

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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God is in Control



Do you ever look at the things that happen in your life and the things that are going on in the world around us and feel like everything is out of control? Questions arise. Why do things happen the way they do? Why do bad things happen to good people? Is everything just spinning out of control? Regardless how chaotic things

may appear in the world or in your life understand that God is on His throne and God is in control. The Holy Spirit is at move in this world expanding the Kingdom of Christ and ordering events according to God's gracious will.

This month of November, I want to remind you all that all things are under God's control. Throughout Scripture, God represents Himself as the absolute ruler of His created universe. God is in absolute control of all things, the world we live in, all nature, all governments, as well as your life and mine. As we have been studying the book of Daniel the past few months, one of the truths from God's Word that has struck me again and again is this: in spite of present appearances, God is in control. God really is king and in charge and His kingdom is the one that lasts.

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It's remarkable to me that more than 150 years before Cyrus—who would become the ruler of Persia and the Medes—was born, Isaiah prophesied (*Isaiah 45:1-3*) that the Lord would use Cyrus to free the Israelites from their Babylonian captivity. In this remarkable prophecy God speaks of holding Cyrus's hand enabling him to subdue many nations including the Syrians, Assyrians, Arabians, Cappadocians, Phrygians, the Lydians, Carians, Phoenicians, the Bactrians, Indians and Babylonians. The ancient Greek historian Herodotus said that Cyrus vanquished whatsoever country he invaded.

As we consider the presidential election at hand, Romans 13 verse 1 is a great verse to remember: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." The point is that God is in control of all history. History is no more than "His Story."



Ultimately what is God seeking to work and will in this world? God's purpose is two-fold: 1) To bring glory to His name - "...they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other;" and 2) To preserve a people for His glory - "For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name..."

One of the great promises the Lord gives us is found in **Romans 8:28-30**:

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."



However messy things look on the outside, God is at work behind the scenes in our lives to accomplish His eternal purpose. And He will accomplish it, for His own glory. It is important to note that the scriptures teach all things "work together *for* good" not that all things *are* good; and that they "work together for good to those who love God" - for those who are saved who have been called and have accept Christ as Lord.

We often try to figure out the "whys?" and want to understand the things that happen in the world. I've heard it said, "The Bible never once says 'Figure it out,' but over and over it says 'Trust God'. He's already got it all figured out!" If you know Christ the writers of the New Testament assure us that our Father does indeed have everything under control in our lives. One of the marks of spiritual maturity is the quiet confidence that God is in control without the need to understand why He does what He does. Because God is in control we need to simply trust Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:24

"He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."

Because God is in control we need to let go and let God. Letting go is admitting that we are really not in control and allowing God to control our lives. We need to let go of our own will and submit to the will of God. Letting go also means giving glory to God for everything that transpires in our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

God has got this!

Trusting in Jesus and giving thanks in all things with you,

Pastor Andy

Butterfly Garden

A dedication was held on September 28 to officially kick off the project by the local scout troops.

The garden is starting to be filled with a variety of plants that will be beautiful for years to come!

Feel free to walk out and see the progress! The scout troops are grateful to partner with TLC!



Pumpkins With A Purpose

Thank you to all who helped or participated with Pumpkins with a Purpose. We had 29 kiddos come together in the pavilion to hear how to shine Jesus' light like a Christian pumpkin and carve their own pumpkin designs. It was a beautiful day shared with members, friends and preschool families.

You can find resources including our Pumpkin Prayer in the narthex on Sundays.

Thank you to the Dussel Family for your generous donation of pumpkins for our event!



Thanksgiving Tree

Take a walk past the coatrack and check out the new Thankful Tree.

Choose a leaf.

Write what you are thankful for.

Stick it to the tree.

Let's fill the tree with leaves of gratitude.



Poinsettias for the Altar

It is time to order your Poinsettias to adorn the Altar this Christmas. We will be ordering double stem Poinsettias in 7.5" pots, the cost per plant is \$16.00.

To order your plant(s), complete a Poinsettia Order envelope, indicating quantity, color (red, white or jingle bells), and if in memory of a loved one or a blessing.

Place a check, payable to "Tallmadge Lutheran Church" in the envelope and place it in Becky Springer's mailbox. Orders should be placed by Sunday, November 24 to guarantee availability.

Poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas Eve late service.

TLC's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Come to the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 17 after the late service.

The meal will consist of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry relish and rolls/corn muffins with butter.

Last name starting A - L, please bring a non-perishable item for the Food Pantry

Last name M - Z, please bring a dessert to share.

A sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes.

Please remember to sign-up so we have plenty of food!

Time & Talent

Please complete a Time & Talent Survey and place in the metal basket next to the offering plate in the narthex or the church secretary's mailbox.

We are hoping to form more ministry teams that will focus on serving and creating ministry opportunities for our members and in our community.

Daylight Savings

Sunday, November 3.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour.



TLC's Holiday Schedule

Sunday, November 17

11:45 am Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 27

6:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 4

5:00 pm Advent Supper hosted by the BOD

6:30 pm Advent Worship

Wednesday, December 11

5:00 pm Advent Supper hosted by the BOE

6:30 pm Advent Worship

Sunday, December 15

8:00 & 10:30 am TLC's Christmas Cantata

Wednesday, December 18

5:00 pm Advent Supper hosted by the Music Ministry

6:30 pm Advent Worship

Sunday, December 22

10:30 am Children's Sunday School Program

Tuesday, December 24

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

10:00 pm Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Worship

Tuesday, December 31

6:30 pm New Year's Eve Worship

Operation Christmas Child

OCC Collection Week

This is a big month for us! Collection week for Operation Christmas Child is from November 18 through November 25. We encourage everyone to please take an empty shoebox (or several!) from the Narthex display. Be sure to return them (full) during one of the posted drop-off times. There is a label and suggestion list in each box. Please return them no later than Sunday, November 24.

There is a sign-up sheet by the mailboxes for needed volunteers as well as the many volunteers needed for our pizza / packing party again on Thursday, November 21. Our packing party last year was a lot of fun and a huge success. Be sure to sign the sheet if you plan on showing up so we know how much pizza to order. We will have Gionino's pizza.

If you wish to donate more items for our packing party, please drop them off no later than Sunday, November 17. We can always use more crayons, soap and washcloths. All donations can be placed in the grey donation nook OR the new OCC Basket in the Library.

-Alisha Wright

Monday, November 18, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 19, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, November 20, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, November 21, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, November 22, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 23, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 24, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Monday, November 25, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Please remember that each box we pack during the packing party also needs to be shipped! It does cost \$10 per box to do so. If you would like to make a donation for shipping costs, please make the check payable to "Samaritan's Purse" and give it to Trent or Alisha Wright. Thank you! 6:00 pm*



TLC Book Club

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

For November, we will continue discussing the book: *Faithfully Different: Regaining Biblical Clarity in a Secular Culture* by Natasha Crain.

Consider picking up this book and joining in the discussion on Monday, November 18 at 7:00 pm. In *Faithfully Different*, author and apologist Natasha Crain shares how you can live out your faith with conviction, discernment, and courage

Marriage Connect Group

What a great time we have every month! If you have considered joining the group, please do! The only requirement is to be married :) November is a very busy month with OCC and Thanksgiving. Because of this, we are having group early in the month.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 7 at 6:00 pm. Our next study is titled..."Cherishing your Unique Spouse". Let's do our favorite food...BREAKFAST! Hope to see many of you.



Wise Owls

The next Wise Owl meeting, led by Pam Klicman, is Saturday, November 16, 12:00 pm in Room 12.

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 MITES Sunday is November 10.
Thank you for your support! -Sandy

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship now has its own area in the Library, including a bulletin board and basket for Shelter Care donations. Check it out!

Haven of Rest Women's Auxiliary Luncheon is Tuesday, November 5 at 11:00 am.

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.

Welcome to Tallmadge Lutheran Church

Would you or a group be interested in sprucing up the front door area of the sanctuary?

Seasonal flowers and plants, mums for the fall, & potted flowers for spring.

Make TLC Beautiful! Inside & Out!

Let's show TLC members and guests how well we take care of God's house.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Veterans' Day Breakfast at Tallmadge High School

Honoring all who served on Friday, November 8 from 9:00 – 10:30 am. At the Tallmadge High School. 140 N Munroe Road (Door 22). Please call 330.633.5505 ext. 111.

Veterans' Day Observance

November 10, 2023 at 10:00 am. The Tallmadge American Legion, Kneil-Lawrentz Post 255 hosts a traditional Veterans Day program at the Historic Church on Tallmadge Circle. The program begins with speakers inside the Historic Church and then moves outside to the Veterans Park area for a 21 gun salute. Music is provided by the Tallmadge High School Band.

Tallmadge Leaf Pick-Up begins Monday, November 4

The Tallmadge Circular.: [c66fbb7d-3707-434e-a093-8bc101a9487f.pdf](#)

The City of Tallmadge News & Events - [Tallmadge, OH | Official Website \(tallmadge-ohio.org\)](#)



Sunday School Corner

November's Theme: *Generosity*

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

GENEROSITY is about making someone's day by giving something away.



SUNDAYS- 9:20- 10:15 am in Room 7!

Opening with all grades and then we will split into 2 groups for
additional lessons! Hope to see you there!



THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Christmas Is Coming!

Our Chancel choir and Jubilate Bells are beginning to look at Christmas music....
and we want you to join us!

Christmas is a great time to step into our music ensembles.
Maybe you just want to try it out, or cannot commit to the full season...
this is a great time to give it a whirl!

If you would like to join one of our groups for the Christmas season,
please contact Annie Alberts and she will get you the information you need!

TLC is still looking for
a new handbell director.
If God is calling you to help lead a music group,
please talk to Annie Alberts.



Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Leaf Raking

The Youth Ministry will be raking leaves for members on Saturday, November 23. Please sign up by the mailboxes.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jared Shoup, jshoup@ohva.org.

Lock-In & Candy Making

Friday November 8 at 6:00 pm - Saturday November 9, 8:00 am pick up.

The youth will enjoy the evening together as well as engage in candy making throughout the night.

TLC Building Projects

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

Completed:

- Doors 1, 2 & 3 repaired
- Food Pantry moved to its new location
- Storm clean-up complete
- Grounds fall clean-up complete
- Fire door inspection complete
- Shelter Care & OCC donation area in Library
- Mailbox area facelift
- Boiler repair
- Youth Room clean-up

Upcoming Projects:

- Gutter & downspout work
- Office floor vent repair
- Library facelift





Hi, I'm Mrs. Osburn.

This is my fifth year with TCP. I work as the teachers assistant in the 4's class!

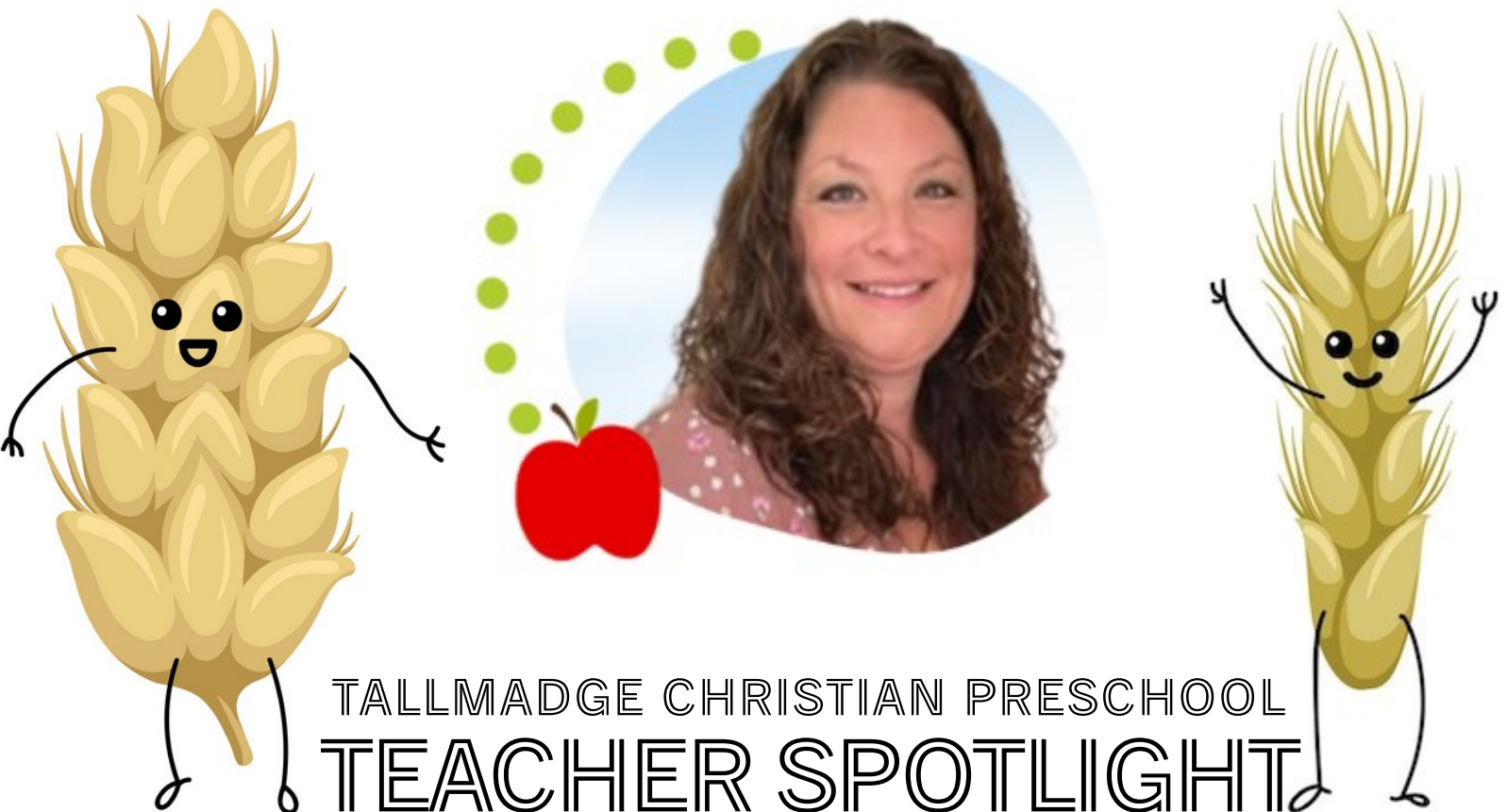
One of my favorite parts of my day is creating new crafts with all of the little ones.

I really enjoy working with the 4 year olds.

I've been happily married for 20 years, to my amazing husband Jeremy. I have two beautiful daughters, Savannah (15) and Sofie (12). We also have a 4 year old golden doodle named Gracie! I enjoy crafts, reading, and family time.

My favorite place is the beach!

My family and I love TCP and my oldest daughter can still remember the fun times she had here! I am so blessed to be working here and I look forward to making fun memories with all of you!



Tallmadge Christian Preschool Food Drive

November 18 - November 22

Tallmadge Lutheran Church runs a food pantry that supports families within our community. We partner with The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank, but we also need donations to help fill the monthly food bags. Your donations will be especially helpful during the holiday months when people really struggle.

This is where you **CAN** help.



Items needed: cereal bars, cookies, crackers, canned fruit, canned soup, toilet paper, Kleenex, toothpaste, PB&J, 43.5oz coffee.

Thank you for considering this important ministry!

Cash donations are always welcome!

Birthdays

- 4 Olivia Hedderly

5 Dorothy Murray

6 Kris Kodzev

9 Gerald Downey

9 Susan Pifer

11 David Dailey

11 Ethel Walent

11 Shelia Cambern

14 Daryl Parma

16 Brent Ralston
- 18 Deborah Cochran

18 Beth Niermann

19 Henry Schuster

22 Chris Tywon

22 Walter Fowles

24 Rebecca Bailey

24 Alisha Wright

25 Chase Groubert

27 Denise Larson

28 Dorothy Taiclet

29 Joyce Downey

Anniversaries

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Phipps
- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Currier



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 King' Kids Trick or Treat 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	2
3 All Saints Day Daylight Savings 8:00am Worship 9-15am Sunday School (Rms 4 & 7) 9:20am Bible Study Study (Youth Rm)	4 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 5:30pm Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	5	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Klicman) 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm - 8:45pm Choir	7 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Marriage Connect Group (Rm 12)	8 6:00pm Youth Lock in/ Candy making	9
10 Receiving New Members MITES 8:00am Worship 9-15am Sunday School (Rms 4 & 7) 9:20am Bible Study Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Strat Op/TLC Forum	11 Veterans' Day 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	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 6:30pm Confirmation 7:00pm - 8:45pm Choir	14 10:00am Bible Study	15	16 Thanksgiving Dinner set-up (gym) 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

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