



Pastor's Ponderings

Ten Ways to LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:9)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Prove without punishing. (Colossians 2:15)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:17)

I have this on my bulletin board in my TOL office to remind me to LOVE, that LOVE takes effort, and LOVE can be shown in many different ways. This list doesn't include forgiving, sacrificing, selflessness and other values. However, it is a reminder to me that loving the way God LOVES, an "AGAPE" LOVE, is a selfless, full-time pursuit that encompasses our whole lives as we interact with God's earth, creatures, and fellow humans.

As we enter the month of Thanksgiving, I am drawn to thank God for God's selfless and steadfast LOVE for us, exhibited in the LOVE Jesus showed from the Cross and through his ministry. I am thankful for all who have taught and shown me this kind of LOVE. I am encouraged that we, as we continue to share God's AGAPE LOVE, can change the world.

In Christ's LOVE I remain,
Pastor Fred he/him/his



Pastor's Bible Study—Friday Mornings

"Ten Key Events from the Bible"

Pastor Fred continues his Bible Study on
Fridays from **10:00 AM to 11:30 AM** in

Luther Hall at Augustana Lutheran. He will also try to have it by Zoom. The group will follow COVID-19 protocol and wear masks, keep six feet apart, and have no common food. All are invited and welcome!

Remaining Dates: November 6, 13, and 20.



Adult Ed. Classes with Charlie Schmidtke

A Hybrid Approach (at TOL and on Zoom) Mondays at 1:00 PM



In Person at the Church: We'll continue meeting in the Fireside Lounge where we are able to distance safely. MASKS are mandatory and a sanitizing station is available for everyone to use. I will only open the far left door near the elevator. Please bring a bible.

On Zoom: We will Zoom at the same time. I'll send out the link for the session the week before each class. Please have a bible available. I hope those who are Zooming will participate in the discussions.

The remaining schedule will be:

Nov. 9	Rachel and Leah
Nov. 23	Ruth and Naomi
Dec. 7	Judith and Susanna

I hope to see all of you either in person or virtually. Please share this with anyone else who might be interested. If you know of someone who is interested or who hasn't received an email, please have them contact me so I can forward the information to them (or you can forward it to them yourself). Yes, we live in a new world...

Peace,
Charlie

Operation Christmas Child—Deadline, November 15!

Wow! Kelly and I would like to thank all of you who have given so many donations towards the building of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. These donations will allow us to help spread Jesus' message of love to so many children.



We will be assembling the boxes early in November. If you have filled your own box, it is **due on or before Sunday, November 15.**

If you would like us to make a box for you, just let us know. We are still accepting money donations to help cover making boxes and the shipping of the boxes. Postage for each box is \$9.00. There are shoeboxes available in the narthex, if you would like to make your own.

Thank you again for your continued support!
Kelly and Debbie

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!

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.

The Prayer Chain is available to anyone having a prayer request. Please contact the church office with your request (836-4868).



Community of Good Neighbors—Food Pantry Update

Pastor Fred recently received an email from Pastor Miranda Hammer at Community of Good Neighbors (CGN) in Buffalo. CGN is now facing increasing numbers of people and families coming to them for help with food and basic necessities.

“I am so thankful for your past support and am reaching out now because we are experiencing great need.”

Pastor Miranda requests donations of the following items (but not limited to them).

- peanut butter
- canned tuna
- canned veggies
- toilet paper

Please place your donations in the box located at the elevator entrance to the church by Sunday, November 15!

Thank you for your support!

“Hearts & Hands”—Continues Assisting the Community during COVID-19



The organization continues operating with limited and restricted services since the pandemic began. No in-home services are currently available.

However, by following health and wellness guidelines, volunteers currently assist with the following services:

- Transportation to everywhere it's needed.
- Non-contact grocery deliveries.
- “Friendly phone calls.”

Areas currently being served are: Amherst, Kenmore, Tonawanda, Clarence, Alden, and the Southtowns.

More volunteers are also needed! Training is available via Zoom or by phone.

For more program details and information (and how to become a volunteer), please visit the HNH website at www.hnhcares.org/services or call 406-8311.

TOL is a part of this community of volunteers—Neighbor Helping Neighbor Volunteer Program!



Remember Our Veterans November 11, 2020

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October Mission

Thank you for your donations in support of Operation Christmas Child. See Kelly and Debbie's update on the front page!

November Mission

The focus for the month will be Veterans One-stop Center of Western New York. Located on Main Street in Buffalo, it is a non-profit organization that provides supportive services to local veterans and their families. Those services include: Benefits, Legal, Employment, Financial Counseling, Education, Housing, Programs, and Readjustment Counseling.

“All veterans and their families have barrier-free access to the services they need to deal with challenges at home, to complete the transition to civilian life, and to achieve their goals and reach their full potential.”

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Please place your donations in the marked envelopes in the narthex or mail your donations to the church office (indicate on your check that it is designated for Veterans One-stop Center of WNY).

Prayer Ventures in November

All Saints Day Give thanks for everyone God has gathered in the body of Christ — those who are living and those who have passed. Praise God for the diverse talents given to us that the Spirit uses to encourage faith in others, strengthen the community of believers and do God's work in the world.

Veterans Day Remember and give thanks for the service and personal sacrifice of women and men who have served our nation in times of peace and war. Pray for those currently serving in the military and for their families, especially during times of separation, that they will know they are remembered, valued and cared for by their faith community and siblings in Christ.

Thanksgiving Day As we celebrate Thanksgiving, lift up prayers of gratitude for the blessings and abundant resources we enjoy, and remember the people in our communities and world who suffer food insecurity, hunger and poverty. Ask the Spirit to increase our generosity and engagement with our neighbors in need and to help our communities become more just, generous, compassionate and committed to addressing difficult social issues.

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Prayer Ventures

Pray for the Spirit to grant us wisdom and courage in our discernment and decisions as we elect leaders for our nation, states and communities. Pray that those chosen to serve will do so with compassion, justice, concern for people with critical needs and a commitment to the well-being of all people and communities.



Continue to pray for our global companions as some countries experience a new wave of COVID-19 infections. Pray for those countries most affected, that we might share physical and spiritual support and resources, mutually encourage leaders and congregations, and wait patiently for the day when we can celebrate our unity and work together in person.

Pause, reflect and pray for God's help with whatever is most troubling or perplexing in your life right now — that thing that keeps you awake at night.

Pray for people who are recovering from hurricanes, storms and flooding here and in other countries. Ask God to displace their grief and despair with hope, their feelings of loss with comfort and wholeness, and their isolation and loneliness with the reassurance that people, congregations and ministries such as Lutheran Disaster Response will stand with them now and for the long haul of recovery and healing.

Give thanks for the people in our daily lives who lift our spirits, inspire our faith, renew our hope and equip us for serving our neighbor.

Pray that, as followers of Christ who treasure life as a gift from God, we will exercise patience, caution and concern for our neighbor as the COVID-19 pandemic continues long past our expectations and assumptions.

In the course of your day, envision the people who, working behind the scenes in service industries, attend to our needs, ease our stresses, make our lives more enjoyable, help us manage each day and attend to the little things we take for granted. Pray that we will open our eyes and see them, valuing their work, advocating for their fair wages and benefits, and expressing our gratitude for their hard work serving others.

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On-going Collection of Can Tabs... Your aluminum tabs are being donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Buffalo. Please continue collect the can tabs in support of this organization!

“You can make a difference by saving the aluminum pull tabs from your beverage cans. Pop tabs are recycled and the money purchases household items for the Ronald McDonald House and Family Lounge.”

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Online Giving to TOL

Tithe.ly is available for online giving. You can set up your account through the TOL website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or download an easy-to-use app to your phone. The site is user-friendly and safe to use.



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