



# St. John News

October 13, 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.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE



### Sunday, October 13

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Children/Adult Education – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:00 PM

### 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/Bills Basket Raffle – 9:30 AM

### Sunday, October 20

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship (no Communion) – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – After Service
- Children/Adult Education – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:00 PM



### Tuesday, November 5

- Chiavetta's Chicken Sale – 3:00 PM

### Saturday, November 16

- Vendor Fair



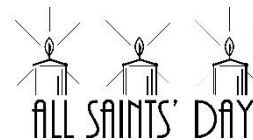
Scan this QR code when you attend worship  
to fill out our *electronic* Connection Card.

### Offering Envelopes



### CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES

\*\*\*This week\*\*\* 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 *by Tuesday* at churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677, option 2 so we can update our records for the new order.



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** is quickly approaching: Sunday, November 3. As part of our worship service on All Saints' Day we remember those who have died this past year (November 2023-October 2024) If you would like to add someone to this list please contact the office by Thursday, October 31 (email [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com) or call 716-693-9677). Tell us your loved one's name & the date they died.

**HURRICANE RELIEF** If you would like to give to the relief efforts in the South East States effected by Helene and Milton, please give directly to Lutheran Disaster Response at [www.lcms.org/hurricane-response](http://www.lcms.org/hurricane-response). You will also find information about other ways to help. See the flyer on the Information Center bulletin board for more ways to give.



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

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

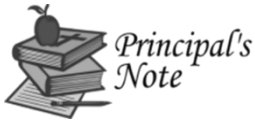
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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. John Lutheran School

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



Greetings,

Our Bible verse for the week is from Proverbs 16:9, “The human mind plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps.” I love the way God puts everything together for His plan and purpose.

Did you know:

- We have a 4th grade teacher! Ms. Jill Lauck will begin teaching on November 4th.
- Our early fall fundraiser, that so many of you supported, brought in a profit of over \$10,000! Thank you.
- St. Johnsburg fire department celebrated Fire Prevention Week with our students and staff on Wednesday.

Blessings,  
Katie Gundell

**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.

**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](mailto: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).

**PRAYER 12:13**

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

Feel free to pray according to the Spirit’s leading, but here are some ideas to guide your prayer this week.

Monday: Katie Gundell, Tuesday: Terrie Licht, Wednesday: Middle School faculty, Thursday: PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade faculty, Friday: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade faculty.

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

ABOUT THE CHURCH

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 stjohnt.com, click "Worship With Us), and scroll down to click "Give Online". Or scan this QR code:



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.



Special communion schedule:

No communion October 20 and 23
Communion October 27 and 30

FOOD PANTRY

We were able to give 11 bags of food in September. Thank you!

This month The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry is asking for shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and condiments. In preparation for Thanksgiving, they are also collecting Turkeys and all the fixins. Frozen turkeys can be brought directly to their center.

See more information on the Information Center bulletin board.



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 STUDY 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.

MEN'S GROUP meets at the church on Saturday mornings at 7 am. Gather over God's Word.

LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025

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 Hicks-Wilhelm of Mt. Olive Lockport.

Current fundraiser:

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

Possible upcoming fundraisers:

- Winter Meat Raffle
Super Bowl Subs

## 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 filled circle.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- Herb Meissner – Upcoming surgery
- Betty Brown – In hospice
  - The family and friends of Caroline Hejduk (Grandmother of Jaime Christ) at her passing on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Frank and Kathy Wendt – Safe travel and protection
  - Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Upcoming surgery
  - Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- George Barnett – Health and healing
- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) – Upcoming surgeries
- John Agnello (friend of Lacey Bahr) – Medical complications
- April Smith – Seeking treatment options



- ✠ For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel
- ✠ For those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton
- ✠ 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.