

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 5-11)

Liturgist/Preacher: Rev. Michael Borgstede
Elders: Bruce Sutherland, Herb Meissner
Organist: Doreen Sutherland
Acolyte: Noah Conte
Next Sunday: Dean Ervay
Reader: Owen Licht
Reader Next Week: Herb Meissner
Counting Team: Bill Nelson, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Diana Harder,
Randy DeVantier
Next Week: Winston Moeller, Lori & Steve Argo, Leona Schroeder,
Donald Schroeder
Altar Guild for February: Anita Garito, Mary Salefske

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

March 5-11

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 99; Ash Wednesday 81

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 2/26/2017

	Week Total	Y-T-D	Needed	Difference
Envelope/Plate	\$2,584.00	\$103,356.00	\$136,500.00	-\$33,144.00

STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

Beginning today, 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.

Baptized today (11:30 a.m.):

Mackenzie Jean Harder, daughter of Christopher and Diana Harder, born October 17, 2016. Sponsors are Dawn Dean, Nathan Harder, and Steven and Lori Argo. The baptismal rose is placed in Mackenzie's honor by her grandmothers. May God keep Mackenzie in her baptismal grace.

THE SHACK Movie Event and Discussion takes place today. St. John members will meet at church at 3 p.m., carpool to the movie theater, then return to St. John for potluck and discussion afterward. Pre-sale tickets have already been ordered. If you are interested in attending, you may be able to purchase tickets at the theater. 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.

Lenten Dinners at St. John: Many thanks to the Stewardship Committee for sponsoring our first Lenten dinner this past Wednesday. The next dinner will be on Wednesday, **March 15**, sponsored by the PTL. This is a catered dinner; a sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Deadline for sign-up is March 8. Dinner time is 6 p.m., prior to the 7 p.m. service.

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.

Food Pantry: This month's collection date is **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). Thank you for your continued support.

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

St. Johnsburg Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary is having their annual Theme Basket Auction at the Fire Hall, 7165 Ward Road, today. 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 this Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is a celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Symphony has performed in 43 states and in countries around the world.

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.