowship (Haven of Rest) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Kiliman) 5:00pm Lenten Supper 5:30pm Organ Committee meeting (Rm 12) 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Confirmation (Rm 1)	7 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	8	9 9:30am - 2:00pm Organ rehearsal 3:00pm - 8:00pm Fundraiser for Kaye McDowell (gym)
10 Daylight Savings Prayer Buddy cards due 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	11 8:30am Food Pantry Pick-Up 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Directors (Rm 12)	12 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 5:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Choir 7:30pm Confirmation (Rm 1) Review/Test	14 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	15 No School	16 Women's Fellowship (First Ladies Museum) 10:00am VBS Meeting (Youth Rm) 12:00pm Wise Owls (Rm 12)
17 St. Patrick's Day 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	18 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 6:00pm - 8:00pm TCP Staff Meeting (library) 7:00pm TLC Book Club (Room 12)	19 Newsletter Deadline 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 5:00pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm No Confirmation 7:00pm Choir	21 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	22 Easter Egg Hunt Set-Up	23 10:00am - 12:00pm Easter Egg Hunt
24 Palm Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study (Youth Rm) 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	25 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 2:00pm Foodbank review 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm)	26 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Jubilate Ringers	27 No Confirmation 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 7:00pm Choir	28 Maundy Thursday 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Worship	29 Good Friday 12:00pm Good Friday Worship 6:30pm Good Friday Worship	30 12:00pm - 4:00pm Youth Easter Breakfast prep
31 Easter 8:00am Easter Celebration Service 9:00am - 11:00am Youth Easter Breakfast 10:30am Easter Celebration Service						

Birthdays

- 2 Miya Kuntz

20 Betty Dodd
- 4 Pamela Meece

23 Robin Bergmann
- 5 Steven Packy

24 Steve Staszak
- 6 Gregory Redman

29 Marje Ray
- 7 John Darmstadt

29 Jessica Riley
- 11 Molly Conley

30 Annalise Hovey
- 15 Trent Wright

31 Marty Hauser

31 Blake Miller

Anniversaries

- 2 Mr. & Mrs. David Dailey
- 26 Mr.. & Mrs. Jay Springer



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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

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