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

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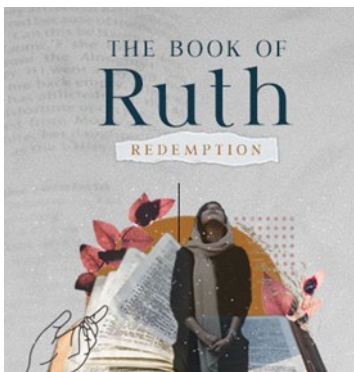
TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

THE LIVING LIGHT

JULY 2024

The Book of Ruth Finding God in the Ordinary



Everyone loves a good story. Starting in the middle of July we will study together the book of Ruth. It's a story filled with themes of loyalty, love, and people going out of their way to take care of each other when they don't have to. It's a short story, only 85 verses long, and the principal actor is not God but ordinary people with hard lives. You can read the entire book of Ruth in about 10 minutes. The beauty of the story's construction, its use of dialogue (nearly

two thirds of the text), and the sheer drama of its content mark it as one of the classic short stories of world literature.

The opening line in the book of Ruth sets the story in the same era as the book of Judges—about 1200 BC. The first part of Ruth centers around a couple, Elimelech and Naomi, and their children who live in the little town of Bethlehem. Bethlehem means place of or house of bread. The area was known for an abundance of wheat farms—sort of the Kansas of ancient Israel. A drought struck, and soon there was no bread in the house of bread. So the couple left Bethlehem, seeking greener pastures in the land of Moab.

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There in Moab Elimelech and Naomi provide for themselves and raise their two sons. Then the husband dies. Ten years later, the sons (who had married Moabite women) also died. Those of you who have experienced this know nothing is as awful as having your offspring die before you die. The widow and bereft mother's name is Naomi, which means "Pleasant One" in Hebrew. But her grief and all her pleasantness wore off. She blames God.

One day Naomi tells her widowed daughters-in-law that there is nothing left for her in Moab so she will return to Bethlehem. "Go back to your people. Find new husbands and lives. I will leave you now." One of the daughters-in-law says, "Okay. May you

find happiness again. Goodbye."

But the other daughter-in-law, Ruth, makes one of the most important decisions in human history. Without this decision, there would be no need for the Magi to go to the little town of Bethlehem because is Ruth the great-grandmother of King David and an ancestor of Jesus. She is one of only two women listed in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus.

Ruth's decision is to be loyal to Naomi. She says, "I will not leave you. Wherever you go, I will go. Your land will be my land. Your people, my people. Your God will be my God."

We often define our lives by the big moments. But most of our lives consist of ordinary chapters. They may not feel significant, but ultimately end up changing everything. In this summer sermon series, *The Book of Ruth*, we'll discover the hidden beauty of life's small moments.



Just an ordinary guy following an extraordinary God,

Pastor Andy



The Book of Ruth Summer Sermon Series

July 14	When It's Time to Walk Away
July 21	Finding the Love You Want
July 28	Four Signs You Might Have A Keeper
August 4	Time to Define the Relationship
August 11	Choosing Your Next Chapter
August 18	Better Than You Can Imagine

Operation Christmas Child

I would like to try and collect items we are still in need of in July. We would like to pack as many shoeboxes as we did last year; therefore, we are low on several items still...

Small travel type games, puzzles, soap, solid deodorant, small musical instruments, sunglasses and hair ties.

We are just the hands and feet of this ministry. We are thankful for everyone who participates and supports this mission.

God's Blessings to you all ~ Trent & Alisha

Marriage Connect Group

Unfortunately, we will not be having group in July. Summer tends to be very busy, especially for us. It is a perfect time to break for a month since we finished our 5 Love Languages study last month. Stay tuned for the August announcement and a new study to enjoy!
~ Trent & Alisha

TLC Book Club

Join Pastor Andy on the third Monday of each month throughout 2024 to discuss a book.

There will not be a TLC Book Club Gathering in July.

For August, we will be reading and discussing: *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.

Israel: Experience The Holy Land 2025

Pastor Andy will host an informational session on Sunday, July 14 at 7:00 pm in Room 12.

Blessing of Backpacks

It's time to start collecting items! Keep your eyes open for these items while you are out shopping. Please place all donations in the donation area in the bins marked "PS Supplies" by August 1.

- * 24 count boxes of crayons
- * Pencils
- * Washable markers

Thank you for helping us meet our goal to pack 75 Backpacks for the preschool students!

Women's Fellowship

Women's Auxiliary at Haven of Rest program and luncheon is Tuesday, July 2. Ride share from TLC.

Music by the Lake is Tuesday, July 2. ALL are welcome to picnic and listen!

Wise Owls

The Wise Owls will celebrate Bert Holz at the July 20 meeting! Bert is stepping down as the Wise Owl president. Please come and celebrate all he has done for the Wise Owls.

Potluck lunch with a potato and salad bar.



Congrats 2024 Graduates!



Madeline & Pastor Andy Alberts

The Barnyard Buddies



This 4H Group has been helping for the past several months pack bags for the food pantry pick ups!

TLC is so grateful for their partnership in this outreach ministry!

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary



Rev Douglas & Joyce Riley

Women's Fellowship



On Tuesday, June 4, The women had a lovely luncheon at Haven of Rest where an artist created this masterpiece using chalk.

In The Community: *Fireworks!*

Akron – Rib, White & Blue Festival

Where: The Lock 3 Cleveland Clinic Stage, located in The Backyard, W. Bowery St., Akron, OH 44308

When: July 3-6, 2024

Akron – Fireworks

Where: Downtown Akron, OH 44308 Akron (Lock 3 Area at 9:45 pm)

When: Thursday, July 4, 2024

Akron – RubberDucks Independence Day Eve Fireworks

Where: Canal Park, 300 S. Main St., Akron, OH 44308

When: Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Cuyahoga Falls – A Salute to America

Where: Blossom Music Center, 1145 W. Steels Corners Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

When: Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Fairlawn – Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks

Where: Barlow Farm Park, 1965 Barlow Rd., Hudson, OH 44236

When: Saturday, June 29, 2024 (Rain date: June 30, 2024)

Green – FreedomFest

Where: Boettler Park, 5300 Massillon Rd., North Canton, OH 44720

When: Saturday, June 29, 2024

Hudson – Independence Day Fireworks Celebration

Where: Barlow Farm Park, 1965 Barlow Rd., Hudson, OH 44236

When: Sunday, June 30, 2024 (Rain date: July 7)

Springfield Lake – Rock the Docks Festival

Where: 2459 Canfield Rd., Akron, OH 44312

When: June 27-30, 2024

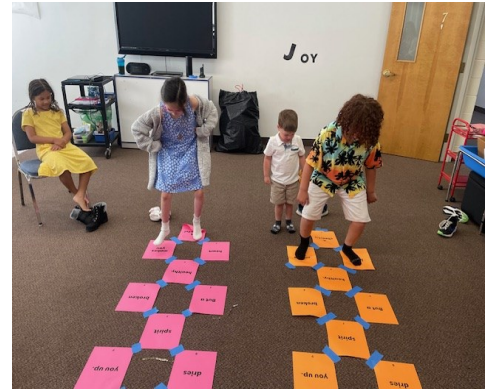
[Ultimate Guide of 4th of July Fireworks in Northeast Ohio {2024} \(northeastohiofamilyfun.com\)](https://northeastohiofamilyfun.com)

Sunday School Corner

*July's Theme: **JOY***

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

JOY is choosing to celebrate what God is doing.



We are moving into summer session, so expect games, crafts,
a snack, and The Story Lab! Come see us!

Sundays, 9:20- 10:15 am in Room 7



The Music Ministry - *Happy Summer!*

As we enjoy a slower pace (and hotter weather), please enjoy some free music opportunities that are available in the Greater Akron Area.

The Akron Symphony Orchestra is hosting free concerts at the following parks:

- * July 28, 2024, 7:30 PM Forest Lodge Park
- * 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:

- July 18: Wishgarden (Rock)
- August 1: The Belairs (Oldies)

Enjoy some beautiful music as you relax this summer!



Fiddler on the Roof

The Dynamics Community Theater of Tallmadge presents the classic musical Fiddler on the Roof. Pastor Andy, Annie, Madeline, Emma, and Isaiah Alberts are all participating in this production. Chad Kendall, our AV director and pianist, is the Musical Director.

Performances Dates are July 19, 20 26, & 27 at 7:00 pm and a Sunday matinee on July 21 at 2:00 pm. All the shows will take place at the Tallmadge High School Auditorium.

Tickets Are Now On Sale. [Dynamics Community Theater \(dynamicstheater.org\)](https://dynamicstheater.org)

Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Youth Car Wash

Sunday, July 7 from 12:00 am - 4:00 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.

Completed:

Stripe & seal of parking lot completed

Additional handicap spaces

Misc. parking lot repair

Wall repair behind water stations

Upcoming Projects:

Church sign





Preschool and King's Kids



SUMMER CAMP!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am No Bible Study 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	2 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	3 KK Summer Field Trip (gym, pavilion) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Klicman)	4 Independence Day Church Office closed	5 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	6
7 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 - 4:00pm Youth Car Wash & Lunch	8 No BOD meeting 8:30am Food Pantry Pick-Up 9:30am No Bible Study	9 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	10 KK Summer Field Trip (gym, pavilion) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera)	11	12	13
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Birthdays

- 1 Eden Parmelee
2 Bob Knepper
9 Jeannine Case
10 Mary Ann Kaiser
10 Lisa Smith
11 Isaac Alberts
12 Ashley Fosnight
12 Maksim Kodzev
13 John McDowell

14 Alec Wilkins
16 Christopher Harsey
17 Jacob Hanchett
20 Nicolas Ross
20 Michael Packy
22 Elaine Bloom
22 Beth Hauser
22 Gail McAllister
22 Owen Harsey
23 Kathleen Hanchett

Anniversaries

- 3 Mr. & Mrs. Jay Downey
4 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Detzel
6 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Goebelt
11 Mr. & Mrs. Trent Wright
12 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Olson
14 Pastor & Mrs. Andrew Alberts
16 Mr. & Mrs. Brian Kuntz
26 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Staszak
31 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Conley



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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.

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Tallmadge Christian Preschool
King's Kids School-Age Child Care

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