

Sunday Worship Services:

8:00 & 10:30 am

Bible Studies: 9:20 am

Sunday School: 9:15 am

The Living Light

TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Who's Your ONE?



A person's last words, their final articulated words stated prior to departing this world, often carry a great deal of weight and importance. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, both the Gospel of Matthew and the Book of Acts record Jesus' final words of guidance for his disciples.

In the book of Acts, Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my **witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The disciple Matthew recorded Jesus giving his disciples the Great Commission before rising into heaven: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore **go** and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching** them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20). Jesus' final words point to the importance and the urgency of telling people around the world about His death on the cross and His glorious resurrection from the dead. Tell everyone that Jesus Christ is God's Son, the Savior for all people.

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The second article of the constitution of Tallmadge Lutheran Church states: **The mission of this congregation is to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ.** This is the purpose TLC was started with in 1960. And this is the purpose of TLC today!



This month of September, I am challenging every member of TLC to be praying, “God, give me ONE PERSON I could bring to Jesus.” Just

imagine...what if every believer could identify one person, someone who is far from God – a person for whom they’re committing to praying for and with whom they seek to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. Perhaps there is someone where you work, a person you go to school with, a neighbor or a member of your family who needs to know and follow Jesus. Pray, “Father, help me identify ONE PERSON to pray for and to share the love of Jesus Christ with.”

Jesus is inviting you and me to go on mission *with* Him and not go *for* Him. We pray and serve and love and laugh and the Lord takes care of the rest! Our job as followers of Jesus is to watch for, recognize, and then respond to the work Jesus is already doing in the lives of the people around us and for us to join Him always being mindful that God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the one who changes hearts and brings people to trust and believe in Him.

Carrying Jesus into the world is so important because we are living at a time where so many people won’t even consider coming into a church building.



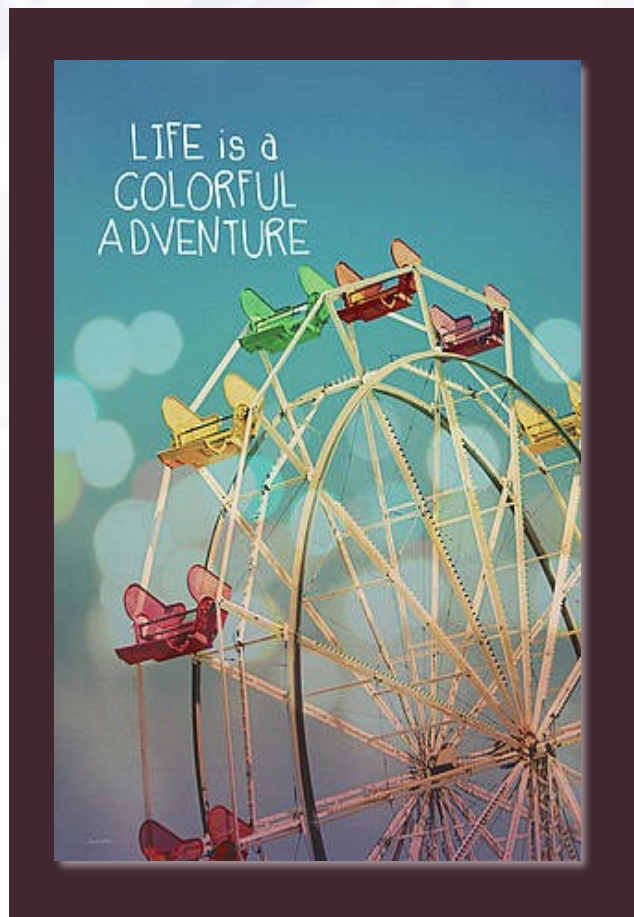
Through our prayers and service and compassion, we, the Church, can go to the world and embody the very things for which they long. The Church needs to be the people through whom the grace and truth of Jesus Christ are experienced by others in real life.

At times, it may seem like the mission of being witnesses for Jesus is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us.

The truth is we can’t do everything...but each of us can do something! Each of us can take responsibility for one—one person who is not following Jesus. And, because of God’s power and the work of His Spirit, each of our ones can add up to make a significant impact for God’s kingdom!

Sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with you!

Pastor Andy



Marriage Connect Group

This is a perfect time for anyone who has always wanted to be a part of a small group to join us. If you are married and want to be in community and strengthen your marriage, please join us! The more the merrier!

We also enjoy great food together.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 pm. We are beginning a new study called "Cherish: The One Word that Changes Everything For Your Marriage" by Gary Thomas. This is a video based study so it will be the same format we have all grown accustomed to.

Chicken thighs and salad will be served! Please bring a side dish or dessert. Hope to see many people there.

~ Trent and Alisha

Operation Christmas Child

Our packing party is quickly approaching and our school supplies are still lower than last year. I'd like to continue to collect school supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, markers, glue sticks, scissors, etc.). Let's take advantage of the great sales and clearance items.

Of course, if you like shopping and see other great items on sale, that's great too!

I greatly appreciate all the support with this ministry all year long. This is definitely a "church" ministry. God's blessing to all of you. ~ Trent & Alisha

TLC Book Club

On Monday, September 16, we will be talking about: *The One Truth* by Jon Gordon. This book "guides you on a path to discover revolutionary insights, ancient truths and practical strategies to elevate your mind, unlock your power and live life to the fullest."

Wise Owls

The next Wise Owl meeting is Saturday, September 21, 12:00 pm in Room 12. Ruth Lynch & Dorothy Taiclet are leading. The theme is "crafts."

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.

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.



Monday Morning Bible Study

Led by Pastor Andy at 9:30 am in Room 12 will resume
Monday, September 16

Monday Night Bible Study

Bible study resumes September 9 at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room. The class is led by Jeanne Colosetti. The theme is "Re-Finding Your Purpose."

All are welcome!

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Bible study will resume September 12 at 10:00 am in Room 12.

Many of us have prodigals who have walked away from God and/or family. We will begin the year studying a book called "Come Home" by Tim Sheets. He will guide us on how to use God's word to pray for our prodigals. God is calling them home. May we see the fruits of our efforts as we gather together to study and pray.

Join us as we begin this new study.

Questions? Contact Kathy Vanaman: (H) 330-630-3418
(C) 330-631-3290 (E) Email vanamank55@gmail.com.

The Women's Fellowship

The group will meet the THIRD Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in Room 12 starting September 19.

Come enjoy a dinner/potluck and a program.

Stay tuned for more information!

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.

MITES Sunday

MITE collection boxes can always be found in the Narthex and on the Donation Nook. Please place boxes in Sandy Dixon's mailbox.

The next MITE Sunday is November, 10.

Thank you for your support! -Sandy Dixon



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.) Books for Christmas & Easter..

A sign-up sheet is located by the mailboxes. You may sign up for as many students as you like.

For more information and if you are interested in this wonderful outreach program, please contact Gail McAlister, gmcalister1@neo.rr.com or Lindsay in the church office, secretary@tlcoh.org



Blessings of Backpacks

Another successful packing party resulted in 64 stuffed backpacks to share with our Tallmadge Christian Preschool, Mom's & Toddler classes, along with sharing any extras with King's Kids and Tallmadge Schools.

A huge thank you to Gail for coordinating this annual event and to all who made donations or helped with the packing!

What a blessing and outreach these will be for anyone who receives one!

TLC's Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is looking to recruit new members to the board for 2025.

The board meets once per month, members serve a two-year term, and handles the business of the church.

Openings include(4): Treasurer, Secretary, and two At-Large positions

If you would like more information about the board or would like to sit in on a meeting, please reach out to any board member for information:

Jim Bergmann, Chair

Kris Kodzev, Vice-Chair

Denny Gearhart, Treasurer

Gail McAlister, Secretary

John Dailey, Head Elder

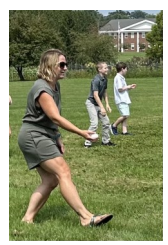
At-Large positions, Ellen Tywon, Daryl Parma, & Denny Holzer



Tallmadge Lutheran Church

2024 Church Picnic

The Annual Church picnic had a great turn-out this year! Under sunny, warm skies, the pavilion was filled with delicious food and fun conversations! The kids enjoyed the bubbles, along with the unbreakable egg toss and the water balloon toss! Thank you to the Board of Directors for their hosting of a successful event! Thank you to everyone that came and joined in the fellowship



IN THE COMMUNITY

Back to School - God bless all students & faculty! Good luck this year!

9/11 Remembrance - Wednesday, September 11. We remember those who have fallen during the attack on September 11 with a candle lit service. At 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed if you would like to serve.

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!



Sunday School Corner

September's Theme: *Compassion*

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

COMPASSION is caring enough to do something about someone
else's needs.



We are getting ready for the fall session. Please join us for Kick-Off
Sunday on September 8. You don't want to mis it!

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!

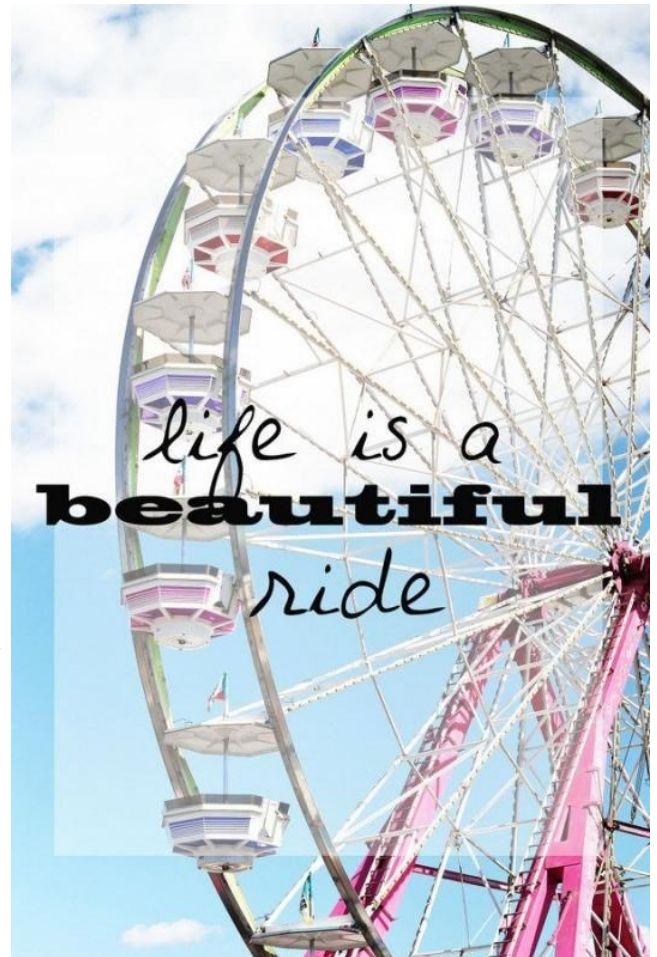
Game! Learning our Bible verse for September thru a “fishing” game!

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!*



THE MUSIC MINISTRY

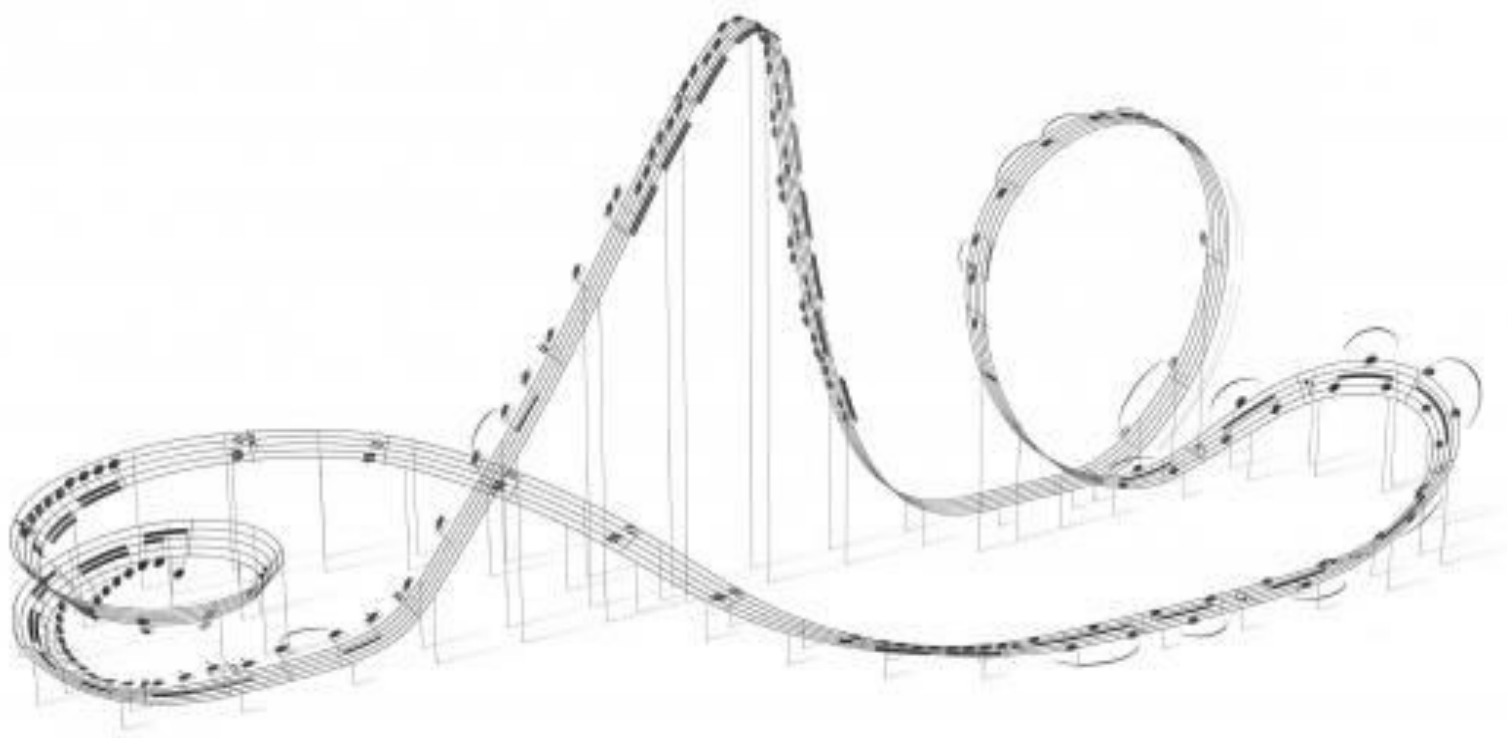
Happy September!

As school begins, our music ministries begin anew.

Our chancel choir is open to all people from high school age on up.
If you enjoy singing or just want to learn more about our fun and fellowship,
please come join us!

We meet on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary.
Our first rehearsal will be on September 4, but you are welcome anytime!

There may be some opportunities for children to sing for a few of our special services.
Be on the lookout for announcements in the bulletin and in your email.





TALLMADGE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



Mrs. VanSickle is starting her 3rd year teaching the 3 year old class at TCP.
She has been working with preschoolers for 10 yrs.

Mrs. VanSickle is a nature-loving soul with a passion for teaching and spreading the love of Jesus. She and her husband are proud parents to 2 daughters,
3 feline friends and a gecko.
She loves messy art and having fun in the classroom.

The Annual Preschool Back to School Night for parents was a success!

Parents got to enjoy a meal made by wonderful volunteers, meet their child's teachers, and see where their child will be learning each and every day!

We are excited for the new year to begin in September!

Thank you to everyone who made this happen!



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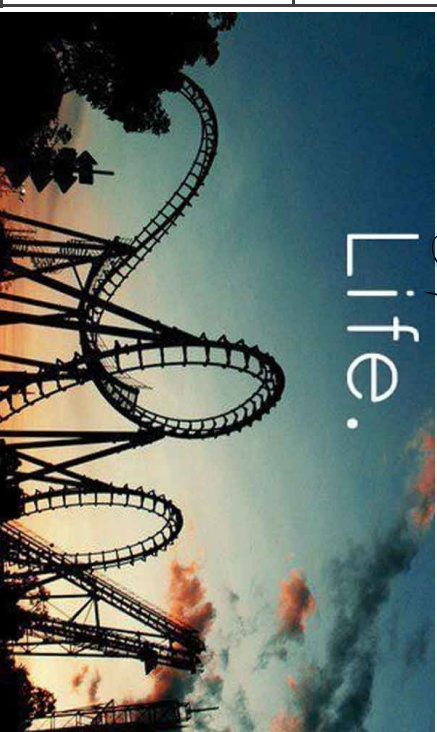
Birthdays

- 2 Thomas Strand
2 Annie Alberts
2 Natalie Harsey
4 Molly Kuntz
4 Ruth Lynch
4 James Riley
5 Sara Vanaman
7 Lindsay Harsey
8 Kaleb Wendland
10 Paul Dussel

13 Jeffrey Carley
13 Barbara Fink
14 Karen Reschke
14 LouEllen Kirkendall
17 William Graf
18 Sandra Dixon
21 Kasey Parmelee
21 Kaye McDowell
26 Richard Himmelfreich
26 Regina Kodzev
26 Mary Huck
28 Myra Barrett
28 Walter Ruggles

Anniversaries

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Sandmann
24 Mr. & Mrs. Paul LeVan
28 Mr. & Mrs. Denny Holzer



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	3 9:00am Staff Meeting 10:00am Bible Study (Rm 12)	4 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Klicman) 6:30pm Confirmation Orientation & Acolyte Training 7:00pm Choir	5	6 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	7
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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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