

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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SERVING TODAY/NEXT WEEK

(March 12-18)

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Michael Borgstede/Rev. Randy Rozelle
Elders: Bruce Sutherland, Herb Meissner
Acolyte: Dean Ervay
Next Sunday: Isaiah Johnston
Reader: Herb Meissner
Reader Next Week: Andrew Johnston
Counting Team: Winston Moeller, Lori & Steve Argo, Leona Schroeder,
Donald Schroeder
Next Week: Cathy & Dan Schultz, Vern Bartlett, Kathy Wendt
Altar Guild for March: Anita Garito, Mary Salefske

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

March 12-18

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
6:30 pm Church Council meeting
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 am-4 pm Regular office hours

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday 125; Wednesday 36

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 3/5/2017

	Week Total	Y-T-D	Needed	Difference
Envelope/Plate	\$4,901.00	\$108,257.00	\$141,750.00	-\$33,493.00

STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

Pastor Mike is leading a Bible Study based on the lessons from worship each week. The group meets 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.

Church Council will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

A Special Voters' Meeting will be held next Sunday, March 19 at 10 a.m., (immediately following the service) regarding the School Principal position.

Lenten Dinners at St. John: The next dinner will be this Wednesday, **March 15**, sponsored by the PTL. Because this is a catered dinner, the deadline for reservations was last Wednesday. The next Lenten Dinner will be on Wednesday, March 29 at 6 p.m., prior to the 7 p.m. service.

Scrip Card Program: Orders are due **this Wednesday, March 15th**. 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.

Food Pantry: This month's collection date is **next Sunday, March 19**. Most-needed items include: quick meals, rice, pancake mix and syrup, canned fruit, cereal and oatmeal, jell-o, jelly, peanut butter, peas, personal care items (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors), soup, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodle soups (in cellophane). In February, 33 bags of food and \$10.00 were donated. Thank you for your continued support.

Every month, chapel offerings from the students of St. John are designated for a mission/human service project. This school year, offerings have already been given to Bible League International, Operation Christmas Child, and Soles for Souls. For the months of February and March, we are collecting for Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

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!

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!!

CHURCH/COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Historical Society of North German Settlements in WNY will host a presentation by Michelle Ann Kratts of her new book, "Niagara Falls in World War II" on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Wheatfield Community Center. Ms. Kratts will discuss the city's role in the war effort and will relate stories of many Falls residents who served in uniform.

St. Peter's Lutheran School, 6168 Walmore Road, Sanborn, will have a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafters, vendors, and homemade baked goods will be featured.

Reformation Reading Club: The current selection for the Reading Club is Martin Luther's treatise, The Babylonian Captivity of the Church. This essay is available for free at <http://www.lutherdansk.dk/Web-babylonian%20Captivate/Martin%20Luther.htm>. A book of Luther's writings, Martin Luther: Selections from His Writings, by John Dillenberger, Anchor Press, 1961, is available from many booksellers, including Concordia Publishing House (800-325-3040). The group will meet here on Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. to review and share thoughts on Luther's essay.

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.

*"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God
and God's family, the Church, in managing life and all of life's resources for God's purposes."*