



TALLMADGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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God's Directions



When traveling, I always like to look at a map of the entire route before heading out. This past July, we put almost 3,000 miles on our minivan traveling to Grand Island, Nebraska and then up to Park Rapids, Minnesota before Annie and I spent some time together without kids in the Upper Peninsula and Frankenmuth in Michigan before we

made our way back to Tallmadge, Ohio. There is something about having the general route in my mind that gives me peace before I place all my trust in the maps app on my phone.

This Fall, TLC will begin following its map for the next five years – **TLC Vision 2030**. TLC Vision 2030 gives us a picture of our destination, a description of the gathered people of Jesus Christ we hope to embody. Our prayer is that by 2030, Tallmadge Lutheran Church will be a thriving, vibrant church connecting every person to Jesus Christ and to one another. That 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.

It probably won't surprise you, but there are a couple of wise guys in my family. Whenever we are traveling and encounter a road sign that says "Road Work Ahead," one of my kids will read the sign out loud and another will respond by saying, "I sure hope it does." The rest of the family groans and shakes their heads.

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Looking ahead at TLC, we have “road work” in the days to come. The path to arrive at our destination is still a work in progress. The Holy Spirit will empower us and guide us to accomplish the following goals:

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, where 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 - TLC 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.



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.

Please pray about how the Lord may be calling you to help shape the path of this vision. Pray for those who will lead this effort. Boldly ask the Lord to pour out the Holy Spirit in this place so that more people are strengthened in their faith and the lost are saved. God bless you all!

In Christ,

Pastor Andy

Appreciate Reception & National Youth Gathering Report

On Sunday, August 10 after the late service, the TLC youth group invites all members to join in expressing thanksgiving to Beth Niermann and Jen Larson for leading the Youth Group the last number of years.

The Youth would also like to give a report of their experience at the LCMS National Youth Gathering held in New Orleans July 19-23, 2025. There will be a meal of Jambalaya along with a cake reception in the TLC Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a meal and a celebration of God at work in our youth group!

Outdoor Worship

On Sunday, August 24 TLC will have 10:30 am Blended Worship outside at the pavilion. There will not be Communion during this service.

TLC's Annual Church Picnic

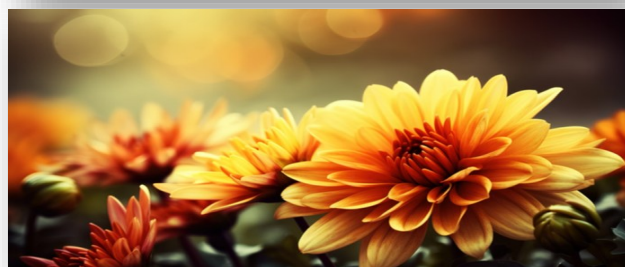
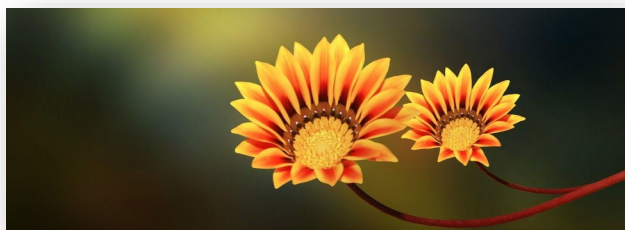
Sunday, August 24 in the pavilion. Stay after late service to enjoy the picnic at noon. Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

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 know that everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer!

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Group study on Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 pm. Our next session is titled, "To Cheer and To Cherish: Understanding and responding to the top relationship needs for men and women."

We invite you to join us as we learn ways to enhance our marriages. Tacos with all the fixings will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share in fellowship before we dive into our study.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

~ Trent and Alisha

Women's Fellowship

Music By The Lake

Tuesday, August 5

Munroe Falls Metro Park

521 S River Road

Enjoy a performance by the Metro Parks Ensemble at the Lake Area of Munroe Falls Metro Park.

Please bring your own chairs and blankets and something to share for a potluck picnic.

The concert will take place near the Main Shelter.

The Women's Auxiliary luncheon for August is Tuesday August 5 at 11:00.

A full and wonderful day!

Operation Christmas Child

As summer comes to a close, the start of school is close. Let us seize the opportunity presented by the sales on school supplies!

This month, I aim to direct our collections towards school supplies (such as crayons, colored pencils, pencils, pens, scissors, etc.).

Let us generously provide the children of the world with the essentials they need for success, while demonstrating the love of Christ and sharing the Good News!

Thank you all very much

~ Alisha

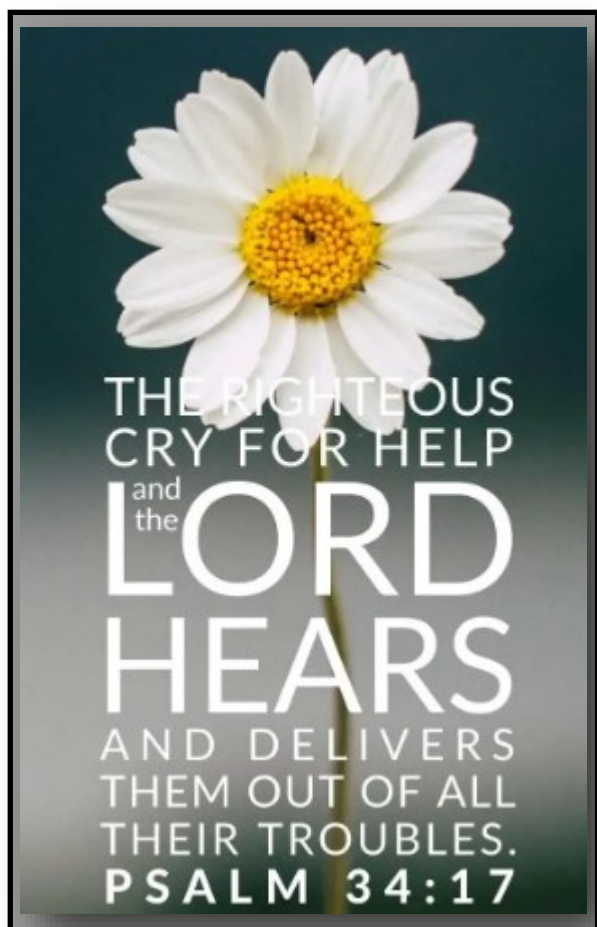
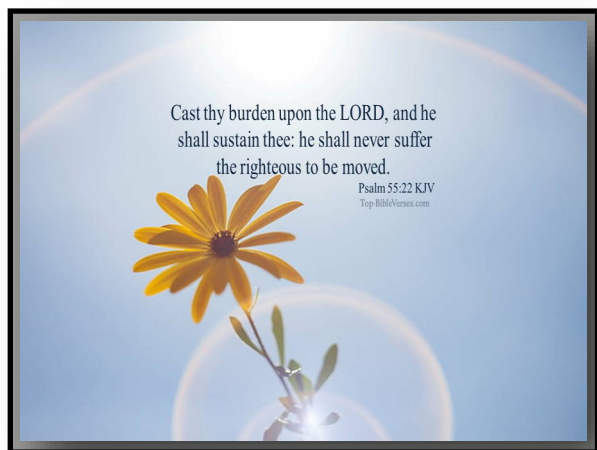


Acme Cash Back Program

The program begins on August 1!

Last year we made over \$300.

Save those receipts and turn them into Ruth Lynch.



MITES Sunday

MITE collections are during both services on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

TLC Book Club

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

The book for August will be "Awareness" by Anthony DeMello. You are invited to read this book and come discuss with Pastor Andy on Monday, August 18 at 7:00 pm in Room 12.

Wise Owls

Saturday, August 16, 12:00 pm in Room 12. Come enjoy lunch and a speaker. Sandy Dixon is leading this meeting if you have any questions.

Preschool Book Fair

Sunday, August 17 from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Pick up Christmas and Easter books for Prayer buddies while supporting the Preschool!

Samaritan's Feet Sneaker Drive

We reached the goal of 200 sneakers! Thank you.

Let's keep it going... Please place sneakers in the Library bin marked "Samaritan's Feet."

For more information about this ministry go to samaritansfeet.org or contact Susan Olson shireyolson7@gmail.com.

Back to School **BACKPACK** **DRIVE**

Now - August 3, 2025

Help fill a backpack with school supplies for the elementary children!

The goal is 70 backpacks overflowing with supplies for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please grab a pack or two, stuff it full of the suggested items,

and return to TLC by Sunday, August 3.



24-count box of Crayons

Stickers

Toy/Stuffed Animal

Washable Markers

Small packs of Tissues

Book about Jesus

Coloring Book

Small Water bottle

Back-to-School Card

Please no scissors, glue, pens, or candy.

Any questions? Please contact Gail McAlister gmcalister@neo.rr.com

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 candy or 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

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
Daryl Parma
Heidi Wojcik
Cindy Strand
Dan Conley
Kathy Vanaman

Staff

Pastor Andy, Pastor	Lindsay Snyder, Secretary & Facilities
David Wallace, Music Ministry	Sue Pifer, Nursery attendant
LaVonne Dolliver, Organist	Laura Miller, TCP director
Chad Kendall, piano & AV	Patti Trettel, KK Director
Debbie Ruggles, Finance Manager	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 Heilmeier, head chef

Vacation Bible School (VBS): Regina Kodzev

Wise Owls: Fae & Larry Broemsen

Women's Fellowship: Jeannine Case

Youth Ministry: Jared Shoup



COMMUNITY

Circle Fest is Saturday, August 9 from 5:00 - 11:00 pm.

Maca Pool's last day is Sunday, August 10.

Tallmadge City Schools return to school on Wednesday, August 13

Doggy Dip at Maca Pool is Saturday, August 23 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Farmers Market is Thursdays from 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the Rec Center parking lot now through October 9

Upcoming Community Events

Labor Day is Monday, September 1. Schools and City Offices are closed.

Electronics Recycling Drive - October 11 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Rec Center

Fall Street Festival - Saturday, October 18 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm in the Rec Center parking lot

Tallmadge Beggars' Night - Thursday, October 30 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm

The-Tallmadge-Circular





Butterfly Garden

The Butterfly “memorial” garden is in FULL bloom as summer progresses. The Scouts have continued to tend to the garden, added more plants, outlined the edge of the garden with stone, and recently put solar lighting to allow the butterfly to glow even at night! It is a beautiful sight, and a space where a variety of plants, butterflies, and bees are now actively part of the garden.

This project started as a “dream” by a local scout troop to honor their scout leaders, Todd Mosko and Tosha Curren, who passed away. The garden was designed to remember Tosha and Todd, who had a love for butterflies. TLC agreed to “loan” the scouts a portion of land by the community gardens to shape, plant, and tend! They have done such a great job of creating something SO beautiful, and it’s just a short walk from our pavilion!

We hope that visiting the butterfly garden will become a place to sit, reflect, and enjoy the wonders of nature and the presence of God. Please come check it out!



Sunday School Corner

August Theme: *Faith in God's Son*

The connection between FAITH and GOD's CHARACTER as shown through God's Big Story.

FAITH: Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see.



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!



We are enjoying Summer Sunday School right now! Room 7- same schedule, more games, and a snack! Please join us! It's a great time to try us out!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR RALLY DAY - SEPTEMBER 14



THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Please Welcome

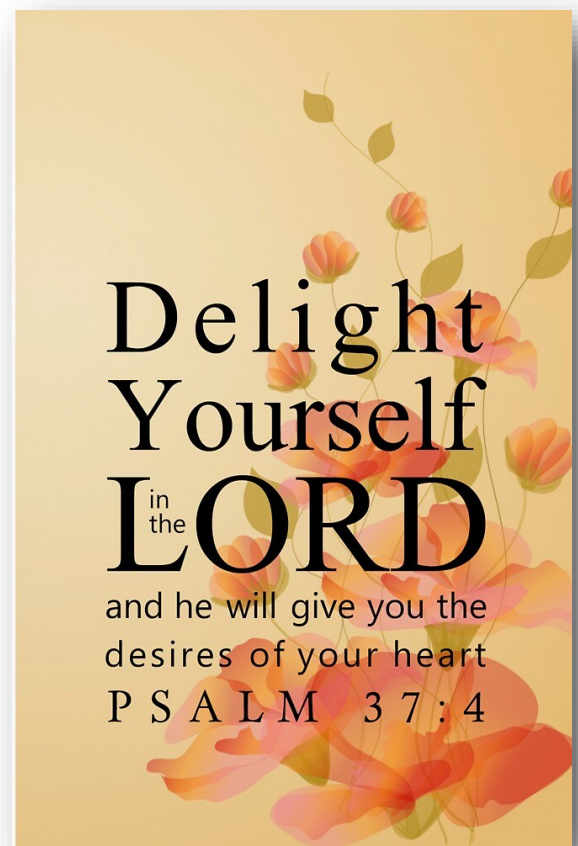
David Wallace as the new Music Director at TLC!

David brings a wealth of experience to TLC in choral conducting and church music. David's dedication to church music spans decades, including his recent role as Chancel Choir Director at Trinity United Methodist Church in Perry Heights since 2016.

He has previously directed contemporary worship, and men's and women's choirs at Faith United Methodist Church in North Canton. His earlier church experience includes chancel choirs at St. John's United Methodist Church in Toledo and St. John's United Church of Christ in Elmore.

Beyond his extensive church involvement, David has a rich background in various choral ensembles, including the Bowling Green State University Men's Chorus, the Canton City of Flags Women's Chorus, and the Sounds of Pittsburgh Women's Chorus.

David's musical background also includes being a published choral arranger of both sacred and secular works. He is an International Champion with The Rapsallions quartet and is an inductee into the Barbershop Harmony Society Johnny Appleseed District Hall of Fame.

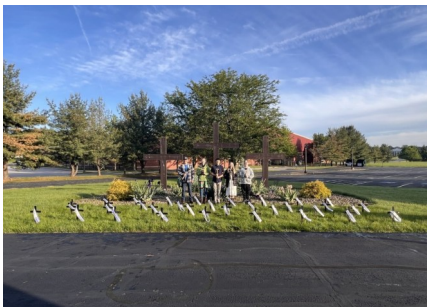


Youth Group News

Jared Shoup

Miranda Shoup

Super bowl Subs, Easter Egg Hunt & Memorial Crosses



TLC Building Projects

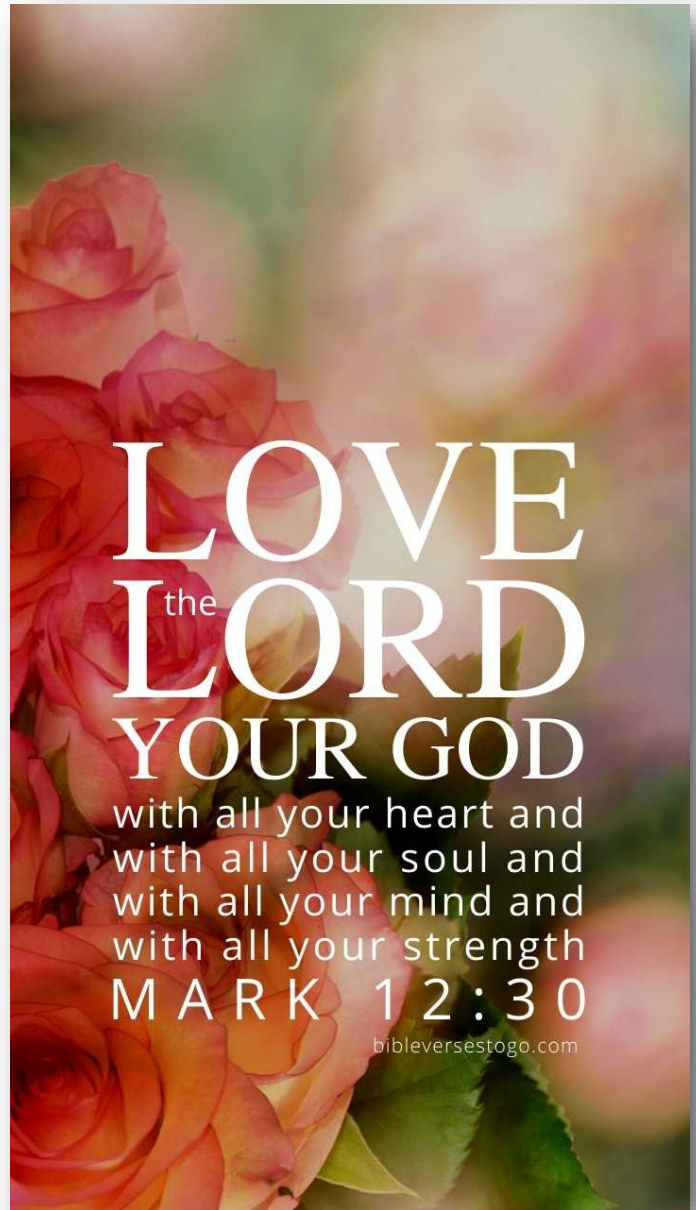
Your financial gifts help us care for God's House.

Completed:

Kitchen water heater & sink faucet repaired
Sinks & urinals in Edu wing repaired
Carpet in sanctuary repaired
Flowers planted for summer
Women's Restroom stall doors repaired
Boiler Inspection
Fire Marshal Inspection
Door stoppers repaired

Upcoming:

Pest control - spraying of exterior
Paint kitchen
Youth Room AC Repair
Downspout/drainage repair



King's Kids

Weeks four and five were so cool. We rode bikes, celebrated winter holidays and made fluid jewels.

It was so hot, but we didn't care. We had water day and got soaked! Good thing we had an extra pair... of shoes.

We are half way through the summer now that its July. Time to register for the school year, keep playing, and find shirts to tie dye!

School is right around the corner and the weather will get even warmer. So we'll stay cool at summer camp: watch movies in PJ's, build bike ramps.

Stay tuned for August to learn about the other things we have done. The adventures, laughs, and loads of fun!



Birthdays

1 Jennifer Larson	16 Alexandra Olson
2 Ray Olson	16 Roger Galbraith
5 Adam Dutka	20 Shannon Dutka
5 William Voytek	21 Elizabeth De Wolf
12 Cecelia Ord	28 Gary Sandmann
13 Barbara Bailey	29 Alex Wright
	30 Alyssa Miller

Anniversaries

5 Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Kobb
 6 Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Groubert
 7 Mr. & Mrs. Martin Hauser
 9 Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Olson
 10 Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Redman
 23 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fosnight



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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24 8:00am Worship 9:15am Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20am Bible Study 9:20am Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30am Outdoor Worship 12:00pm Annual Church Picnic	25 9:30am Bible Study (Rm 12)	26	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study (Parera) 7:00pm Confirmation Orientation & Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)	28 6:00pm Marriage Connect Group	29	30
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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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Tallmadge Christian Preschool
King's Kids School-Age Child Care

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