



St. John News

September 8, 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.

PRAYER 12:13

Set your reminder for 12:13 PM each week day and join in 30 seconds of prayer for the school from wherever you are.

Prayer guidance is provided in the weekly E-news (email churchoffice@stjohnnt.com to subscribe), or pick up a paper copy at the Information Center. Feel free to pray according to the Spirit's leading, too!



Why 12:13? The Scripture for this school year is Hebrews 12:1-3.



On September 14th & 15th, St. John will be hosting field training in the eastern (oldest) section of St John's cemetery. This field exercise is a part of a weeklong archeological HRD (Human Remains Detection) specialized K9 training seminar. About 10 teams (dog & handler) will participate. As a follow up and verification of each team's findings, the area will be examined by GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar), and a report will later be sent to St. John. This process will be very respectful of the cemetery. No graves or headstones will be disturbed and the group will remove everything they bring in. Their work may help locate more graves/headstones in the oldest section of the cemetery. There is no cost to St. John. Spectators are welcome but should watch from outside the area being searched.



Your October-December Portals of Prayer are now available in the entryway and Information Center.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



Sunday, September 8

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 10

- Board of Christian Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 11

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 15

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM
- Children's Sunday School – 10:15 AM



Wednesday, September 18

Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, September 22

Church and School Picnic

Sunday, September 29

Women of St. John Meeting *new date*

Saturday, October 5

Men's Group Begins

Sunday, October 6

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Friday, October 11

Trunk or Treat

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

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. John Lutheran School

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



Greetings,

Our school year is officially underway! Our theme this year is "Endure" from Hebrews 12:1-3. **We endure... because He endured.** Jesus endured the cross so that we can live under his grace and mercies, and ultimately, have the gift of eternal life in Heaven with Him and all believers.

Did you know?

- About 170 students are enrolled in PreK 3 - 8th grade this school year.
- Our current 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Rice, is filling a vacancy. I am seeking a long term teacher for 4th grade. Please send anyone who is interested in the position to me via email or a phone call. katie_gundell@stjohnnt.com OR 716-693-9677, ext. 6.
- We have a fantastic staff that God pieced together for His plan and purpose to serve His ministry at St. John. I look forward to introducing them to you on September 22nd.



Blessings,
Katie Gundell

BELIEVE KIDS FUNDRAISER begins this week. Please find a St. John School student and start your Christmas shopping early! You can also donate cash directly to the school.

Did You Miss the Prayer Walk? You can pick up a prayer booklet in the Information Center and walk the school today or pray from home for this ministry of our church.

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!



Our School is looking for workers for our after-school childcare program for Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 2:45-5:30 PM. Anyone interested in any of these days, please contact Katie Gundell at katie_gundell@stjohnnt.com, or the school office at 716-693-6977 option 1.

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, click “Worship With Us), and scroll down to click “Give Online”. Or scan this QR code:



SEPTEMBER: 15th & 18th

OCTOBER: 6th & 9th

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!

THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN MEETING has been changed to Sunday, September 29, following the 9 am service. This is a different date than the one originally set; please update your calendars.

*****NEXT WEEK***** Stay after service for our quarterly Voters’ Meeting. Be a part of the direction of the church and school ministry.



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.



ENDURE
 2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
 HEBREWS 12:1-3

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.

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! \$5 gets a you 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:

Save the Date: November 5th (election day). Pick up your \$15 Chivetta’s dinner on your way home from the polls! Pre-sale tickets will be available soon.

Blessed by their service:

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for September:	Roger Carr and Bob Borgstede	Next Week:	Dennis Kelly
Reader Today:	Frank Wendt		
Counting Team Today:	Frank Cornell, Donna Cornell, Diane Milne, Suzette Drenko, Donna House		
Next Week:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, and Randy DeVantier		
Altar for September:	Mary Salefske and Linda Sonnen		
Hospitality Today:	Peggy and Doug Meyer, Lorrie Weir, Suzette Drenko, Theresa Werth		
Hospitality Next Week:	Kathy and Frank Wendt, Sara Borstede, Lynn Willis, Michelle Steiner		

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please **ask permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.
- **Private prayers** – pastormike@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677 option 7
- Contact the church office: 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 filled square.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- Marilyn Winter (friend from Redeemer Lutheran) – In rehabilitation
- Amy Weir (mother of Bill Weir) – Recovering from surgery
- Heidi Sue Mumm – Medical issues
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Undergoing chemotherapy
- Karen Herman (wife of Jeff Herman) – Ongoing medical issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- George Barnett – Recovering from stroke
- For Tina and family
- The church in Angola at St. Peter – clean up from a small fire which caused smoke damage
- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) – Upcoming surgeries
- For families struggling
- The family and friends of Luc Gareau (nephew of Anita Garito) at his passing
- Kim Sova (Dan and Cathy Schultz’s sister-in-law) – In hospice care
- Bill Sova (brother of Cathy Schultz) – Upcoming surgery and cancer treatment
- John Agnello (friend of Lacey Bahr) – Medical complications
- April Smith – Recovering from surgery
- 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
- † 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, 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.