



St. John News

September 22-October 12, 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.

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




CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

PreK through 5th grade meet at 10:15 on Sundays, following worship. The kids will explore the Bible in One Year!

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES begin soon. Classes are held Sundays at 10:15 am following worship.

Beginning September 29: *The Calming Shepherd* Walk through Psalm 23 verse by verse, connecting it to the life of King David, to our Good Shepherd, and to our everyday life. Led by Herb Meissner in the Meeting Room.

 Beginning October 6: *Sunday Readings* Take a closer look at this week's readings. Led by Pastor Mike in the Sanctuary.

MEN'S GROUP Join with your brothers around God's Word for eight weeks and learn to become solid men of God. Led by Pastor Mike, beginning Saturday, October 5th at 7:00 am at church. Optional: bring your own Bible.

Welcome

to our school and church families!

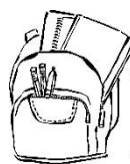
Together we



ENDURE

HEBREWS 12:1-3

because Christ endured!



Blessing of the Backpacks

During the September 22nd worship service, we will bless students going into their school year. Take a backpack tag with this year's theme to help them remember that God is with them each and every day. Students of all ages are welcome to take a tag.

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

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-9677

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

Chiavetta's
BBQ
FUNDRAISER



**SUPPORTS NIAGARA
YOUTH ENDURERS 2025
LCMS YOUTH
GATHERING TRIP TO
NEW ORLEANS, LA
July 19-23, 2025**

TUESDAY
 **NOVEMBER 05**

ST JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

6950 Ward Road
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

3:30 PM TO SOLD OUT

DRIVE THRU | TICKET: \$15

Pre-Sale Tickets

Call: 716-693-9677

Email: churchoffice@stjohnnt.com





SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 22

- Worship – 10:00 AM
- St. John Church and School Picnic – 11:00 AM

Wednesday, September 25

- NO Worship

Sunday, September 29

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Women of St. John Meeting – 10:15 AM

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 1

- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 2

- Worship – 7 PM

Saturday, October 5

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, October 6

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 8

- Board of Christian Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 9

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Friday, October 11

- Trunk or Treat – 5:30 PM

Saturday, October 12

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, October 13

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Monday, October 14

- No School

Wednesday, October 16

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 17

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 19

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Ninja Course/Bill Basket Raffle

Sunday, October 20

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, October 22

- PTL Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 23

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 26

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, October 27

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, October 30

- Worship – 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

Special Events

Tuesday, November 5

- Chiavetta's Chicken Dinner Sale – 3:00 PM

November 16

- Vendor Fair

November 25-29

- Thanksgiving Break

...and beyond...

Saturday, March 29

- Spring Auction

Pastor Mike is out the office Sept 23-30. In case of pastoral emergency, please call Elders Bruce Sutherland at 716-998-0025 or Roger Carr at 716-545-7201.

The church office secretary, Lacey Bahr, will be out of the office September 23 through October 4. Email and voicemail will be checked periodically.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Set your alarm for 12:13 pm every weekday and offer a short prayer for our school and its community. God is faithful and hears us!



St. John Lutheran School
Nurturing children academically and spiritually toward a life of witness and service in Christ.

Greetings St. John church and school families,

What a start to a new school year!

Our theme this school year... "Endure!" Hebrews 12:1-3

- I was so hopeful that the intersection construction would be complete before we gathered 175 students for school. My thoughts, "How could we possibly get through arrival and dismissal with this mess?" But together... we endure.
- Two weeks into the school year, we had several students and a teacher out sick... UGH, the sharing of germs has begun. But... we endure.
- Creating a smooth transition for all new students and staff members and build a successful start ...we endure.

We know that we can "Endure" whatever we are presented with because God is faithful. The trials, imperfections, and challenges in this life were born through sin. God sent Jesus to endure the cross on our behalf and wash away the sins of the world. He promises to be with us. We trust Him. His love endures forever. (Psalm 118) We endure... because He endured.

Praise God for this 179th school year at St .John to serve the children that He has brought here for His plan and purpose.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS to visit our top-ranking school!
Schedule a visiting appointment at office@stjohnnt.com.

BELIEVE KIDS FUNDRAISER ENDS TOMORROW: Monday, September 23rd Find a student TODAY and place an order for cookie dough, wrapping paper, and more to help them reach their goals.

NINJA COURSE Students LOVE this event! Before October 19 purchase your **BILLS BASKET** raffle tickets (for sale next week after church - \$10 each) and find a St. John student to support. On October 19 the students will have fun celebrating their fundraising by racing through a ninja course. All are welcome to come for the additional basket raffle and the drawing for the Bills Basket.

PARENT TEACHER LEAGUE MEETING Our first PTL meeting of the year is Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm. Students get a free dress-down day the next day if a parent comes to the meeting. This meeting will be our usual business plus an educational focus to support you as a parent.

ST. JOHN VENDOR FAIR November 16, 9:30 am to 2 pm. Vendor tables are available: \$40 (\$35 if you bring your own); contact stj_ptl@stjohnNT.com for vendor information.
Basket raffle tickets and food available for purchase. See flyer on the Information Center bulletin board for more information.

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SPRING AUCTION** is scheduled for March 29, 2025 at St. Johnsburg Fire Hall. Start collecting your donations of baskets, wine, and other special items or services now. For more information, contact Katelyn Fontana (716-245-9094) or Lynn Willis (716-523-8589).

ABOUT THE CHURCH

CONFIRMATION WILL BEGIN SOON The Parent/Student informational meeting is Sunday, October 6 at 6:30 PM. Send an email to Pastor at pastormike@stjohnnt.com if you would like more information.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotional for October-December are available at the Information Center and in the glass entrance.

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.

AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP Following worship each Sunday we like to spend some time around food and drink getting to know one another. All are welcome! If you would like to bring treats, please contact Cheryl Oliver at 716-909-7938.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025



13 Students from 3 congregations are traveling to New Orleans, LA (NOLA) next summer to experience worship, Bible study, and fellowship like never before.

Please pray for: Pastor and Zakary Borgstede; Payton, Charlie, and Lorrie Weir; Addie and Lynn Willis of St. John; John, Daniel, and Lacey Bahr and Audrey Markel of Grace NF; and Christina and Cayden Hick-Wilhelm of Mt. Olive Lockport.

Some Estimated Costs:

Meals: \$50 per person per day

Hotel: \$210 per room per night

Registration with service project: \$420 per attendee

Current fundraiser:

Donate by envelope. Be sure to fill out your information sheet (found in the envelope) so that we can thank you for your help! For \$5 receive a postcard from NOLA, \$50 also gives you a themed pen, and \$100 includes an invitation to our thank you dinner after the gathering.

Upcoming fundraiser:

CHIAVETTAS ELECTION DAY DINNER, served 3-7 pm on **Tuesday, November 5th**. Preorder tickets (\$15) will be available soon.

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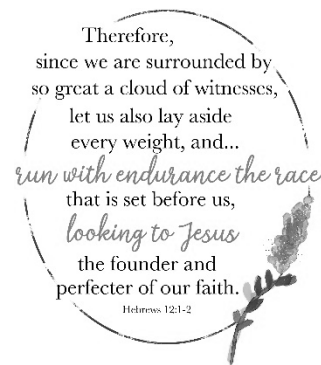


October is **PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH**. Give him a call, send him an email, or write an old-fashioned note to tell him what his ministry has meant to you.

Other ways to appreciate a pastor:

- Pray for him and tell him what you're praying for.
- Volunteer in a new way in your community or at your church.
- Bring a friend to Bible Study.
- Invite him and/or his family to dinner.

ELDERS OF THE MONTH: Why are there designated elders each month? Although you can speak to any elder at any time, the designated elders of the month help with the worship services. They are present at all the worship services that month and assist with communion distribution. The Board of Elders are responsible for the spiritual welfare of the Congregation, helping to cultivate a spirit of harmony among the members. They work together with the pastor and staff to pray for prayer requests, and to address concerns or questions from members. *Meet your elders: John Rosebrock (Head Elder), Robert Borgstede, Roger Carr, Dennis Gauda, Paul Salefske, and Bruce Sutherland.*



GIVING REPORT:

September 1: \$3,760.00
September 8: \$3,352.00
September 15: \$3,980.00

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can give online. Go to 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!



**October: 6th & 9th
20th & 23rd**

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.



CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

In preparation for our 2025 envelope order consider: *Do you need envelopes?* If you receive them but do not use them, or if you do not have envelopes but would like them, please contact the Church Office at churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677, option 2 so we can update our records for the new order.

St. John Lutheran PTL
Presents



HOLIDAY

Vendor &
Craft Fair



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16



From 9:30AM to 2PM

6950 Ward Road North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Over 50 Local Vendors & Artisans

Jewelry, Handmade Candles and Soaps, Essential Oils, Home Decor, Bake Sale, Ornaments, Wreaths, and much more!
Lunch available

\$2.00 Entry
Students are
Free

contact Lynn 716-522-8589 or
stj_ptl@stjohnNT.com
with questions



Trunk or Treat



2024

Friday, October 11

St. John Lutheran Church

5:30-7 PM

6950 Ward Rd, North Tonawanda 14120

Saturday, October 19

Grace Lutheran Church

3-4:30 PM

736 Cayuga Dr, Niagara Falls 14304

Saturday, October 26

First Trinity Lutheran Church

2-4 PM

1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard, Tonawanda 14150

St. Mark Lutheran Church

2-4 PM

1135 Oliver St., North Tonawanda 14120

St. Peter Lutheran Church

4-6 PM

6168 Walmore Rd, Sanborn 14132