

St John News

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School,
North Tonawanda, New York

March 2017

Lent Worship Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Many of those involved in the final days before Jesus' death came to a crossroad in life and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, but their stories help us face our crossroads with Jesus. He chose the road to the cross that changed everything!

Ash Wednesday - March 1 • Confession • Psalm 32:1-5
King David reaches the crossroad of admitting his sin or hiding it.

March 8 • Betrayal • John 13:21-30
Judas' crossroad of temptation costs him more than he ever imagined.

March 15 • Judgment • Matthew 27:11-26
Pontius Pilate comes to the crossroads of having to decide Jesus' fate.

March 22 • Compassion • Luke 22:47-51
A soldier's crossroad comes unexpectedly in the compassion of Jesus.

March 29 • Declaration • Luke 22:54-62
Peter's crossroad comes at a point of weakness and fear.

April 5 • Obedience • Matthew 26:36-46
Witness Jesus' crossroad in the garden and His obedience for us.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 am

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

February 26-March 4

TODAY:	8-8:45 am	Handbell Practice
	9:00 am	Divine Service
	10:15 am	Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation Class
	11:15 am	Choir Practice
TUESDAY:	6:00 pm	Prayer Group
MONDAY-FRIDAY	8 am-4 pm	Regular office hours

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday 122

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 2/19/2017

	Week Total	Y-T-D	Needed	Difference
Envelope/Plate	\$3,271.00	\$100,772.00	\$131,250.00	-\$30,478.00

STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

The **BETTER TOGETHER** Sermon Series and Bible Study, led by Pastor Mike, concludes today. Beginning next Sunday, March 5, Pastor Mike will lead a Bible Study based on the lessons from worship each week. We will meet in the Worship Center.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Connection Cards: Please fill in the cards completely, **especially on Sundays with Holy Communion**, so we can maintain accurate church records. Thank you.

Choir Practice begins today after Bible Class in preparation for Easter.

St. John School's next Open House for the 2017-2018 school year will be held **this Tuesday, February 28** from 6-7:30 p.m. This includes PK-grade 8. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please pass this information along.

Lenten Dinners at St. John: During the Lenten season, the Ladies Group, PTL, and the Stewardship Committee will sponsor a light dinner at 6 p.m., prior to the 7 p.m. service, on Ash Wednesday, March 1, Wednesday, March 15, and Wednesday, March 29 for anyone wishing to attend.

THE SHACK Movie Event and Discussion: THE SHACK novel is incredibly popular, selling 22 million copies world-wide and is now a movie. Yet it raises concerns. Let's discuss so we can always be prepared to give an answer. Sunday, March 5, we will meet at church at 3 p.m., carpool to the movie theater, then return to St. John, potluck and discussion to follow. Tickets are \$12.00. Childcare will be available. *We recognize the controversial nature of this movie and by hosting this event we are not endorsing the views expressed in this work of fiction but see it as an opportunity to open discussion into spiritual matters.*

St. John School's Platters Chocolate Sale: A brochure and order form are in the office for anyone interested. The deadline for orders is tomorrow.

Spring is not too far away, and that means lawn mowing season. We are looking for volunteers to help mow the cemetery. Please let the office know if you are available. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Scrip Card Program: Orders are due on the 15th of every month. An order form with a listing of all participating businesses is in the rack to the left of the table in the narthex. Some cards are also available in the office.

Coffee/Pastry Hospitality Hour: Our Hospitality Hour has resumed after the holidays. Everyone is enjoying the goodies that are served and the opportunity to socialize after our Sunday service. **More volunteers would be appreciated to help make goodies.** If you would like to help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Contact Karin Rogers at 870-2902 (karinkr@roadrunner.com) if you need more information. This hospitality time provides a great opportunity to meet and get to know visitors, new members, and fellowship among our members. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Our school lunch program is looking for volunteers to serve lunch and help in the cafeteria. If interested, contact Sharon Annunziato at 800-3553. Family members and grandparents are welcome!

CHURCH/COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1135 Oliver Street, N. Tonawanda, will have a Fish Fry/Chicken Finger dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 1 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Price is \$10/adult for either dinner; chicken finger dinner is \$6.00/children. Call 693-3715; no tickets will be sold after February 29.

St. Johnsburg Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary is having their annual Theme Basket Auction at the Fire Hall, 7165 Ward Road, on Sunday, March 5. Doors open at 11 a.m.; drawings begin at 2 p.m. There is a \$5.00 entry fee.

The Concordia University Chicago Wind Symphony will perform in concert at Holy Ghost Lutheran Church on Tuesday, March 7. Housing is needed for the group that evening, providing breakfast and transportation back to Holy Ghost the next morning. If you can help, please let the office know.

Help a Neighbor – Make a Difference: Hearts and Hands is a not-for-profit “neighbor-helping-neighbor” organization which pairs volunteers with care receivers for basic transportation, light housekeeping, yard work, small repairs, friendly visits, etc. Volunteers can choose what service they would like to provide and how often; you accept only the assignments that fit your schedule, interests, and ability. No special license is required. For more information, call 406-8311.

Upcoming Events at Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center:

March 3-4
Father-Daughter Retreat

March 31-April 1
Mother’s Retreat

April 21-23
Junior High & Senior High Retreat

May 26-29
Family Service Weekend

Monday, July 17
Golf Benefit at Brierwood Country Club,
Hamburg

Information is available in the office.