



# St. John News

August 18, 2024

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

School founded 1846  
Church founded 1853

St. John is a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**,  
welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

School: Nurturing children academically and spiritually toward a life of witness and service in Christ.



### Sunday, August 18

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

### Wednesday, August 21

- Worship – 7:00 PM

### Saturday, August 24

- Ladies Lunch – 12:00 PM
- Sons of the Father Picnic – 3:00 PM

### Sunday, August 25

- Worship – 9:00 AM

### Tuesday, August 27

- Meet the Teacher Night – 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, August 28

- Student Orientation – 6:00 PM
- Worship – 7:00 PM

### Thursday, August 29

- School Prayer Walk – 6:00 PM

Scan this QR code when you attend worship  
to fill out our *electronic* Connection Card.



### Church and School Prayer Walk

Thursday, August 29 6-8 PM

Come in and walk the St. John church and school building as you pray for our school students, families, faculty and staff, and other requests. Come and go as you please during this two-hour period, and we will finish at 7:45 with a brief prayer gathering in the Worship Center.



Individuals and families are welcome. Please consider that this is a time of focused prayer when deciding whether or not your young ones will participate.

**FLOCK BOX** You may have mail, envelopes, thank you notes, schedules, or other communications in your flock box. Please be sure to check it at your next convenience. **REMEMBER:** Your box is *below* your name.

If you are a regular attendee and do not have a box but would like to, please contact Lacey in the church office: churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-6977 option 2.

### *Blessed by their service:*

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for August:</b>	Paul Salefske and Bruce Sutherland	<b>Next Week:</b>	Dennis Gauda
<b>Reader for Sunday:</b>	Dennis Kelly		
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Frank Cornell, Donna Cornell, Diane Milne, Suzette Drenko, Donna House		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Randy DeVantier		
<b>Altar for August:</b>	Donna Carr and Annie Kelly		

**Office Hours:** 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Worship:** Sundays at 9:00 AM

(716) 693-9677

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

(option 1-School, 2-Church, 6-Principal, 7-Pastor)

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ABOUT THE CHURCH

**GIVING REPORT:**

**July 21:** \$6,129.05  
**July 28:** \$2,771.00  
**August 4:** \$4,945.00

**ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE**

You can give online. Go to [stjohnnt.com](http://stjohnnt.com), click "Worship With Us), and scroll down to click "Give Online". Or scan this QR code:



**FOOD PANTRY** Specific items they need this month are grape and strawberry jelly, fruit cocktail, toothpaste, and deodorant. **We were able to give 25 bags of food in July.** Thank you!



**AUGUST:** 18<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

**SEPTEMBER:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
15<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**ORGAN RENOVATIONS** The first phase will modernize the organ's circuitry: replacing the 1966 wiring and upgrading for MIDI and physical playback capabilities. We continue raising money toward our Phase 1 upgrade. Find more information about this project in the Information Center.

**\*This Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>\***

**SONS OF THE FATHER PICNIC, 3-7 PM**

Men and boys meet at Mayors Park in North Tonawanda. Today is the final day to sign up at the Information Center.

**LADIES' LUNCH, 12 noon.**

Women of St. John meet at Fieldstone Country Inn in Lockport. Sign up at the Information Center TODAY.

**FUNDRAISING CONTINUES** Please check-out the display and grab an envelope if you would like to financially support our Youth going to the LCMS Youth Gathering in 2025. For more information about the gathering, visit [lcmsgathering.org/about](http://lcmsgathering.org/about), or see Lynn and Addie Willis; Lorrie, Payton and Charlie Weir; or Pastor Mike and Zak Borgstede.

**Estimated Costs:**

Meals: \$50 per person per day  
Hotel: \$210 (updated) per room per night  
Registration with service project: \$420 per attendee



**SECOND ANNUAL ST. JOHN CHURCH AND SCHOOL PICNIC**

September 22, following a special 10:00 am service

Help is needed in many ways: setting up, making a side dish, grilling, cleaning up, and eating while having good conversation.

Talk with any one of the picnic committee members for more information: Dennis Gauda, Katie Gundell, Donna House, Peggy Meyer, and John Rosebrock.

Sign up at the Information Center to let us know how you will participate!

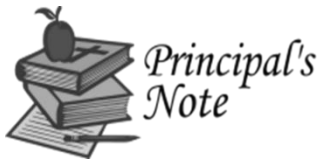


**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY** Children's Sunday School will begin September 15<sup>th</sup>; Adult Bible Class begins October 6<sup>th</sup>. Both follow the worship service.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** is a great way to get involved at St. John. Handbells, Choir, and Brass Ensembles all service to enhance our worship. For more information, see the Information Center bulletin board and contact Doreen Sutherland.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

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**St. John Lutheran School**

*Nurturing children academically and spiritually  
toward a life of witness and service in Christ.*



Greetings,

We are weeks away from the start of the school year and getting very excited. Please continue to pray for our school, staff and His ministry of sharing the Gospel.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Did you know?

- 42 children were enrolled in the summer camp this year. About 15-20 students attend daily. Thank you staff for a successful year!
- Continue to pray about the staffing vacancies at St. John. We are seeking two new teachers for the 2024-2025 school year: 4th grade and middle school ELA. Encourage anyone interested to reach out to me directly.
- Teachers will gather for meetings this week. The building will be prepped for the start of a new year that God has prepared and planned for St. John.

Blessings,  
Katie Gundell

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**INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS** to visit our top-ranking school!  
Schedule a visiting appointment at [office@stjohnnt.com](mailto:office@stjohnnt.com).

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**CALL AHEAD** School Office hours vary during the summertime. For your convenience, please call ahead if you wish to stop in. 716-693-9677, option 1.

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**AT OUR SISTER MINISTRIES:**

**\*TODAY\* CONTEMPORARY OUTDOOR WORSHIP** at Klimek Park, River Road, North Tonawanda next Sunday, August 18 at 10:30 am. Hosted by St. Mark, music led by Zach Carr and Ben Pasiak. A coffee hour will follow the service. We ask that you bring a coffee cake or "goody" to share for this gathering. Coffee will be provided. Hope to see you all at the River!

**\*THIS WEEK\* SUMMER YOUTH BELL CHOIR** First Trinity, Tonawanda; Sunday, August 25. The rehearsals are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, August 20, 21 and 22. First Trinity members and friends are welcome to come to the fun at this bell choir "boot camp"! Jr. and Sr. High students interested can contact David Werth at [dwerth@firsttrinity.com](mailto:dwerth@firsttrinity.com).

**BERGHOLZ FARM MARKET** Holy Ghost, Bergholz; Wednesdays 5-7 PM. Offering a variety of meats, eggs, produce, and other products.

**PASTOR DAVID KEATING'S INSTALLATION SERVICE** September 1, 3:00 pm at St. Mark, North Tonawanda. Reception for him and his family to follow.

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please **ask permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.
- **Private prayers** – [pastormike@stjohnnt.com](mailto:pastormike@stjohnnt.com) or 716-693-9677 option 7
- Contact the church office: [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com) or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2

**Short-Term Prayers** – *It is the final week on the prayer list for prayers with the closed circle.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- Diana Robinson (mother of the Borgstede's neighbor, Jessica) – In hospice
- Rosie Siegmann – At home
- Betty Brown – At home in hospice
- Pastor Blaine Jorg (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) – Recovering from surgery
- Renata Dielman (friend of Donna and Roger Carr) – Recovering from surgery
- Heidi Sue Mumm - Dealing with medical issues
- Debra Herman – Recovering from surgery
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Undergoing chemotherapy
- Karen Herman (wife of Jeff Herman) – Ongoing medical issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- April Smith – Ongoing health issues
- The family and friends of Joyce Schroeder (mother of Christie Scive; grandmother of Matt, Andrew, and Mike II) at her passing on August 1<sup>st</sup>
- The family and friends of Donald Faltisco (Amp Philaron's [Roger Carr's co-worker] father-in-law) at his recent passing
- Mary Redding – recovering from a fall
- Don Schultz (father of Matt Schultz) – Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease
- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) – Upcoming surgeries
- Tom Suthoff (uncle of Doug and Peggy Meyer) – Undergoing cancer treatments
- John Agnello (friend of Lacey Bahr) – Medical complications



- ✝ For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel
- ✝ For those affected by many wildfires and tornadoes.
- ✝ For St. John School as it prepares for a new school year and seeks to fill staff vacancies.
- ✝ That we might proclaim the Word of God to the lost, so they can see their need for a Savior and know Him

### Long Term Prayers

Doug Rich, Rick Hamilton, Donna Martin, Betty Brown, Shelly Erwin, Mary Schlegl, Jaycee Schmitz, Annie Kelly, Barb Manning, Doreen & Larry Damba, Marty Darlak, Kim Sova, Jason Barry, Dean Scirri, Rosemary Siegmann, Elsbeth Kaus, Doris Wollaber, Paul Greinert, Ken Musall, Owen Arizmendi, Kim Snell, Donald Licht, Jr., Matthew Wallace

**In the U.S. Military:** David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall, Chaplain Ben Bahr

**The Bereavement Department at Niagara Hospice** provides grief support groups in Lewiston, Sanborn, and North Tonawanda. Please see the posting on the bulletin board for locations and times.

### Please note:

- Short-Term prayers are kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks.
- Updated prayer requests will be considered renewed.
- If you would like your prayer request to be moved to the Long-Term Prayers, please contact the office.