



## Pastor's Ponderings

"Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together."

Author unknown.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 14:27

Peace is used hundreds of times in the New Testament. Peace is a concept that proves difficult to accomplish in our lives, relationships, and not to mention in the world. It is the responsibility of humanity, Christians to pursue it.

Jesus called his followers, and the people he preached to and taught, little children. He shared his thoughts at a basic level and encouraged the following of basic principles.

Peace is one of these concepts. When it is followed, it reflects love—the love that Jesus proclaimed from the cross and taught as the greatest commandments. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:37, 39

Peace is reflected in the understanding that we all matter to God. As Paul puts it, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, nor male and female." Galatians 3:28

This peace begins with respect, humility, and kindness. I pray for peace in our lives and the world.



Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Fred he/him/his

## Pastor's Videos—Available Online Every Week!

Pastor creates a new brief video, with messages and prayers. They are posted on Instagram, Facebook and the TOL website!

Therefore, encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11



## Giving to TOL

**Online:** Tithe.ly is available. You can set up your account through the TOL website at [www.trinityoldlutheran.com](http://www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or download an easy-to-use app to your phone. The site is user-friendly and safe to use.



**Giving by mail:** Please send your checks to the church and to the attention of the Financial Secretary.

Thank you for your continued giving.



## Items for the Worship Bulletins

All items for the Sunday bulletins should be submitted to the church office by **9:00 AM on Wednesdays**. Thank you!

## TOL Re-Opening for Sunday Worship

We are excited to announce that TOL will be re-opening for Sunday services starting on **August 23** with an outside service and then we will move back into the sanctuary the following week.

All in attendance **MUST** wear a mask. If you do not have one, one will be provided to you. There will also be hand sanitizer in the pews and common areas.

Some changes to the service needed to be implemented so that we could meet again in person.



You will be receiving a letter with the details of the specific guidelines that we will be following. We will continue to have the service via ZOOM for those who are unable to attend in person.

We are looking forward to SEEING everyone at the end of the month!

TOL Council



## Save the Date!

**Annual Chiavetta's BBQ Chicken Dinner at TOL  
Sunday, September 13**

Full details in the Sunday bulletins and the September *Trinity Tidings*!

## Prayer for Trinity Old Lutheran and Augustana Lutheran Churches

Inspire us to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Teach us to give freely of ourselves and to offer our lives in service. Show us your will for the ministries at Augustana and Trinity Old Lutheran. Strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love.



### Prayer Ventures for August 2020

Just as Jesus calmed and reassured his disciples in a boat crossing a stormy sea, we pray for protection, comfort and renewal of faith in these difficult, uncertain times and in

future ordeals.

Pray that during this pandemic, which has stretched beyond our expectations and imagination, we will be renewed in our commitment to the patience, sacrifice and awareness of the example we set as we continue personal health measures for the sake of our health and the wellness of our neighbors, community and nation.

God asks us to do justice and do what is right. Pray that we will be faithful to God's ways and commandments and to Jesus' example of unrestrained love and compassion for people who are needy, suffering or oppressed.

Pray for forgiveness and God's mercy when our actions, words, intentions or thoughts dishonor God's ways and commandments. Ask for the Spirit to help us shine as bright witnesses to God's unbound, unbiased love for humanity and to serve our neighbor without prejudice or reluctance.

"In one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another." Give thanks and praise to God for the diverse gifts, skills and life experiences we have been given, which we share in the body of Christ to build each other up and to do God's work in the world.

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### July Mission: Lutheran Charities of Western New York

Thank you for your donations in support of the 15 missions and ministries receive grant funding from Lutheran Charities of Western New York (LCWNY).

TLC at TOL Respite Care Program and Augustana's Refugee and Immigrant Driving Program receive support from LCWNY. Other organizations include the following.

- Grace Lutheran Church Respite Care Program
- Lord of Life Adult Day Health Center
- Family Promise of WNY
- Somali Bantu Community Organization
- Peace of the City Ministries
- Peaceprints
- Seneca Street Community Development Corporation

More information on all of the programs can be found at [www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org).

## Trinity Tidings

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### From Pastor Fred's Letter Sunday, May 31, 2020

Dear Folk,

In this time of high stress and division, let us follow John Wesley's prayer.

Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as you can.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Fred Kopp

### Mission for August: Food Pantry at the Community of Good Neighbors in Buffalo

The focus will be the Ingathering for the Food Pantry at the Community of Good Neighbors ministry (formerly Resurrection Lutheran Church) in Buffalo.

During the month, we will be collecting food items for the New Birth of Resurrection Lutheran Church (called the Community of Good Neighbors), located on the East Side of Buffalo. Examples of items needed are:



- Canned goods (vegetables, soups, tuna, etc.)
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Jar items, such as spaghetti sauce
- Boxes of pantry staples (cereal and pasta)
- Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- Monetary donations

(Please check expiration dates before donating.)

Food items can be dropped off at TOL on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please enter through the far-left front door where the elevator is situated, and place the bags of groceries in the bins provided there. The items will be delivered weekly to the food pantry.

Also, if you are able to help transport the groceries to the Community of Good Neighbors, please contact Nancy in our office!