

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 19-25)

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Michael Borgstede
Elders: Bruce Sutherland, Herb Meissner
Organist: Doreen Sutherland
Acolyte: Isaiah Johnston
Next Sunday: Samantha Shively
Reader: Andrew Johnston
Reader Next Week: Roger Carr
Counting Team: Cathy & Dan Schultz, Vern Bartlett, Kathy Wendt
Next Week: Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir
Altar Guild for March: Anita Garito, Mary Salefske

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

March 19-25

TODAY: 8-8:45 am Handbell Practice
9:00 am Divine Service
10:00 am Voters' Meeting
10:15 am Bible Study/Sunday School/Confirmation Class
11:15 am Choir Practice
TUESDAY: 6:00 pm Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY: 7:00 pm Lenten Service
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8 am-4 pm Regular office hours

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday 114; Wednesday 40

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 3/12/2017

	Week Total	Y-T-D	Needed	Difference
Envelope/Plate	\$2,355.00	\$110,612.00	\$147,000.00	-\$36,388.00

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.

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

Easter Flowers: Today is the deadline to order flowers to be placed in church on Easter Sunday. Forms are on the table in the narthex.

God's Blessings of comfort to the family of Ben Schultz, who passed away Friday. The funeral service was held yesterday morning at St. John.

A local Girl Scout Troop will hold a Cookie Drive Thru today in our parking lot between 12 noon-3 p.m. Just drive up to the front doors, and the cookies will be brought out to you.

You are invited to a Movie Night here on Friday, March 24, sponsored by St. John PTL. The movies, *Troll* and *Woodlawn*, will begin at 6:30 p.m., following a brief PTL meeting. Please bring snacks to share: Last name A-L, please bring a snack; M-Z, please bring a drink.

Lenten Dinners at St. John: The next dinner will be Wednesday, **March 29** sponsored by the Ladies Group.

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.

St. John Lutheran Spirit Wear is available for purchase online at shirts.signworkssportswear.com. T-shirts, polos, and jackets are available, but must be purchased online. Samples are in the narthex, along with a flyer with more information. Order deadline is next Sunday, April 2.

Food Pantry: 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). 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.

Coffee/Pastry Hospitality Hour:

Please enjoy the goodies and coffee that are in the narthex after the church service. Feel free to visit with friends, family, new members or visitors in the lounge. Thank you to everyone who has been making pastry and goodies. Anyone who would like to make goodies can sign up on the sheet that is in the narthex. Your help will be greatly appreciated!! This hospitality time provides a great opportunity to meet and get to know visitors, new members, and fellowship among our members. Thank you so much!!!

CHURCH/COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Peter's Lutheran School, 6168 Walmore Road, Sanborn, will have a Spring Craft Show this Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Crafters, vendors, and homemade baked goods will be featured. They will also have a **Chiavetta's "Drive Thru" chicken BBQ** on Thursday, March 30 from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 453 Old Falls Blvd., N. Tonawanda, will have its annual Original Breakfast with the Bunny on Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Admission is \$3/age 11 & up, \$2/age 2-10; under 2 is free. The event also includes an Easter egg hunt, a visit and gift from the bunny, and a treat bag.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1135

Oliver St., N. Tonawanda, will have a Chicken & Rib BBQ on Saturday, April 1 from 4-7 p.m. Cost for chicken BBQ is \$11/adult; \$9.00/child; ribs: \$17.00/adults only. Tickets are available at the church office until March 26. A Theme Basket raffle will begin at 6:45 p.m.

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.