

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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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025

SUMMER GRACE

Summer has arrived! School is out, vacation plans are underway, and many of us are looking forward to a change of pace. While summer often brings relaxation and family time, it can also present unique challenges to our spiritual lives. How do we continue growing in faith when our routines are disrupted? How do we stay connected to our church family when we're traveling? How do we share Jesus in the midst of summer fun?

Finding God in the Season

Summer reminds us of God's creativity and goodness. The psalmist declares, "You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every beast of the field" (Psalm 104:10-11). As we enjoy God's creation—whether at the lake, in our gardens, or simply watching a beautiful sunset—we're reminded that our heavenly Father delights in blessing His children. Let creation itself become a means of growing closer to your Creator.

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Staying Rooted in the Word

Just as plants need consistent watering to thrive in summer heat, our souls need regular nourishment from God's Word. Even when your schedule changes, make Scripture reading a daily priority. Consider these summer-friendly approaches:

- **Pack Light, Pack Scripture:** Bring a pocket New Testament on trips, or use a Bible app on your phone. Even five minutes of daily reading can keep your heart anchored in God's promises.
- **Family Devotions on the Go:** Turn car trips into opportunities for faith sharing. Read a psalm together, discuss the day's events through the lens of faith, or simply pray together as you travel.
- **Summer Psalm Challenge:** Work through the Psalms during the summer months. These ancient prayers and praises are perfect companions for both quiet mornings and busy days.

Staying Connected to Your Church Family

Your congregation doesn't take a summer vacation, even if you do! Here are a few ways to stay engaged and connected with your church family at TLC:

- **Sunday Worship First:** When you're in town, prioritize Sunday worship. The means of grace—Word and Sacrament—are God's gifts to strengthen your faith. There's no substitute for gathering with fellow believers around the altar.
- **Visit Other Lutheran Churches:** If you're traveling, find an LCMS congregation to visit. It's a wonderful way to experience the unity we share in Christ across different communities while maintaining your connection to Jesus through His Word and Sacraments.
- **Stay Connected Digitally:** Follow up on worship services you might miss through online options, stay connected through church social media, and keep up with church news through our Wednesday email blast.
- **Summer Service Opportunities:** Look for ways to serve during the summer months. Whether it's helping with Vacation Bible School, participating in a mission project, or simply reaching out to fellow members who might be lonely, summer service keeps us connected to our calling as the body of Christ.

Sharing Jesus Wherever You Are

Summer provides unique opportunities to share the Gospel. Your everyday interactions can become Gospel moments:

- **Vacation Witnessing:** The people you meet while traveling may never cross your path again, making your witness especially precious. A kind word, a helping hand, or simply living out your faith with joy can plant seeds of the Gospel.
- **Neighborhood Connections:** Summer activities like block parties, community events, and casual conversations over the fence create natural opportunities to build relationships and share your faith story.
- **Serve with Love:** Whether you're helping a neighbor with yard work or volunteering at a community event, let your service be a reflection of Christ's love for you. People notice genuine care and often ask about its source.
- **Invite Others:** Summer is a perfect time to invite neighbors, coworkers, or friends to church events. Our relaxed summer schedule, outdoor services, or special events can feel less intimidating to those who might be hesitant about visiting church.

Rest and Renewal

Remember that God Himself established the pattern of rest. Even in your summer activities, make time for true sabbath rest—not just physical relaxation, but spiritual renewal. Use quieter summer moments for prayer, reflection, and simply enjoying God's presence....

Confirmation Sunday, May 5, 2025

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray, and He invites you to do the same. Whether it's an early morning on the deck with your coffee and Bible, or a peaceful evening walk while talking with God, these moments of rest in Him are not luxuries—they're necessities for spiritual health.

So go ahead—enjoy your summer! Rest, play, explore, and make memories. But do it all as one who has been claimed by Christ, loved by the Father, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Let this summer be a season of growth in grace, deeper connections with others, and bold sharing of the hope that is within you.

May God bless your summer with His presence, and may you be a blessing to everyone you meet along the way.

In Christ,

Pastor Andy



Congratulations Isiaha, Mason, Addison and Kaitlyn

Samaritan's Feet Sneaker Drive

Please find a bin in the Library marked *Samaritan's Feet* for the purpose of collection your new, or like new (place these shoes in a separate bag), used and worn-out sneakers to be used by others for the mission of Samaritans Feet.

Thank you for overflowing the bin with new and used shoes!! We have collected 15 new sneakers and 25 used sneakers. All other footwear will be donated.

The goal is 200 sneakers!

Let's make it happen!

Any questions, please contact Susan Olson, shireyolson7@gmail.com. Flyer attached.

TLC: Vision 2030:

A Thriving, Vibrant and Connected Christ-Centered Church Embracing Community, Service and One Another

TLC: Vision 2030

By 2030, Tallmadge Lutheran Church will be a thriving, vibrant church connecting every person to Jesus Christ and to one another. Our church will be a safe harbor providing warmth and fellowship that refreshes and equips people to share God's love and joyfully live in Christ.

Connection and Community

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will build a church that is alive with the spirit of community, rich in faith where relationships are nurtured, and every individual is valued and included. Through intergenerational interactions and support, we will build a community where relationships are strengthened and people of all ages experience a profound sense of belonging.

Faith Development

We will work together to create a place where every person experiences the transformative power of God's unconditional love through vibrant worship grounded in God's Word and Sacraments that connects us with God's presence. Through Bible study, prayer, and a variety of fellowship events, we will support each individual member's journey in faith, helping them to deepen their relationship with Christ and live out their faith in meaningful ways.

Diverse Ministry and Social Activities

We will offer a variety of ministries and social activities that meet people right where they are. From dynamic ministries and programs for children and youth, to hands-on family-oriented events, to programs for senior members, there will be something for everyone, ensuring that all members can find their place and purpose within Tallmadge Lutheran Church.

Service and Participation

Secure in our identity as people loved by God, TLC will be known as a serving community, characterized by individuals who are eager to serve and willing to participate. We envision a church where members take ownership and accountability for the success of the church, actively engaging in its activities and ministries. By empowering individuals to use their gifts and talents, we will cultivate a culture of service and caring.

Conclusion

Our vision for 2030 is a church that is alive with the spirit of community, rich in faith, and dedicated to service. We strive to be a place of hope and love, reflecting the teachings of Christ in all that we do. Together, we will build a thriving, vibrant church that honors God and brings joy to all.

Marriage Connect Group

We would like to thank all the participants of our inaugural Chili Cookoff, which was a fun success.

We are excited to announce the start of our new study titled 'Vertical Marriage' on Thursday, June 26 at 6:00 pm. The first session is titled 'The Elusive Secret: Putting Your Relationship with God First.'

If you have been considering joining our group, this is an excellent opportunity to become part of our fellowship.

Pulled pork sliders and coleslaw will be provided, and we kindly ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Hope to see many of you there!

~ Trent and Alisha

Operation Christmas Child

We have reached the midpoint of the year! Let us continue our momentum in collecting.

For the month of June, I would like to emphasize the collection of personal care items.

Please be aware of the recent announcement that has been posted regarding the discontinuation of soap donations. *Soap will no longer be accepted.*

Examples of the desired items include hairbrushes, combs, water bottles, washcloths, nail clippers, fun bandages, sets of eating utensils, etc.

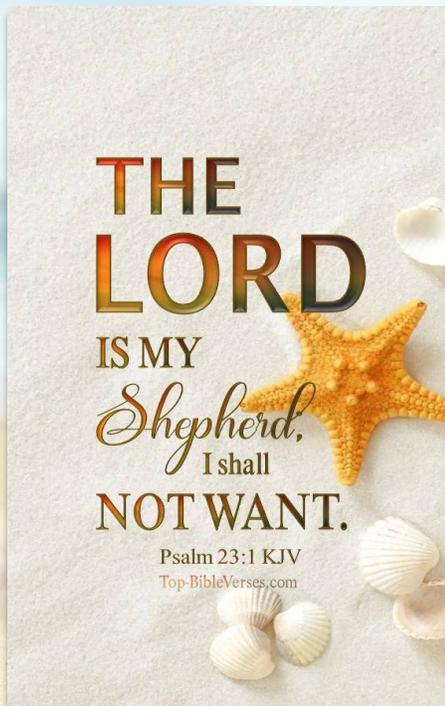
Thank you to each and every one of you for your assistance and support of this remarkable ministry

~ Alisha

TLC Book Club

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

Book Club is taking June and July off. See you in August!



The Wise Owls

The Wise Owls are heading to Hartville Kitchen on Saturday, June 21. All are welcome! A sign-up sheet is by the mailboxes.

Drivers Needed! If you are willing to drive a few members to Hartville, the Owls will buy your lunch! What a great deal!! Please mark the sign-up sheet.

Regular meetings are on the third Saturday of the month at 12:00 pm in Room 12.

MITES Sunday

MITE collections will be on the following Sundays in 2025:

June 29, August 31, and November 30.

Tuesday Prayer Group

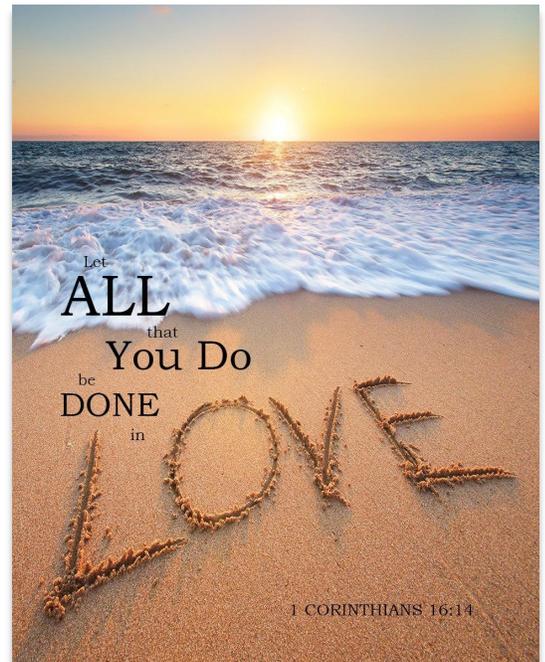
Kathy Vanaman and Pastor Andy will be lifting up prayer requests to the Lord on Tuesdays at 11:30 am in the TLC Sanctuary. Please join us in praying for our nation, for our families, for the sick, for those who don't know the Lord.

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 Tallmudge 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 330-256-8819



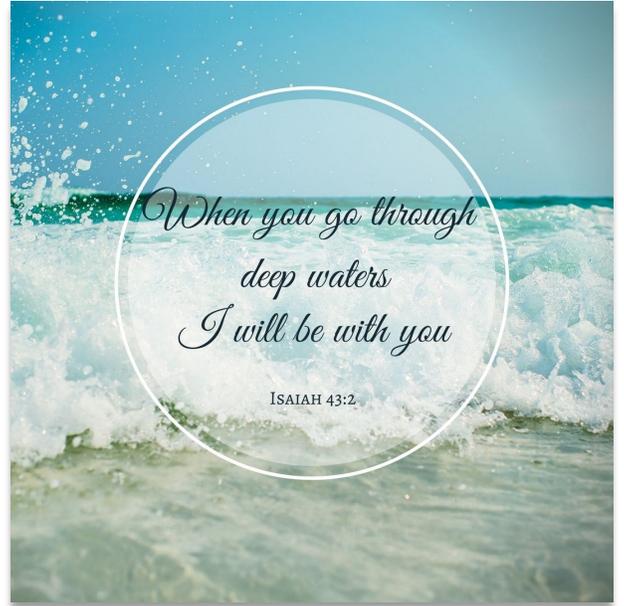
The Who's Who at TLC

Board of Elders

John Dailey, head
Marty Hauser
Jim Bailey
Chris Tywon
Jim Case
Dan Fosnight
Todd Hedderly
Bob Knepper
Eric Fink

Board of Directors

Jim Bergmann, president
Kris Kodzev, vice chair
Brian Kuntz, treasurer
Ellen Tywon, secretary
Bert Holz
Daryl Parma
Heidi Wojcik
Cindy Strand
Dan Conley
Kathy Vanaman



Staff

Pastor Andy, Pastor
Annie Alberts, Music Ministry
LaVonne Dolliver, Organist
Chad Kendal, piano & AV
Debbie Ruggles, Finance Manager
Lindsay Snyder, Secretary & Facilities
Sue Pifer, Nursery attendant
Lara Miller, TCP director
Patti Trettel, KK Director
Laurene Malish and Ben & Val Jews, Custodians

Altar Guild: Becky Springer, head; Janet Buckles, Kathy Vanaman, Ellen Tywon, & Gail McAlister

Altar Flower Orders/Flower Chart: Lindsay Snyder/Becky Springer

Bible Study Leaders: Pastor Andy, John Dailey, Chris Tywon, Brian Kuntz, Gail McAlister, Jeanne Colosetti, Kathy Vanaman, and Jeannine Case

Book Club: Pastor Andy

Master Calendar: Lindsay Snyder

Children's Ministry/Sunday School: Gail McAlister

Confirmation: Pastor Andy

Easter Breakfast: Youth Group

Facility Rental: Lindsay Snyder

Finance/Auditors: Denise Larson & Denny Gearhart

Food Pantry: Gail McAlister

Funeral Luncheons: Gail McAlister & Pam Klicman

Historian: Ethel Walent

KidMin Ministries: Regina Kodzev

Librarian: Denise Larson

Lillies at Easter & Poinsettias at Christmas: Becky Springer

Marriage Connect Group: Alisha & Trent Wright

Operation Christmas Child (OCC): Alisha Wright

Outreach Activities for Preschool & King's Kids:

Gail McAlister, coordinator

Prayer Buddies: Lindsay Snyder & Gail McAlister

Prayer Chain: Kathy Vanaman, Sandee Mick

Prayer Shawl, MITES & LWML: Sandy Dixon

Readers for Worship/Scheduler: Lindsay Snyder

Sewing for Service: Pam Klicman

Shelter Care (donations): Jeannine Case

Strat Op/2030 Vision: Marty Hauser, facilitator

Thanksgiving Dinner: Gail McAlister, coordinator;
Kevin Heilmeyer, head chef

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Regina Kodzev

Wise Owls: Fae & Larry Broemsen

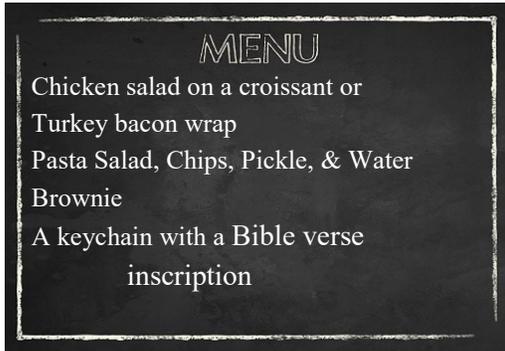
Women's Fellowship: Jeannine Case

Youth Ministry: Jen Larson, Jared Shoup

Tallmadge Elementary School

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

When you hear, "it takes a village," that's what it took to organize, plan, precook, assemble, and package 120 lunches for the teachers of Tallmadge Schools!



The menu was set and executed.



The preschool kids decorated the lunch boxes.

*Let my teaching fall on you like rain; let my speech settle like dew.
 Let my words fall like rain on tender grass,
 like gentle showers on young plants. – Deuteronomy 32:2*

Just as rain nourishes and brings new life, teachers provide the nourishment of knowledge and wisdom that supports students on many levels.
 You are a blessing to our students!

We appreciate you!

Your friends at
 Tallmadge
 Lutheran Church



Each box had words of encouragement.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make salads, deliver the lunches, and share Jesus' love with others!



Special Thanks To:

Anne Kuntz, Pam Meece, Janice Kobb, Sue Orr,
 Sandee Mick, Pam Klicman, Heidi Wojcik, Sandy Dixon,
 Susan Olson, Cindy Strand, Edie Holzer,
 and Gail McAlister (lead).



Our "Village" Did It!

Marriage & Connect Group

Chili Cook Off



Twenty Five (25) People! Ten (10) Chili's! Three (3) New Couples!

God Is Good!



The City of Tallmadge

Fourth Annual Appreciation Luncheon

TLC continued its annual outreach to Tallmadge employees (police, fire, city workers, City Hall employees) by providing a delicious lunch on our pavilion. This year's weather was perfect, the turnout was amazing, and everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship!



A special thanks to the amazing volunteers that made it happen: Gail McAlister (lead), Kevin Heilmeier and Denny Holzer (cooks), Betty Scaif, Edie Holzer, Laura Miller, and Pastor Andy!





Tallmadge Lutheran Church's Annual
Family Fun Night

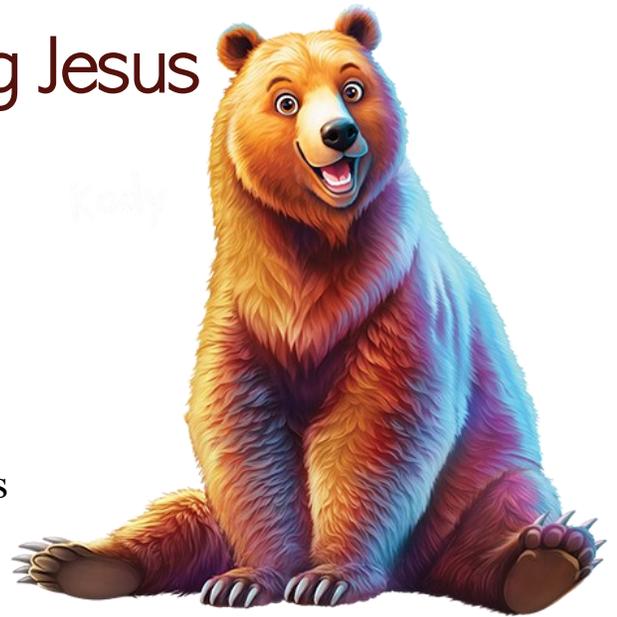
Wednesday, June 25
4:00 pm- 7:00 pm

Lawn Games! Face Painting! Bouncy House!
Hotdogs! Snow cones & More!

We can't wait to see you!

Tallmadge Lutheran Church 759 East Avenue 330-633-4775

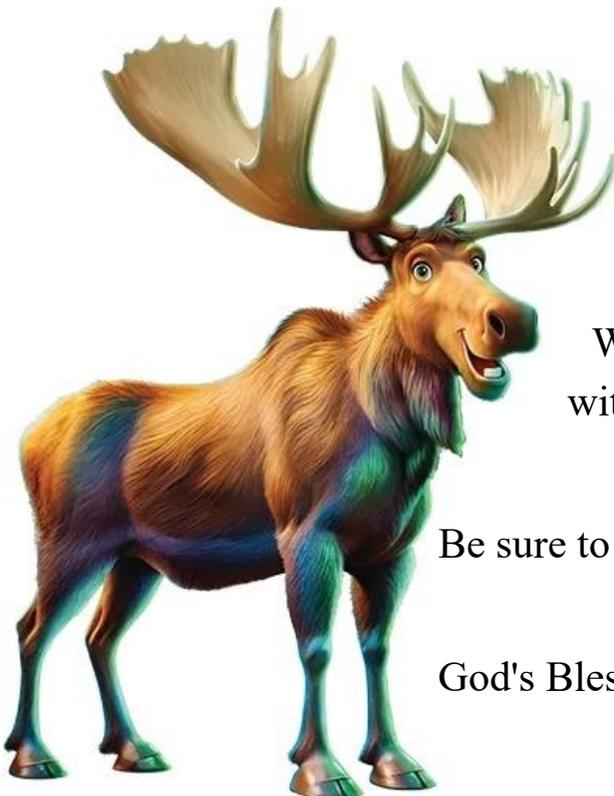
True North VBS: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World June 9-13



We are so thankful for the donations and support we have received so far. It is a blessing to have a wonderful full team working together to share Jesus with kids from our church and community.

We have 62 kids signed up to join us on our Alaskan Adventure. Praise the Lord for so many kids ready to kick off their summer with us.

We have included a prayer prompt for ways you can support our VBS throughout the week in prayer. Please support us throughout the week by covering us in prayer from work or home!



Thank you for helping make this outreach possible at TLC and for supporting us through donations and prayers!

We look forward to sharing the blessings of the week with all of you at our VBS Celebration Sunday June 15!

Be sure to wonder through our True North TLC National Forest before or after church!

God's Blessings- Regina Kodzev, VBS Director



PRAY FOR OUR VBS

Dear God, thank you for going before us as we prepare for VBS. Help us meet any need of supplies, decorations, and volunteers we may have. Provide the opportunity for families far and wide to attend VBS. Thank you for the opportunity to pour into the lives of these kids in deep and meaningful ways. We pray that above all else you are glorified in our VBS.



PRAY FOR OUR KIDS

Jesus, we pray that through VBS, kids in our community will grow in their relationship with you. We ask that you begin to break down any walls that might be preventing their young hearts from receiving your love. We ask that the truth of who you are sinks deep into their hearts. Let them leave knowing who you are and the overwhelming, joyful love you have for each and every one of them. May the impact of VBS last a lifetime.



PRAY FOR FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, let the changes in kids' hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you.



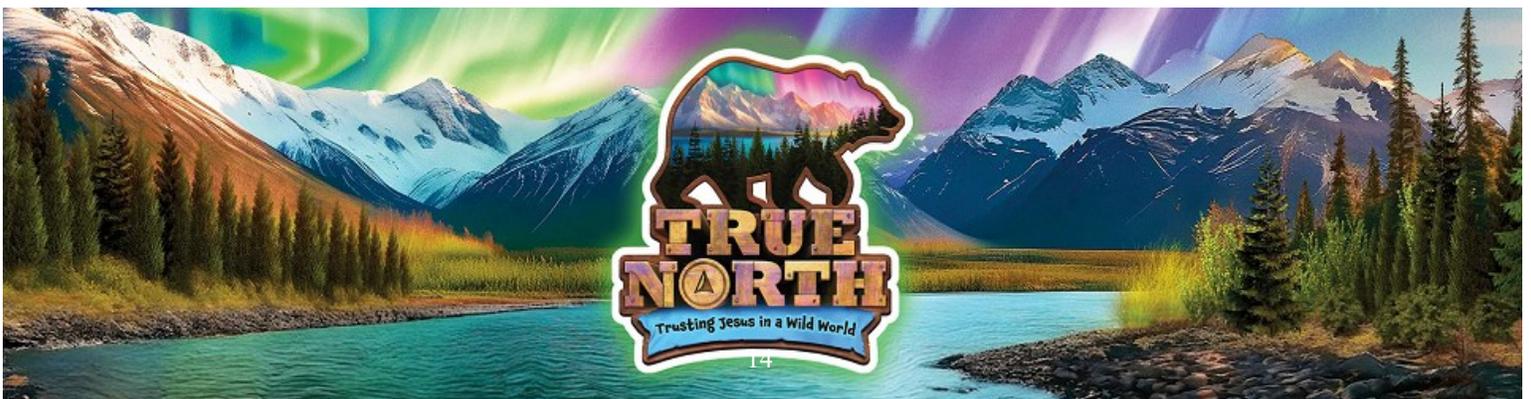
PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

God, let our church be a great influence in our community through our VBS. We want your perfect love to be at the foundation of our city, and we pray that we spread your love. Let our doors be open and our hearts be welcoming to all kids and their families. Let your goodness shine through us.



PRAY FOR VOLUNTEERS

Lord, please bring volunteers to serve at VBS. Fill their hearts with your love and patience to be poured out upon the kids. Give them strength, health, and an overwhelming joy to serve! We pray that our volunteers are given the opportunity to help children experience you and that they would grow closer to you!



COMMUNITY

Maca Aquatic Center - 2025 Season is Saturday, Sunday, May 24 - August 10. Hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday - Sunday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Daily admission sales start at 12:00 pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and July 4th are Member-Only Days

Touch-A-Truck - Saturday June, 7 from 10:00 - 12:00 pm. City Vehicles, mail trucks, fire trucks, army vehicles will be there.

The Tallmadge Farmers Market is every Thursday starting on Thursday, June 12, 2025, 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the Tallmadge Recreation Center parking lot through October 9, 2025.

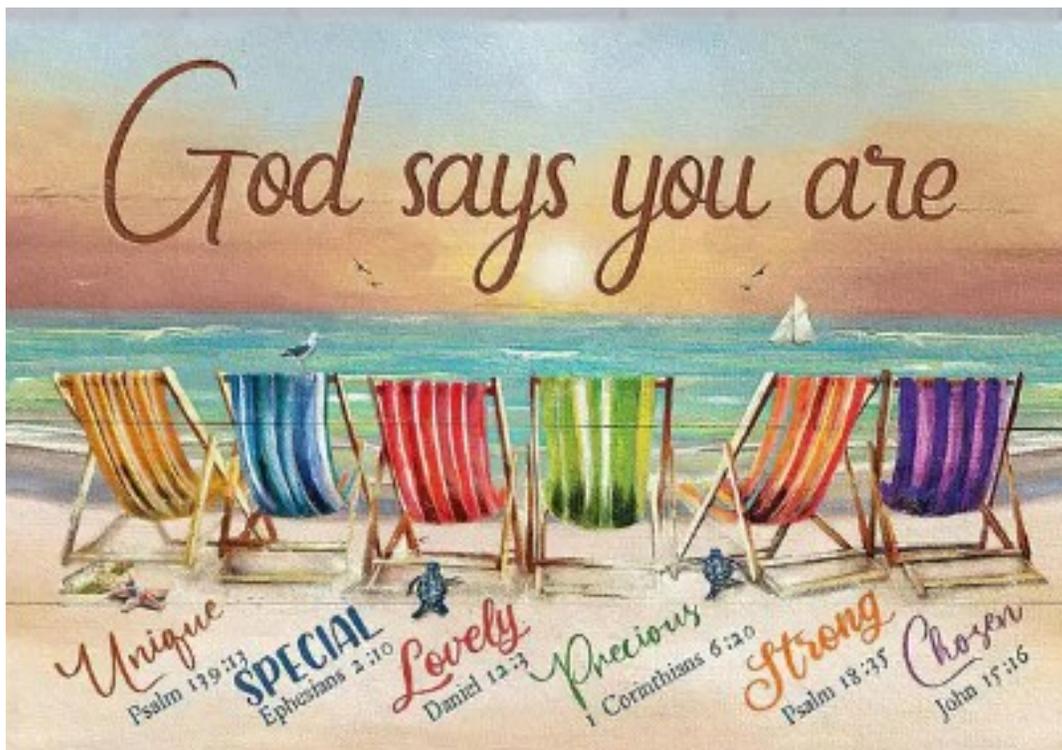
Music On The Circle - Thursday nights from 6:20 - 8:30 pm throughout the summer.

June 5: The Originals & The Brass (Motown, Disco, Country & Contemporary Dance Music)

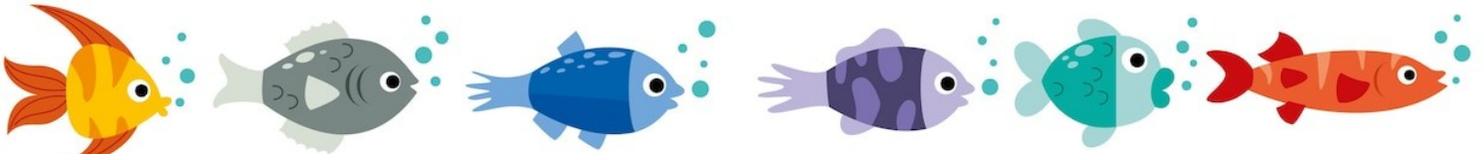
June 26: Revolution Pie (Beatles Tribute)

July 17: The FM Project (Steely Dan Tribute)

July 31: Risk Factor (Rock, Pop & Country from the 60s to today)



Sunday School Corner



June Theme: Live It Out

The connection between LIVE IT OUT and GOD'S CHARACTER as shown through God's story.

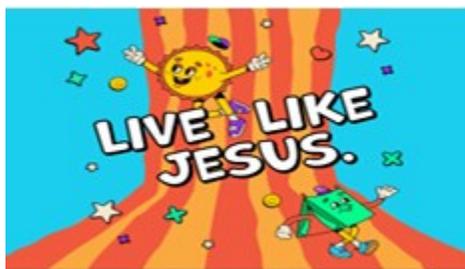
CORE INSIGHT: The theological foundation for LIVE IT OUT



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

Opening with all grades and lessons for PreK- 2nd grade & 3rd- 5th grade!

Hope to see you there!



Summer Sunday School starts on June 1 in Room 7 with the same schedule, more games, a snack, and some outside time! Please join us! It's a great time to try us out!

THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Happy Summer!

This summer is a great time to sing your favorite song or dip your toe into sharing your gifts with the congregation!

If you have a praise/worship song that really speaks to you, or a favorite hymn, we would love to hear it!

Annie Alberts is happy to help you prepare any music, sing with you, or accompany you on the piano.



You also have the option of singing near the piano or up in the balcony. Annie is willing to support and encourage you in whatever way needed.

Your gifts are wonderful,
and you are encouraged to share them with the congregation.

If you would like to be more involved in our music ministry,
please speak to Annie Alberts.

Summertime is a great time to refresh and renew our ministry!

Youth Group News

Beth Niermann

Jared Shoup

Jen Larson

Youth Group Meetings & Events

Youth to National Youth Gathering

Eight Tallmadge Lutheran teens and four leaders will be heading to New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering in July.

These youth and leaders will be joining 20,000 plus LCMS Youth from around the world to grow in faith through the workshops and Bible studies, work sided by side in service projects, and praise our Lord together in worship.

So many have supported the youth through our fundraising and gifts and we cannot thank you enough.

The youth have one last fundraiser to get the kids all the way to New Orleans, for the National Youth Gathering.

Look for the envelope challenge, coming mid June, and please offer your support as you are able.

June 8, 12:00 - 2:00 Meeting

TLC Building Projects

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

Completed:

- Kitchen water heater & sink faucet repaired
- Sinks & urinals in Edu wing repaired
- Carpet in sanctuary repaired
- Flowers planted for spring

Upcoming:

- Pest control - spraying of exterior
- Paint kitchen
- Fire Marshal inspection

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Graduation Recognition Sunday 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Worship	2 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:00pm VBS Family Pizza Party 7:30pm Board of Elders (Rm 12)	3	4 King's Kids Field Trips (gym) 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Panera) 10:00am Sewing for Service (Klitman) 6:30pm Youth Group Bible Study (Youth Rm)	5 10:00am Bible Study	6 1:00pm - 3:00pm Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	7 10:00am VBS Prep
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Birthdays

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| 5 Kathy Vanaman | 15 Brian Kuntz |
| 6 James Bailey | 17 Trudy Heck |
| 7 Diane Richard | 19 Teandra Harsey |
| 7 Dennis Gearhart | 21 Richard Goebelt |
| 7 Betty Scaife | 21 Janet Buckles |
| 7 Kayden Riley | 23 Becky Springer |
| 8 Emma Alberts | 24 Timothy Richard |
| 8 Jim Case | 27 Augustine Dussel |
| 11 Walter Broemsen | 29 Catherine Kenny |
| 13 Jon Huck | 30 Isaac Parmelee |

Anniversaries

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| 3 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Ross |
| 6 Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Freeman |
| 9 Mr. & Mrs. James Riley |
| 19 Mr. & Mrs. Von Alleshouse |
| 19 Mr. & Mrs. Josh Eyring |
| 19 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Luke |
| 21 Mr. & Mrs. Shawn DeWolf |
| 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Gearhart |
| 26 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ripley |



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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

Tallmadge Christian Preschool

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