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Pastor's Ponderings

From: *Psalms 92:1-4*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

As I enter November, it is good to be reminded to be thankful. My favorite season, summer, has come and gone. Election Day is always stressful depending on who is running. "Winter is coming" is not only a quote from the Game of Thrones, it is a reality for us in Western New York. As I ponder, even our churches seem to be a remnant of past glory. My writing sounds much like Eeyore, one of my favorite characters from Winnie the Pooh, who looks at life with a dark cloud over his head. Maybe you are like me and sometimes get into a pessimistic attitude, and you need reminding as much as I do that "it is good to give thanks to the Lord!"

Today I am giving thanks for blessings that abound, and giving thanks for all the work the Lord has done! I am giving thanks for the faithful who enter our churches and then go out into the mission field. I am thankful for the community of the church that watches out for all community members. I am thankful that music and praise are still happening to give glory to God.

Thanksgiving Day is coming, but the day to give thanks is every day. Join me in moving from our Eeyore state into a state of being thankful for each moment, day, action, person, and blessing we come across today.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Fred Kopp



Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11 at TOL

We will honor our Veterans during the 11:00 AM worship. Augustana Lutheran will be joining us, and a coffee hour will follow the service.

Come, honor our Veterans
in song, worship and prayer.

TOL's Chicken Chowder Sale!

Our annual Chicken Chowder Sale will be on **Saturday, November 10**, at **12:00 Noon**. If you would like to help with the sale, we'll need volunteers that morning.



Chowder Prep: We also need volunteers to help cut up chicken and vegetables on **Friday, November 9 at 9:00 AM**. All you need to bring is a cutting board and a sharp knife. If you can help, please see Velma or Matt—or stop by any time Friday morning (there's plenty to do)!

Chowder will be \$7/quart and \$25/gallon (limited to one gallon per family).

Matt

More Chowder! Augustana Lutheran will hold its Chowder Sale on **Saturday, November 3**—along with a Basket Raffle and Bake Sale. The event is from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. All are welcome!

Reminder for TOL Bakers!

We will be having a Baked Goods Sale on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6. We welcome donations of cookies, breads, brownies, and cupcakes (no cakes, please—they are difficult to cut and plate).

If you can help with pricing the goodies on Monday evening, **November 5**, please speak to Earlene. Volunteers are still needed to staff the tables that day (please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board).



TLC at TOL Recognition Sunday, November 18

TOL's Respite Care Program will be recognized during worship on **November 18**. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special day with us.

We will look back on the year, and honor our guests and the volunteers who make *TLC at TOL* possible. There will also be a coffee hour following worship.

We hope you will be able to join us!

Jan Sherman and Paulette Hotchkiss
Co-coordinators



Prayer for Trinity Old Lutheran and Augustana Lutheran Churches

Almighty God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of these congregations and we ask you to send your Holy Spirit to direct them into a blessed future. Give us the power through your Son to proclaim the Good News boldly, and joyfully fellowship with and serve others. Amen.



Our Sunday School continues to collect donations to support this project. Please consider making a child's Christmas brighter by packing a shoebox or donating the \$9 to have a box sent. Plastic shoeboxes are perfect for donations!

Suggested items are: toy cars, jump ropes, stuffed animals, socks, hats, sunglasses, tooth brushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, and hair brushes. (Do not include toothpaste, gum, candy, food, liquids or lotions.) You may also make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you!

Deadline for donations is Sunday, November 18! If you have any questions, please contact Debbie.



TLC at TOL Respite Care Program, October 3

We welcomed ten guests on an autumn-like day—Fall was in the air. There are currently five people on the waiting list.

It was a busy morning with activities, chair yoga and watercolor painting as part of the Alzheimer's Association "Memories in the Making" project.

Thank you Diane and Earlene for setting up the project materials. With extra time available following painting, we played a few quick rounds of "everyone wins" Bingo.



Guests and volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch of pasta and homemade meatballs (thank you, Joan), followed by fruit cocktail for dessert. A visit from "Davy" and his owners (Judy and Art) started off the afternoon activities and we concluded with a sing-along with music from the 1970's (songs by John Denver, Neil Diamond, The Carpenters, The Beatles, and more).

Our November 7 program will honor our volunteers. We are blessed to have a very dedicated group of individuals—they continue make the program possible.

Jan Sherman and Paulette Hotchkiss

Sunday, November 18 is designated as "**TLC at TOL Recognition Sunday**" at TOL (11:00 AM Worship). There will be a time for fellowship at the coffee hour following the service. All are invited to join us!

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Stewardship for October—Extended Until November 11

We will continue to collect your donations of school supplies for the Ken-Ton Closet through Sunday, November 11. Lists of items needed are located at the marked box in the narthex. Monetary donations are also welcome!



Stewardship for November

The focus for the month is TOL's Respite Care Program, *TLC at TOL*. Your monetary donations help offset program costs, including food, kitchen supplies, new activities and crafts, seating for guests and volunteers, new music CDs and DVDs. We continue to upgrade guest seating to include padded chairs with armrests that will be located in all activity areas. Thank you for your prayers and support!



Adult Ed. With Charlie Schmidtke Monday Afternoons at 1:00 PM

All are welcome as we continue to focus on Oprah Winfrey's Belief video series that we began last year. Even if you have not yet attended, please feel free to join the group at any time—each week's topic is different. We meet in the Fireside Lounge.

- November 19 and 26
- December 3

Caregivers Support Group

A group of five met on Monday evening, October 1. Everyone had a chance to talk about their own caregiving journeys, their problems or concerns, and to generally let each other know how they were coping with their own needs. It's always helpful to share experiences, tips and ideas as we deal with the ups-and-downs in caregiving. Caregivers are not alone.



If you know of anyone who could benefit from our group, please let them know that we will meet again on **Monday, December 3 at 7:00 PM.**

Jan Sherman



"A Pitch From Satchel Paige"
A Play for One Actor
Jim Keller & Loren

After being performed in September at the Acorn Theatre on 42nd Street along with other finalists, "A Pitch from Satchel Paige" won the entire New York New Works Festival. Loren and his son Jim are overjoyed about this accomplishment. Loren wants to thank the many of you at TOL who sent him cards and otherwise expressed your excitement about his good fortune.

Congratulations Loren, we're proud of you!!

About the play...

He loves showing off his great array of trick pitches, from the Triple Windup to his Radioball (you could hear it but never see it), his Barber pitch (he took a little off the sides if a batter stood too close to the plate), his Wobbly Ball, Jump Ball, Midnight Rider (some batters said they were just different words for fast). Each time Satchel approaches the pitcher's mound at center stage, the audience gets ready for him to "demonstrate" some of his array of throws.

There are only a few places in the play where Satchel really shows unhappiness, and even then he's such a jester that he seems to be half-laughing. His pitching arm literally goes "dead" right at the end of Act One, in what appears to be a permanent disaster for him; but his arm, almost magically, returns to normal early in Act Two—well, almost normal—Satch says he has "only blazing speed now" compared to what he had before. And the feeling never left Satchel that He should have been the first black player signed by a major league team, not Jackie Robinson, whom he considered "a hell of an athlete" but not a great baseball player. The choice of anyone other than himself really hurt. But the end of Act Two, though, he's convinced that Jackie was the right choice, and that Satch would not have handled, very well, some of the problems that arose.

He gives us a humor-filled history of baseball in the all-black leagues, making clear how talented the players were and how badly they were treated. Rather quickly he became the biggest star, the greatest of the black ballplayers. LIFE Magazine gave him a big spread and he was suddenly a hero in the way that Joe Louis and Jesse Owens were, as well as a famous comic figure, the ultimate entertainer. The great dancer Bojangles was best man at Satch's wedding—his second wedding. He has literally dozens of stories to tell, little ones and longer ones, about his love for classy cars and driving fast, his love for women who were classy and fast, his insistence on being paid big money because he was the one the fans came to see and because he needed it to show the ladies a good time. But most of his stories are baseball stories: how he struck out more batters than anyone ever had, and walked fewer than any other pitcher He and most of the stars of the Negro League were too old to be drafted into World War II but were much better players than the young kids (including a one-armed outfielder) who constituted the major leagues while the Ted Williamses and the Hank Greenbergs were in the service. Satch says that apparently a one-armed white kid was considered better than a whole Negro.

Satchel is ageless and finally immortal in the play (he says they took him from being a second-class citizen and made him into a second-class immortal), so when he talks about certain parts of his life, he adjusts at least a little to the age he would have been at each point. But he keeps reminding the audience that age really doesn't matter. By the time he finally made the major leagues, he was somewhere between 42 and 50. By that time, not only was Jackie Robinson playing regularly in the majors, but also lesser-known guys like Larry Doby and Monte Irvin. When the best of the black players eventually made it to the Hall of Fame—Willie Mays, Minnie Minoso, Roy Campanella, etc., they made a special point of thanking the old black players who had made it possible for them. In the final scene, Satchel has returned (after being dead for a few years), to show us his plaque and his statue at Cooperstown. In the statue that tall, skinny figure with one foot high in the air (so it would "block out the sun," his coach had told him back in reform school, of all places) at the peak of his pitching motion, is throwing one final pitch from Satchel Paige.

From my point of view, it was very exciting to be present and know it was our play (performed wonderfully and awarded the big prize) that will be presented soon (it's been a long wait) as the great play we have worked on and believed in for many years already. Thank you for your interest and support!

Loren Keller

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Veterans Day Worship
Sunday, November 11
Trinity Old Lutheran Church
11:00 AM

Did you know... that red poppies were the first flowers to bloom in the war-ravaged fields of France and Belgium during WWI?

Soldiers' folklore says that the red of the flowers comes from the blood of the fallen. We wear them today as a sign of remembrance.

Please join us for this beautiful service of remembrance and honor.

Our Community Partners Meeting at TOL

Gamblers Anon.	Sun., 7:00 PM
Gam-Anon,	Sun., 7:00 PM
Overeaters Anon.	Mon., 10:00 AM
Co-Dependents	Tues., 7:30 PM
Eta Sigma	Meets on 2 nd and 4 th Tuesdays, 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall)
Fitness Room	Mon., Yoga Pilates, 5:45 to 7:00 PM Thurs., Gentle Yoga, 9:30 to 10:45 AM Thurs., Beginner Yoga, 5:45 to 7:00 PM
Love Life Self Help Group	Meets on 1 st , 2 nd , and 4 th Wednesdays, 6:45 PM (Fireside Lounge)

Note: If you are interested in any of the different Yoga classes offered at TOL, please contact Leanne (864-1194).