

# Trinity Tidings

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Proclamation, Fellowship and Service  
in the name of Jesus.



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Pastor

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Being a Christian is less about cautiously avoiding sin than about courageously and actively doing God's will." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"...what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

When within a country there is rampant murder, rape, and starvation; when country leaders get rich on the backs of their people; it is time for other countries to be a welcoming place to those who cannot survive or live safely in their own country. Of course the countries that claim to have good and fair laws should influence the leaders of countries who are not caring for their people and encourage/force them to change. Until change occurs, prosperous, ethical, just, and safe countries should provide a way to receive, care for, and assimilate the immigrant and refugee.

Recently, through the work at Augustana and the refugee and immigrant driving program, my eyes have been open to the resilience of the immigrant and refugee and to their many stories. Stories of courage in the face of inhumane treatment and insurmountable odds of surviving. I will try as a pastor of the church to lift up our purpose and pursue it, which is to "serve in response to human needs, caring for the sick and aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace and reconciliation among the nations, standing with the poor and powerless, and committing itself to their needs." (C4.02.d of our church constitution.)

There is much that we can do to impact people's struggle: prayer, putting our money where our mouth is, advocating for just treatment, uplifting our neighbor, and more and more and more.

Join me in expanding our focus beyond our local needs to include the downtrodden of the world.

Peace,  
Pastor Fred he/him/his

Wishing everyone a safe and  
happy summer!



## No Coffee Hours Scheduled for the Summer, but...



...the Coffee Bar is always open before worship. Stop by for a coffee and a treat—homemade baked goods are always welcome!

## Holy Rest Cemetery Work Day (Three Hours)

Have you ever been to our cemetery? If you haven't, perhaps you'd like to come by on **Saturday, July 13** for a morning of yard work to help with trimming around monuments, weeding, and picking up fallen debris.

We are investing greatly in TOL's current and future ministries, but we should also pay respect to our congregation's history. A great way to do that is to help maintain the final resting places of many past TOL members and pastors. The cemetery is very old, very large, and needs a lot of TLC. Many of the markers are flush to the ground with grass covering over them. Weeds are growing in between monuments where the lawnmower cannot access.



If you would like to help, we'll start at **9:00 AM and work until noon**. Please bring trimmers, battery-powered weed-whackers, gardening trowels, hats, sunscreen, and drinking water to keep cool and refreshed. We'll meet right at the cemetery, which is located at the corner of Pine Ridge Road and East Delavan Avenue in Cheektowaga.

For more information, please contact Matt.

Hope to see you there!

TOL Stewardship Team

## BW's BBQ Dinners—Coming Saturday, July 20!

**3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Take Out Only!**

**Chicken dinners - \$10**

**Ribs dinners - \$14**

Dinners come with two salads, roll and butter.

A portion of the dinner proceeds will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response—US Flooding in the Midwest.



## Adult Retreat at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center October 4, 5, and 6

### What's Next: Here and Now / There and Then

All information is posted on the main bulletin board—along with a sign-up sheet. It is open to everyone 18 years and older. Please speak to Charlie Schmidtke if you have any questions.

## Prayer for Trinity Old Lutheran and Augustana Lutheran Churches

Almighty God, bring us into a community guided by your love. Inspire in us a spirit of hospitality and kindness, and teach us to bear one another's burdens with compassion. Show us your will for the ministries at Augustana and TOL, and strengthen our relationships in this community as we serve our neighbors in love. Amen.

### TLC at TOL Respite Care Program, June 5

We welcomed nine guests on a sunny and warm day. With Flag Day in June, patriotic decorations were placed in activity areas.

Following the morning snack, Diane led the group with a Haiku poem and seasonal word games. A microphone was placed nearby and everyone benefitted from the increased amplification. A big thank you to Jeff for setting it up for us!

Guests and volunteers participated in chair yoga with Leanne before moving to the craft tables. The Father's Day craft was a red and blue foam speedboat—challenging to assemble, but the completed boats proved to be “sea-worthy” when placed in a bowl of water!

The Kitchen Staff served delicious sandwiches and sides of Joan's chilled homemade applesauce, followed by Nora's homemade mega-brownies for dessert. Delicious!

Judy arrived with her dog Davy and they spent time greeting guests and volunteers. Davy is a hound mix and he was a rescue from Syracuse—he's now nine years old. Judy let us know that he is also a “tail-wagging tutor” spending time with children at a Niagara County library. Davy is very special!



“Sue at the Piano” led us during music time. She played a good mix of familiar music for everyone to enjoy—from pop, old-time songs, hymns, and patriotic favorites. We ended with singing Happy Birthday, Ann!

*Jan Sherman and Paulette Hotchkiss*



### Check Your Linen Closets!

The LWR Quilters group is on summer break, but when they resume in the fall, they could use your “tired out” bedsheets. Please consider donating any unused sheets that you may have—they will be turned into beautiful quilts to help those in need at home and abroad.

Please indicate that they are for the LWR Quilters and leave them in the counters' room, located next to the church office. Thank you!

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**TOL's Caregivers Support Group...** The group will meet on **Monday, August 5 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: Faith in Action”

TOL is a part of this community of volunteers—Neighbor Helping Neighbor Volunteer Program! Volunteers choose assignments that fit into their schedules and they may help once a month or as much as they wish.

HNH serves Amherst, Kenmore and Tonawanda and services include: transportation, light housekeeping, yard work and caregiver respite.



For more program details and information, please visit the HNH website at [www.hnhcares.org/services](http://www.hnhcares.org/services) or call 406-8311, Ext 107.

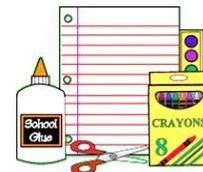
### Lutheran Charities Annual Basket Auction

The Annual Golf Classic will take place on August 9 and will feature the Annual Basket Auction.

This year, TOL's basket theme is “Get Ready for School.” Donations of items that any family with school-age children would appreciate are most welcome

Please place your items in the designated basket located in the narthex.

All donations should be in the basket by Sunday, July 28. Thank you for your support!



**HAPPY**  
**Independence Day!**



## Biblical Musical Women, by Loren Keller

In a book I've been reading lately, Amos Oz (not the Wizard) has a chapter called "Vocal Women," in which he and his writing partner/daughter find many interesting references in the Old Testament to women like Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, and Avishag, who were forbidden to do such things as singing in public, but did anyway: "Miriam sang, drummed and possibly also danced in front of a whole people. Deborah sang her own lyrics from the very seat of government, performing a duet with her chief of staff. Hannah may have delivered her poetic thanksgiving to the almighty alone at home, but it obviously reached the media, and takes up a good part of Samuel 2. These ladies, and the songstress Avishag, and the three daughters of the singing family of Heman—there are plenty more. Oz is especially eager to point these things out because he finds in his contemporary Israel that "some powerful communities do not wish to hear women singing. Not onstage, not in ceremonies, not even in the shower."

We should be thankful for the lovely female voices that add so much to our church services at TOL. It's hard to imagine someone refusing to allow the voices that lead us in hymns, that move us with anthems that provide beauty in solos and duets. How much more beautiful our Christmas services are made by the very special ladies who touch our hearts with music—old and familiar or new and contemporary. This is just a gentle "thank you" to all of them. Keep singing, ladies. Please!



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### Thank You!

Pastor Fred recently received the following letter from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sheridan Drive in Tonawanda.



Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your generous support of the Food Pantry and Community Garden at Good Shepherd. We offer food to anyone who comes to our door between 10am and Noon on the third and fourth Saturday of each month. Some of our visitors are embarrassed by their need and we try to put them at ease with our welcome. Our new Community Garden has formed with the goal being for local apartment residents to be able to have the joy and satisfaction of growing their own food.



Let me again thank you for your support and I invite you to stop by and check out our garden.

Thank you,  
*Joanne and Russ White*  
Food Pantry/Community Garden Chairpersons

## "Summer Fridays" Playgroup at Augustana LC

The program continues every Friday beginning **July 12 through August 16 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**. Children ages 0-5 (older siblings are welcome) and their caregivers enjoy toys, songs, stories, and snacks. The program is free and the activities take place indoors.

Augustana is located at 3143 Eggert Road near Colvin Blvd. in Tonawanda.

For more information, please contact the Augustana church office at 832-5720 or email the church at [augustchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:augustchurch@yahoo.com).



## Online Giving to TOL

Tithe.ly is available for online giving. You can set up your account through the TOL website ([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.



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual LC Golf Classic Friday, August 9

**Chestnut Hill Country Club (1330 Broadway in Darien, NY)**



Registration and Lunch: Noon  
Shotgun Start: 1:30 PM  
Open Bar: 5:00 PM  
Steak Dinner, Awards, Prizes: 6:00 PM  
Welcome Gifts ~ Raffles ~ Door Prizes and More!

Registration is limited—register by Friday, July 19. Brochures are available on the kiosk located outside of the church office!

Register for Lutheran Charities events at:

[www.wnylutherancharities.org](http://www.wnylutherancharities.org) — phone 632-2623 or email [info@wnylutherancharities.org](mailto:info@wnylutherancharities.org).



## 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
Fitness Room	Mon., Yoga Pilates, 5:45 to 7:00 PM Tues., Back and Hip Yoga, 12:00 Noon 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 the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 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).