



St. John News

October 20, 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} GLANCE



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 – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 23

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 26

- Men's Group – 7:00 PM

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Tuesday, November 5

- Chiavetta's Chicken Sale – 3:00 PM

Saturday, November 16

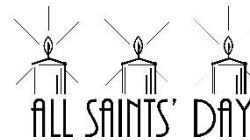
- Vendor Fair

Wednesday, November 2

- Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM



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



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 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. You will also find information about other ways to help. See the flyer on the Information Center bulletin board for more ways to give.



CEMETERY DECORATIONS

To facilitate a year-end cleanup, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that all spring/summer potted plants and decorations that are on or in the grassy areas around headstones be removed by *November 3, 2024*. In addition, all winter, Christmas wreaths/decorations should be removed by May 1, 2025. The cemetery guidelines are available at the church office.



God's blessings to *Layla Mae Leaderstorf*

on the occasion of her baptism today.
May God keep you in your baptismal grace.

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

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

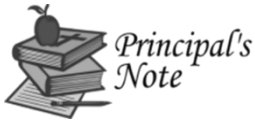
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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. John Lutheran School

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



Greetings,

The leaves are beginning to turn beautiful shades of fall colors as we anticipate seasonal changes. As we face transformations of all kinds, including the trials and the celebrations, we can lean into our steadfast God who helps us endure. James 1:12 says, “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.” We endure... because He endured.

Did you know:

- We have a 4th grade teacher! Ms. Jill Lauck will begin teaching on November 4th.
- At our Chapel service this past week, we recognized our Town of Wheatfield leaders and showed them appreciation for their work in our community. The town historian shared a few pictures on his Facebook page from his time here on Wednesday.
- We have a time capsule that will be buried in the next few weeks. The town plans to dig it up in 25 years!

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDERS DUE November 15. The order will be placed **ON** November 15. Do you need gift cards for family and friends? Would you like to make purchases that benefit the school? You can purchase on the [Raise Right App](#) or Shop with eScrip at <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>. Use enrollment code: **8CF1E7BL65L1**. If you choose “ship them to my coordinator” and “pay coordinator directly”, there are no additional fees. The order

will then be placed by the office when payment is received, so don’t miss that November 15 deadline, or you’ll get a New Year’s gift instead.

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).

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

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-1st grade faculty, Friday: 2nd-5th grade faculty.

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

September 15: \$3,980.00
September 22: \$2,347.31
September 29: \$2,781.00

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;
November 3 and 6

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



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) from Lorrie Weir, Lynn Willis or by calling the church office.

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

- Donald Schroeder – Hospitalized
- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) – Recovering from surgery
- John Agnello (friend of Lacey Bahr) – Medical complications
- April Smith – Seeking treatment options
- Herb Meissner – Upcoming surgery
- Betty Brown – In hospice
- The family and friends of Caroline Hejduk (grandmother of Jaime Christ) at her passing
- 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

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