

Trinity Tidings

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in the name of Jesus.



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Pastor's Ponderings

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

In May, our Council issued a request to the people of TOL because of a deficit we were facing in our budget. The congregation responded wonderfully! You have given, continue to give, and raised money to cover almost \$3,000 of the deficit so far (May through August)! Praise the Lord for your faithfulness and sacrifice. Peace be with you.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord in his sanctuary... Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Psalm 150:1,6

Recently I attended a training for becoming a coach in the ELCA. The training was thorough and sometimes intense. With nine other people we discovered a world in which we can help others move towards goals and meet them. All of us had gifts coming into the training and received much to add to them when we were finished.

I left the sessions with an acronym that helps me help others to get closer to their goal. It is **CHAIN**.

C is for **connecting**, which means building a relationship with the person or persons one is coaching. **Connecting describes the relationship we have in our church, and our desire to connect with others!**

H stands for **hearing**, which is emptying oneself of judgment or a distracting inner voice. We were taught to begin coaching with a blank slate and no perceived solution. **As we as a church move forward with ideas and pursue opportunities, it is important that we start fresh in looking at all possibilities and perspectives and see where God is calling us new.**

A is for **articulating** a direction in which to proceed. We were taught that a coach can't coach if the client or the coached doesn't say it. **As we the church move forward towards future goals, we must say them out loud and reiterate them in different ways, again and again. A vision articulated is one that can be pursued and achieved!**

I stands for **implementing**. This involves developing action steps and a timeline to reach the goals set. **In the future when we the church set goals, much of our time will be to develop the steps it takes to move deliberately towards those goals.**

N is used to remind us to **notice**. In the journey, as we move towards a goal, challenges and successes must get noticed and as one recognizes the movement towards a goal, all can celebrate! **I want to challenge us to celebrate and recognize when we have moved towards a healthier, timely, Godly and purposeful direction in our church!**

Today I celebrate our response to a challenge set before us to meet our budget! WELL DONE GOOD and FAITHFUL SERVANTS! I can't wait to see what challenges we overcome to meet the future goals set before us!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Fred he/him/his

Chicken Chowder Sale—Saturday, October 26!

Chowder will go on sale at noon at a cost of \$7 per quart or \$25/gallon (limit one gallon per family).

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 new chart in the narthex for a list of needed ingredients. Canned goods can be brought in at any time, but the fresh veggies should be in the downstairs kitchen before Friday, October 25.

On Saturday, September 21, we had a fun and productive morning cooking up chicken for our upcoming chowder sale. Thank you to Velma, Jan, Karen, Earlene and Lacy for your help!

Our next prep day will be on **Friday, October 25 at 9:00 AM** when we will be cutting up all the veggies for the chowder. If you'd like to help with the prep work, please bring a cutting board and a sharp knife. If you would like to help the day of the sale, please let me know.

Matt

October Stewardship: Hearts and Hands—Neighbors Helping Neighbors

A guest speaker will join us at worship on
Sunday, October 13!

Reformation Sunday—Joint Service at TOL with Augustana LC Sunday, October 27

Worship at 11:00 AM, followed by a coffee hour—wear red!



TLC at TOL Respite Care Program—Recognition Sunday, November 3 at 11:00 AM Worship

You are invited to share in this special day as we look back on the fifth year of the program as well as honoring our guests and volunteers.

Jan and Paulette

Veterans Day Service at TOL Monday, November 11

We will honor our Veterans in song, worship and prayer during a special service at 11:00 AM. A coffee hour will follow. We hope you can join us.

Something different in TOL Potlucks...coming
Saturday, November 16! Watch for details!

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.



Team TOL—Alzheimer's Walk

Eight of us braved a cloudy and very windy Saturday morning on September 14 to participate in this year's Walk at Buffalo's beautiful Outer Harbor. We are proud to be part of this very worthwhile cause and **we sincerely thank all who donated** in support of this year's venture!

Earlene

Thank you to Earlene for leading us in this fundraising effort again this year. We couldn't do it without you!

Team TOL Results (as of September 24): \$1,881!

Support ELCA Disaster Response—Hurricanes

Effects of recent Hurricane Dorian and Hurricane/Tropical Storm Imelda have left areas of the Bahamas uninhabitable, and led to devastating flooding in the Southern United States. The need for aid and support of those impacted remains great and donating through ELCA Disaster Response is an important way to help those in need.

Your donations to Lutheran Disaster Response can be made through the website at <https://elca.org>, and your options include 2019 Hurricane Response, US Flooding, and Where Needed Most.

From the ELCA website: Your gifts designated for [a specific option] will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete.

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 7, 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.

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

1 Thessalonians 5:11



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September Stewardship

Thank you for your donations in support of the ELCA Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service (LIRS). More detailed information can be found at <https://elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Immigration-and-Refugee-Services>.

October Stewardship

During the month, we will focus on Hearts and Hands (HNH). The organization now serves the elderly and physically challenged adults in Erie and Niagara Counties—Amherst, Kenmore and Tonawanda. Services include transporting individuals to appointments, etc., as well as providing in-home support for caregivers and care receivers, light housekeeping, and yard work. Please use the marked pew envelopes for your donations!



HNH also needs volunteers. Volunteers choose assignments that fit into their schedules and they may help once a month or as much as they wish. Please visit the website at www.hnhcares.org for more information on how to become a volunteer.

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

Reminder for TOL Bakers!

We will be having a Baked Goods Sale on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 5**. We welcome your 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 (please use the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board). Watch the Sunday bulletins for details on the time of the sale and when to bring in your baked goods. Thank you!



Operation Christmas Child

It's that time again—time to put together your Operation Christmas Child shoe box. Boxes and directions will be available in the narthex on Sunday, October 6. They are due back in church by Sunday, November 17. Please remember—no candy or tooth paste. Your donation of \$9 will help with the cost of sending the boxes on their way. If you have any questions, please see Debbie. Thank you!

TLC at TOL Respite Care Program, September 4

We welcomed eight guests to the program on a warm, summer day—including one new guest and two new volunteers!

After the morning snack, everyone participated in a variety of word games and trivia with Diane. Chair yoga exercises with Leanne followed. Guests made beautiful wooden fans during craft time using the new paint sticks as well as colorful and glittery foam stickers. Their creations also came with colorful ribbon bows.

The Kitchen Staff prepared ham and cheese sandwiches for lunch and served ice cream and chocolate chip cookies for dessert — delicious!

We began the afternoon activities with Everyone Wins Transportation Bingo. We welcomed Charlie back as Bingo Caller. Two therapy dogs visited with us—both are from the SPCA's Paws of Love Program. Lynn returned with her dog Chrome (a Border Collie) and they brought along their friends Jenn and her dog, Lily (an Australian Cattle Dog). Both Chrome and Lily also provide stress relief for travelers at the Buffalo-Niagara Airport. Jenn has three cats at home and she also raises chickens. Chrome and Lily also entertained us with their tricks — a treat for all of us!



Music time finished the afternoon activities — with Sing-along with Susie Q "Happy Days" (a Respite favorite)!

Jan and Paulette

Thank You

Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner: On September 8 (opening day of the Bills season and a win!), we had our annual Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner and Basket Raffle. Everything went very well, we had plenty of desserts (thank you, bakers) and everyone had a great time!

Many, many thanks to all who helped and participated on this special day. And a very big THANK YOU to Barb and Dick for all they do.

We did end up with some unsold dinners and Dick delivered them to Friends of Night People in Buffalo. Dick said they were happy to see him!

Earlene

Basket Raffle: Thank you to everyone for your donations of baskets, gift cards, cash, and items to make baskets. With your help we were able to bring our total to 47 items raffled. If you also helped out by purchasing basket raffle ticket—thank you so much. Our grand total was \$687! A portion of the funds raised will go towards our Sunday School's Operation Christmas Child project. Information on how you can help with this very important mission project can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Kelly and Debbie

Used Book Sale: The book sale during the BBQ raised \$82 for the Sanctuary Carpet Fund! The remaining books can be found in the downstairs Nursery room (up the ramp). Stop by and take a "take a look and a book." Prices are listed and a box is there for your donation. Thank you!

Barb



In reading over a history of winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, I rediscovered a great humanitarian, Albert Schweitzer, who was honored in 1952. In French Equatorial Africa (later Gabon), he spent more than 25 years, including building over one hundred hospital centers with large staffs. Periodically, he returned to Europe to raise funds by lectures and organ recitals. He was a great scholar of Bach. Endlessly busy, he also wrote many works expounding his philosophy of "reverence for life," which included world brotherhood and peace. Schweitzer, with his crinkled smile and baggy mustache looked every inch the wise old sage, and many revered him as a saint for his African work. Others saw him as a remnant of European colonial paternalism, too authoritarian with his staff and patients. But he was probably the most famous winner of the Prize before Mother Teresa, who received the award in 1979.

Loren Keller

[From: Trinity Tidings, October 2016]

Adult Classes at TOL Led by Charlie Schmidtke

Adult Ed.—Monday Afternoons at 1:00 PM

Most people don't know that there were over 16 gospels and many other writings that were not included in the Bible but were familiar to Jesus' followers in the first and second centuries.

This Fall we'll continue examining these works, their backgrounds and what they may mean for us today.



Join us!

- October 7 and 28: The Gospel According to Mary
- November 4 and 18: The Book of Q
- December 2: The Gospel of Truth

Lutheran Charities of WNY—Upcoming Events!

Crafty Brew Bash!

Thursday, October 24, 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Resurgence Brewing Company

(55 Chicago Street in Buffalo)

\$28 in advance — \$30 at the door (food and drink)
Basket Raffles!

"Murder at the Grand Lafayette" Dinner Theatre November 8 and 9



Ripa's Restaurant & Banquets
(4218 Walden Avenue in Lancaster)

6:00 PM (Doors Open) / 7:00 PM (Dinner Theatre)

Complete details are posted on the bulletin board.
Seating is limited—deadline for ticket orders is November 2.

For ticket information or to register for either event, please visit www.wnylutherancharities.org or contact Lutheran Charities at 632-2623.