

# Trinity Tidings

The Mission of Trinity Old Lutheran Church is  
Proclamation, Fellowship and Service  
in the name of Jesus.



**The Reverend Frederick W. Kopp**  
Pastor

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## Pastor's Ponderings

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:15-16

Verse 15 is used in one of our favorite church Sunday School songs, "This Little Light of Mine"... 'Hide it under a bushel, NO!' Verse 16 is quoted in our baptismal liturgy, "Let your light shine before others..." The light we are not hiding but letting shine, is the light of Jesus. Jesus declares he "is the light of the world." This light becomes our light as we shine God's steadfast love into the world, as we use the gifts we have been given to further God's kingdom on earth, and as we practice a "grace-filled" life in a world that needs examples of this daily.



Letting our light shine means welcoming all our neighbors, not just ones who are like us. Putting our light on the lampstand means keeping a steady presence in the world, so that people might act ethically, unselfishly, and generously. The light we shine individually becomes brighter when we do this as a community. Serving, Loving, Welcoming, Forgiving, Hoping, Enduring, Empowering are examples of many words that emanate from being the light in the world, while exposing racism, sexism, and other corporate sins that keep us from being a community together.

As the Autumn season sends us less sunlight, let us make sure God's light does not diminish. Let your light shine!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Fred

## Combined Worship Services—TOL and Augustana



### Reformation Sunday, Combined Worship at Augustana Lutheran, October 28

Worship at 9:30 AM followed by a coffee hour. Red is the color of the day! Augustana is located at 3143 Eggert Road in Tonawanda. (No service at TOL.)



### Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11 at TOL

We will honor our Veterans during our 11:00 AM worship. A coffee hour will follow.

Join us as we honor our Veterans in song, worship and prayer.

## Chicken Chowder Sale—Revised Date!

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 on that morning.



We also need volunteers to help cut up vegetables on **Friday, November 9**. Watch for times in the Sunday bulletins and the November *Tidings*. If you can help, please see Velma or Matt

Also, if you would like to support to the chowder sale, we will gladly accept fresh vegetables and canned goods as well as monetary donations. Please see the chart on the sign-up board in the narthex for a list of needed ingredients.

Thanks to Velma, Barb M, Karen and Jan for cooking and cutting up the chicken on September 14! It was both productive and fun!

*Matt Grabau*

## TOL's Coffee Bar, Now Open Every Sunday!

Running a bit early for church? No problem. Skip Tim's and enjoy a cup of coffee and a baked good in the narthex before worship.

Thanks to Stephanie Seyse, we have a good supply of K-Cups on hand, but if you see them on sale, we can always use more. The idea is to keep a well-stocked... always available... self-serve coffee bar for everyone to use and enjoy!



*Evangelism Team*

## October Coffee Hour

The WWI Women's Group will be hosting a Coffee Hour following worship on **October 14**. This is another fellowship opportunity for everyone to enjoy a cup of coffee and a baked good, and conversation. If you would like to help in any way, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board!

## Friday, October 26 at TOL

**Potluck Dinner: 5:30 PM**  
**Presentation: 7:00 PM**

Join us for a delicious dinner and then take a walk through Martin Luther's Germany via the photos and musings of Charlie and Diane Schmidtke from their recent trip.

Hear the good, the bad and the amazing!

All are welcome!



## 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 will be collecting donations to support Operation Christmas Child. 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...**TOL's free Respite Care Program continues every first Wednesday of the month from **10:30 AM to 2:30 PM** for those caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's or any form of dementia. Guests are partnered with a volunteer (trained by the Alzheimer's Association) and they participate in various activities in a secure environment. A morning snack and nutritious lunch are provided. For more information on registering for the program, please contact Jan or Paulette at 836-4868.

**TOL's Caregivers Support Group...**The group will meet on **Monday, October 1 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the Fireside Lounge. It's an informal setting and the conversation is caregiver driven—or one may wish to just listen. Ideas, tips, and shared experiences can prove helpful to caregivers. For more information, please contact Jan at 836-4868.



**Hearts and Hands**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors ~ Serving Western New York Since 2003  
(716) 406-8311

Visiting the Hearts and Hands website is a convenient way to find out how easy it is to become a volunteer or to make a donation. You will also find detailed information about the services the organization provides to caregivers and their care receivers in Erie and Niagara Counties. There remains a need for more volunteers!

For more information, please visit [www.hnhcares.org](http://www.hnhcares.org) or phone (716) 406-8311. (Hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM)

**TOL is a part of the "Hearts and Hands" community of volunteers!**

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## Stewardship for October

The focus for October is the Ken-Ton Closet and the organization's after-school program. Watch the Sunday bulletins for a list of items that are needed. Monetary donations are also welcome. The Ken-Ton Closet is located at 169 Sheridan Parkside Drive in Tonawanda.



## September Stewardship

Thank you for your donations to ELCA's Disaster Relief. Your donations will support the people of Puerto Rico who are still recovering from Hurricane Maria, which struck the island last September.

The ELCA is there to assist in the aftermath of worldwide disasters. Recovery efforts continue in the Carolinas following Hurricane Florence. If you wish to help those who have been affected there, donations can be made through the ELCA website at the following link: <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>.

## Adult Ed. With Charlie Schmidtke

**Monday Afternoons at 1:00 PM**  
**Fireside Lounge**

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.

- October 15 and 22
- November 19 and 26
- December 3



## 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).

Volunteers will also be needed to staff the tables that day. Watch the Sunday bulletins for details on the time of the sale and when to bring in your baked goods.

Thank you!



**ELCA's "God's Work. Our Hands."  
Habitat for Humanity Project  
Workday, Saturday, October 6**



Join with volunteers from Augustana LC and other area churches for the annual workday (from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM). Construction experience is not required—but you must be able to do physical labor that is assigned. Previously, work done included interior painting, stair building, landscaping and installing exterior siding. A few days ahead, the locations and times will be given out to those who have signed up.

If you are interested in joining them or have any questions, please contact the Augustana office at 832-5270 or email the church at [augustchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:augustchurch@yahoo.com). You can also use the sign-up sheet posted on the main bulletin board.

**September 5 TLC at TOL Respite Care**

It may have been the hottest Respite Day on record—a sweltering 90 degrees outside! Every measure was taken to make everyone comfortable—all activities were held in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Extra fans kept the air circulating and a cold water and juice break was taken to make sure all guests and volunteers stayed hydrated. We survived!



We welcomed nine guests, including one new person. Our yoga instructor, Leanne, returned to lead everyone in gentle chair yoga exercise—it was good to have her back with us!

Adjustments were made to the activity schedule in order to keep everyone engaged without becoming overheated. Guests played two rounds of everyone-wins Bingo with Sue Wloch as the caller and they completed a "gone-fishing" themed craft—"Reel" in Some Fun.

Everyone enjoyed Velma's turkey casserole and biscuits for lunch—followed by ice cream cups and chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Thank you to the kitchen staff for keeping things running smoothly in the hot kitchen!

Karen brought in her golden retriever "Jack" to visit with us after lunch. She loves the hot weather and Jack seemed to be fine with it, too! He's a big dog—so gentle—and he's still working on losing a little weight. We love having them visit! Earlene led trivia—and with a little extra time available, she and Diane led the group in some fun songs! For our sing-along, we welcomed Sue Wloch back at the piano. She had a good mix of songs for everyone to enjoy and it gave her an opportunity to play the piano that had belonged to her late uncle, Carlton. Thank you, Sue!

The day's activities ended on schedule at 2:30 PM. Our next program is Wednesday, October 3.

*Jan Sherman and Paulette Hotchkiss*

**Coming Up at Augustana LC**

**Chowder Sale~~Basket Raffle~~Bake Sale**

The Women's Group will hold this event on **Saturday, November 3** from **11:00 AM to 1:30 PM** (Augustana is located at 3143 Eggert Road near Colvin Blvd. in Tonawanda). The raffle will take place at 1:00 PM and you do not have to be present to win. Proceeds will support the Women's Group (WELCA—Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and their work in the church and out in the community.

**Walk to End Alzheimer's**

This year we had 13 people who gave of their time on Saturday, September 15, to walk in support of the Alzheimer's Association.

It was a beautiful sunny day for a walk at the Buffalo Outer Harbor—although it got pretty toasty by the end of the walk. Thank you to everyone who walked and to everyone who supported us financially—and to those who bought chocolate suckers, butterflies and hot air balloons!

To date, Team TOL has raised \$2,300!

*Earlene*

**Recycling Continues!**

Please continue to place your cans and bottles in the marked container in the narthex—or redeem them at the Bottle and Can Redemption Center located in the Sheridan-Parkhurst Plaza (2790 Sheridan Drive in Tonawanda). Thank you!



"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and behold, service was joy."

*Rabindranath Tagore*



**Thank You from Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center**

Dear Friends,

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is truly blessed by friends like you who give to our ministry. Through gifts such as yours, we are able to provide programs that encourage and nurture the spirit of our guests and campers.

Your generous donation will help us continue to reach out and connect with many individuals. Thank you for sharing in LCLC outdoor ministries.

Please accept this letter acknowledging your donation. We appreciate your ongoing support and are grateful for the ways you bless LCLC!

God's Peace,  
*Lee M. Lindeman*  
Executive Director



### Chiavetta's Dinner Thank you!



Thank you so much to everyone who made our annual Chiavetta's dinner such a great success! It's always fun to have all of our "customers" come and enjoy great food, to meet friendly, loving people, and to take advantage of our wonderful Basket Raffle.

Special thanks to Barb and Dick for spearheading this annual event and for keeping things running smoothly throughout the day. Thank you to Kelly and Debbie for all of your hard work with organizing the basket raffle—another big success.

Thank you, thank you!

*Earlene*

### Basket Raffle Thank You!

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed and bought tickets to our Basket Raffle at the Chiavetta's Dinner event (so glad we had many winners from TOL).

This year we had the most raffle items ever with the final count being 58—and the most money raised, \$741.00!!!

We couldn't have done it without your unending support!

*Kelly*



### Where Anna is Tonight

Where Anna is tonight, the leaves do not fall from the trees, form brown and sodden heaps; one cannot foresee winter in grey shapes of cloud. Dull rain will never wash away the sun where Anna is tonight.

Where Anna is tonight, no birds will fly off southward in a storm of wings; no people burrow sadly deeper into the dark woods, into leaves. No melting snow will drown fires into greasy smoke where Anna is tonight.

*Loren Keller*

(Loren, pictured with his mother Anna)

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### Lutheran Charities Thank You, August 29, 2018

Dear Friends at Trinity Old Lutheran,

Thanks so much for your basket donation benefitting our 21<sup>st</sup> annual Lutheran Charities Golf Classic held on August 10, 2018. The event was a great success attracting over 170 golfers and volunteers!

Thanks to you, the basket auction alone raised over \$2,100 for our Lutheran Charities agencies offering education, health and social services to those in need in Western New York.

We are so very grateful and hope for your continued partnership and support in 2019!

With gratitude,

*Thomas E. Madden*

Executive Director

Lutheran Charities of Western New York



"A Pitch From Satchel Paige"

A Play for One Actor

**Jim Keller & Loren Keller**

### Congratulations, Loren and Jim!

"A Pitch from Satchel Paige," a solo show written by church member Loren Keller and his son Jim, was performed at the Acorn Theatre in Manhattan as part of the New York New Works (NYNW) Festival on September 6 and 15. It was one of six shows chosen as a Festival finalist. Results will be in the November *Tidings*!

### 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 Sorority	Meets on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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).

### Lutheran Charities—Dinner, Drama & Dessert!

"Murder in the Undercroft" (Whodunit?) will be performed at Ripa's Restaurant in Lancaster on **Friday, November 9** (Dinner Performance) and on **Saturday, November 10** (Matinée & Dinner Performances). Proceeds will support Lutheran Charities of Western New York. Artisan desserts will be available for purchase and there will also be Basket Raffles. Seating is limited.



Please contact Lutheran Charities for more information or tickets (phone: 632-2623).