

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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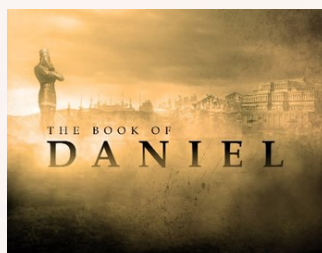
HOPE for TODAY!

What should we make of all the events of today? Let us turn to God's word for HOPE for today and everyday! In Matthew 24, Jesus told his disciples:

"Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come...Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved." (Matthew 24:4-6, 12-13)

As redeemed children of God, we do not need to be alarmed by the events of this world. The Lord is in control of human events in this world. This is one of the realities that has really stuck with me as we have been studying the book of Daniel on Sunday mornings. **God is in control.**

I want to share with you four truths the Lord reveals through the vision He gave to Daniel (Daniel 7):



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First, God governs all world history for the sake of his kingdom of grace. God's Kingdom of Grace consists of his redeemed people in the Christian Churches on earth. In Daniel 7 the LORD reveals to Daniel a vision of four beasts, or a succession of four different kingdoms. This demonstrates God's foreknowledge of human events and that God is in control of history. This assurance of God's governance comforts us, even as we live in circumstances beyond our control and when we feel like the world is spinning out of control. Disciples of Jesus should not be surprised or alarmed when they are persecuted and experience evil in the world. We should trust that God is guiding all believers ultimately for the sake of our redemption! Take a look at John 16:33; Romans 8:28, 35-39; and Revelation 1:1, 9.

A second emphasis is that God's kingdom comes through the ministry of the personal Messiah, who establishes and receives the authority over this eternal kingdom. While Daniel experienced a vision of the coming of the Son of Man, we can revel at the reality of Jesus' birth, ministry, death on the cross and glorious resurrection. God's kingdom is one marked by faith in Jesus Christ. His Kingdom, the Christian Church on earth, began on the day of Pentecost with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The devil and all the forces of evil cannot overcome Jesus Christ's church on earth.



The third emphasis is the benefit God's people receive from the personal Messiah and the establishment of His kingdom. The kingdom that is given to the Son of Man becomes the possession inherited by the "saints." In New Testament language, all baptized believers in Christ receive what properly belongs to Christ himself: his righteousness and the forgiveness of sins Jesus earned by his sacrificial death on the cross; the promise to reign with Him for eternity (see Romans 5:17 and Revelation 22:3-5). All of this is summed up in the acclamation of the Lamb in Revelation 5:9-10.

"You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

A fourth emphasis has to do with the End Times. In the vision Daniel receives, he sees the whole span of history as the coming of the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, who receives the kingdom from the Ancient of Days (God the Father), and in turn gives the kingdom to His saints, His church consisting of all believers. When Jesus Christ returns, the final judgment will take place and the evil of this world will be destroyed forever in a fiery judgment. God's saints then take possession of the eternal kingdom in the new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21-22).

We can be assured that God is control over all events among humans. God has a plan for our redemption. Even when we face trials and hardships and persecutions, our hope lies in our future eternal glorification (Romans 8:30).

May the Lord strengthen your faith as we fix our eyes on Jesus and wait for His return.

Pastor Andy

TLC Book Club

Join Pastor Andy on the third Monday of each month to discuss a book.

Monday, August 19 we will be talking about *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis.

What would happen if someone from hell wound up with an opportunity to go to heaven? In *The Great Divorce*, the main character finds himself in Hell boarding a bus bound for Heaven. The amazing opportunity is that anyone who wants to stay in Heaven, can. This is a starting point for an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment.

See you then!

TLC's Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, August 25 in the pavilion. Stay after late service to enjoy the picnic at noon.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Last names A-M bring a salad or side dish; N-Z bring a dessert.

There will be games for kids of all ages.

Please sign up by the church mailboxes.

Enjoy the day as the Body of Christ as we eat and enjoy fellowship together.

Marriage Connect Group

We will have our next group study on (NEW DAY) Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 pm. We will be completing our 5 Love Languages study with... "Growing in Love".

Let's do our favorite dinner theme: "Breakfast"!! Bring a breakfast side dish and come enjoy a great community of believers.

This is for all ages!

Hope to see many of you there.



Operation Christmas Child

With school starting, let's take advantage of those school supplies on sale! Children in third world countries do not have access to these things like we do here in America. Let's set them up for success!

Please bring in a variety of school supplies this month (pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, markers, glue sticks, scissors, etc.).

We greatly appreciate all the support all year.

~ Trent & Alisha

TLC Prayer Chain

Kathy Vanaman and Sandee Mick have created a Google Group, called *TLC Prayer Ministry*. This group is for prayer and praise offerings from members of Tallmadge Lutheran Church.

Those of you that are already signed up for the prayer chain will be receiving an email with directions on how to sign on to the new format.

If you are interested in joining and have questions, you can contact Sandee at semick13@att.net or Sandee Mick 330-256-8819.

Blessing Of Backpacks

YOU DID IT!

We hit our goal to fill every backpack!

Now, who wants to help stuff them?

A work session will be Wednesday, August 7 at 10:00 am in the Youth Room!

Please let me know if you are able to come help!

Thank you! Gail (gmcaster1@neo.rr.com)



Tuesday Prayer Group

Kathy Vanaman and Pastor Andy will be lifting up prayer requests to the Lord on Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the TLC Sanctuary.

Please join us in praying for our nation, for our families, for the sick, for those who don't know the Lord.

Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, August 6 at 10:45 am (carpool) - Haven of Rest Ladies Auxiliary Luncheon and Program: *The Summit-Up Cloggers*.

At 6:00 pm - Music By The Lake, Munroe Falls Metro Park

MITES Sunday

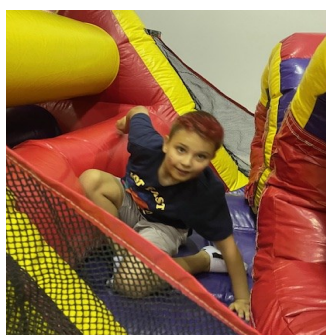
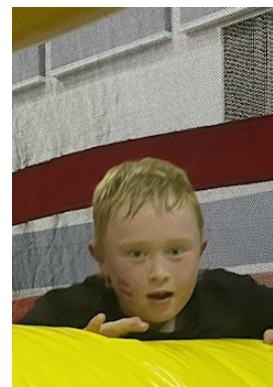
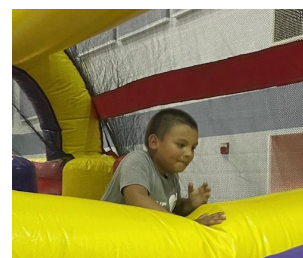
The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is collecting MITES (loose change and other monies) in both services on August 11.

Wise Owls

The next Wise Owls meeting is Saturday, August 17, 12:00 pm in Room 12.

Sandy Dixon will be talking about American Pride.

Peggy Menke is leading.



The 4th Annual Family Fun Night was a huge success!

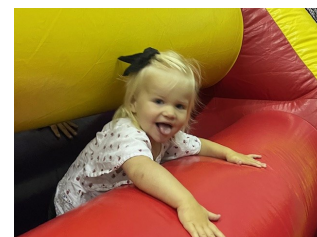
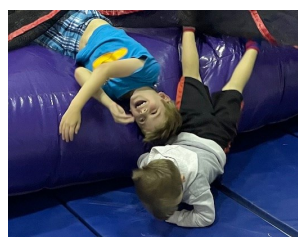
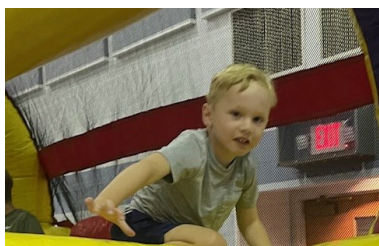
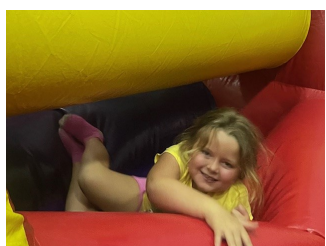
The rain did not scare anyone away!

We had kids from Kings' Kids, Preschool, & VBS, as well as a couple TLC families enjoy the bouncy house, games, face painting, fellowship & dinner.

There was a wonderful crew of volunteers that stepped up to help make this a success.

Special thanks to Gail McAlister for coordinating this awesome event!

Just look at those faces!





BLESSING OF BACKPACKS



TLC is giving your Preschooler a backpack
stuffed with school supplies!

Please join us on Sunday, August 11 for the 10:30 am Service.

Siblings are welcome to bring their backpacks too!

All students & their backpacks will be blessed during service.

If you are unable to attend service,

the backpacks will be available during TCP Playdates
on August 19 or the at the Parent meeting on August 22.



PRAYER BUDDIES

The Prayer Buddy Program is a great way to show our Preschool and Kings' Kids' families we care for them, their children, and to exercise the practice of prayer.

A Prayer Buddy is asked to pray for their student(s) and his/her family on a regular basis and send a personalized card the first Sunday of the month (October - May.)

No gifts except books for Christmas & Easter, please.



For more information and if you are interested in this wonderful outreach program, please contact Gail McAlister, gmcaster1@neo.rr.com or Lindsay in the church office, secretary@tlcoh.org

IN THE COMMUNITY

Farmers' Market - Thursday evenings from 4:00 - 8:00 pm in the Tallmadge Rec parking lot

Music On The Circle - The Belairs (oldies) Thursday, August 1 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Women's Self-Defense Class at the Rec - Saturday, August 3 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

<https://t.co/NK9laQfxPS>

Tallmadge Circle Fest & Light Parade - Saturday, August 10 from 5:30 pm - 11:00 pm

9:00 pm Light Parade

Fireworks following parade

Tallmadge City Schools & Kings' Kids resume - Wednesday, August 14

Dog Days of Summer - Saturday, August 17 in downtown Kent from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Doggie Dip at Maca Pool - Saturday, August 24 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

The Tallmadge Circular.: [The-Tallmadge-Circular---Summer-2024---Issue-2 \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](https://tallmadge-ohio.org/The-Tallmadge-Circular---Summer-2024---Issue-2)



Butterfly Garden



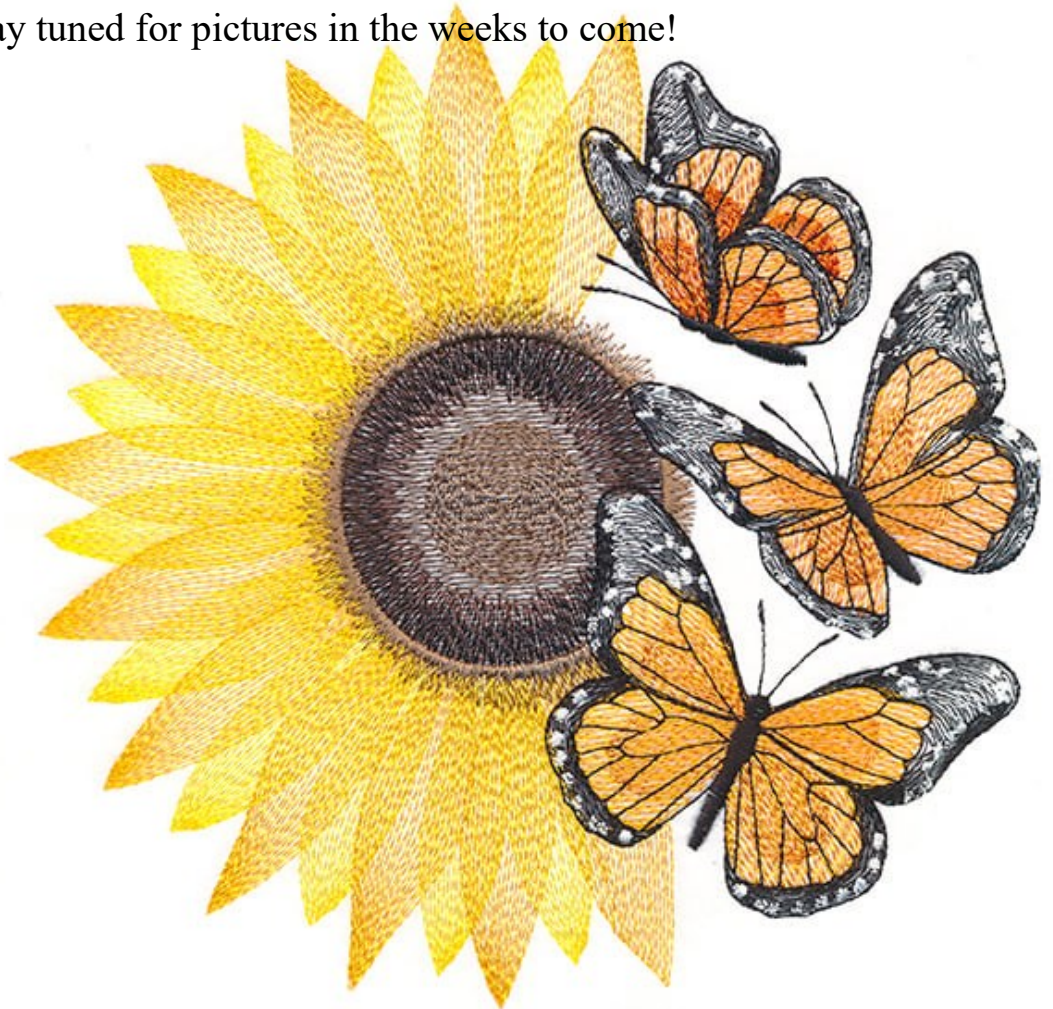
TLC is excited to partner with local Boy Scout Troops #412 & #361 as they design, and create a beautiful butterfly garden in memory of local troop leaders that recently passed away.

The butterfly garden will be nestled between the two crab apple trees in front of the community garden.

When finished, expect to see a garden in the shape of a butterfly, tons of perennials, and some benches to sit on and enjoy the garden!

We hope that this addition will bring peace and joy to anyone that accesses it from the congregation to the community!

Stay tuned for pictures in the weeks to come!

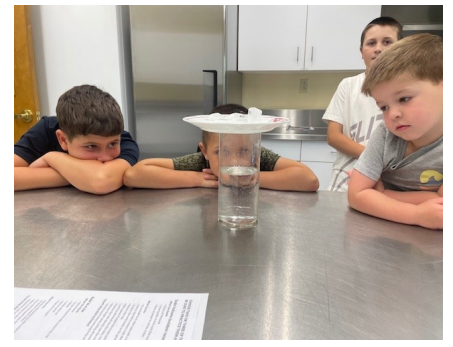


Sunday School Corner

August's Theme: *Wisdom*

The connection between WISDOM and GOD's CHARACTER
as shown through God's story.

WISDOM is out finding out what you should do and doing it.



Summer session is in full swing, so expect games, crafts,
a snack, and The Story Lab! Come see us!
Sundays, 9:20- 10:15 am in Room 7



Sunday School Kick-Off Sunday

Sunday, September 8 at 9:20 am in Room 7

September Theme: *Compassion*

Calling All Kids! Come check out Sunday School and what we do on a Sunday morning!

Opening! A video & song, Story Lab & experiment, Bible story & application to life!

Game! Learning our Bible verse for September thru a “fishing” game!

Craft! Cards for our Food Pantry Families to share the love of Jesus!

Memory Verse! “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven”
Matthew 5:16 NIV

Ages Invited! *Preschool- 5th grade* - Split in two groups starting the following week! We will always start together for Story Lab.

Parents! You are welcome to check out any & all adult Bible classes that are available but *please come back and join us on the pavilion at 10:00 am for snow cones!*



Happy Summer!

Enjoy some beautiful music as you relax this summer:

August 4, 2024, 7:30 PM Firestone Park Community Center

August 11, 2024, 7:30 PM Goodyear Heights Metro Park

Come to the Tallmadge Circle to enjoy these music groups:

August 1: The Belairs (Oldies)

THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Youth Car Wash & Lunch 2.0

Sunday, August 4 from 12:00 am - 3:00 pm

Enjoy a meal under the pavilion while your car is being washed!

Hot Dogs \$5 Hamburgers \$6 Meals include chips and a drink



TLC Building Projects

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

Strengthening Our Foundation



Preschool's Scholastic Bookfair

Sunday, August 25, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall.

Browse a huge selection of books for all ages

before heading out to the picnic.

Makes a great gift!



Birthdays

- 2 Ray Olson

5 Paul LeVan

5 Adam Dutka

5 William Vojtek

8 Carla Himmelfreich

13 Barbara Bailey

16 Alexandra Olson

16 Roger Galbraith
- 20 Shannon Dutka

21 Elizabeth DeWolf

26 Vicki Meek

28 Gary Sandmann

29 Alex Wright

30 Alyssa Miller

Anniversaries

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kobb

6 Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Groubert

7 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hauser

10 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Redman

23 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fosnight

30 Mr. & Mrs. William Graf

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4 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 Youth Car Wash (pavilion)	5 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	6 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	7 KK Summer Field Trip (gym, pavilion) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Blessing of Backpacks Stuff-A-Tthon (youth room) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Klismian)	1 Acme Cash Back Program begins	2 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	3 5:30pm Circle Feast & Light Parade
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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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