

# St. John News

November 10, 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, November 10

- Handbell Practice 8:00 AM
- Worship 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice After Service
- Children/Adult Education 10:15 AM
- Confirmation 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, November 13

• Worship – 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, November 16

- Men's Group 7:00 AM
- Vendor Fair 9:30 AM



#### Sunday, November 17

- Handbell Practice 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice After Service
- Children/Adult Education 10:15 AM
- Confirmation 6:30 PM

### Thursday, November 21

• Church Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, November 27

• Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM



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

# ST. JOHN PTL HOLIDAY VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 16, 9:30 am to 2 pm. \$2 entry fee.



Basket raffle tickets and food available for purchase. See flyer on the Information Center bulletin board for more information.



**CHRISTMAS SCRIP ORDERS** are due Friday, November 15. See page 2 for more information.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** See page 3 to find out how to place your Christmas flower order.





Thank You for Your Service!

We appreciate those who have chosen to serve God through "left kingdom" ministry. Thank you for your time served.

Support the Ministry for the Armed Forces this Veterans Day. Envelopes with more information on this LCMS ministry are found in the Information Center.

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) churchoffice@stjohnnt.com • office@stjohnnt.com

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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,

Welcome to November! "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

## Did you know:

- We have a new 4th grade teacher, Ms. Jill Lauck! We welcome her to St. John.
- Our first quarter ended on Friday. On Thursday/Friday we had parent/teacher conferences.
- Our new Chapel mission has begun. For the 2nd quarter our students and families will support the NT Food Pantry and Box of Hope.

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.

\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\* SPRING AUCTION is

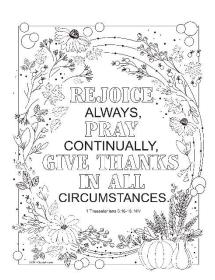
scheduled for March 29, 2025 at St. Johnsburg Fire Hall. Start collecting your donations of baskets, wine, and other special items or services now. For more information, contact

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 – Blessed family time Tuesday – All faculty Wednesday – All class aides Thursday – Support staff Friday – PTL leadership



## **ABOUT THE CHURCH**

### **GIVING REPORT:**

October 6: \$5,777.00 October 13: \$3,066.00 October 20: \$2,677.28

## ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can give online. Go to <u>stjohnnt.com</u>, 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.



November 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving)

## FOOD PANTRY

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 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet at 10:15 on Sundays following worship. The kids will explore the Bible in One Year!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Dive in depth on today's readings with Pastor Mike. 10:15 on Sundays in the Meeting Room.

The Calming Shepherd is on hold until Herb can return to teaching. Please keep his recovery in your prayers.

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.

# Possible upcoming fundraisers:

Winter Meat Raffle Super Bowl Subs



#### Poinsettia Order

Pick up an order form at the Information Center or order online. Orders and payment can be placed in the dropbox outside the office and are due Sunday, November 24.



# **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: <a href="mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com">churchoffice@stjohnnt.com</a> or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2

**Short-Term Prayers** – *There is one week left 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.

- o Joni W. (friend of Mary Drescher) Rehab
- Herb Meissner Healing from surgery
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) Upcoming surgery
- The friends and family of Terry Bender (friend of Mary Salefske) at his passing
- The Weber family (friend of Mary Salefske)
- Kimberly Decker Continued recovery
- Tina (sister of Kimberly Decker) and family
- George Barnett Ongoing health issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez Ongoing health issues
- □ Doris Wollaber Health and healing
- ☐ Karen Hermann Recovery from surgery
- □ Donald Schroeder Health issues
- ☐ The family and friends of Betty Brown at her passing
- ☐ The family and friends of Dale Christ (father of Rev. Jason Christ) at his passing
- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) Recovering from surgery
- John Agnello (friend of Lacey Bahr) Medical complications
- April Smith Seeking treatment options
- \$\frac{1}{2}\$ For ongoing hurricane clean-up and repair
- ♣ 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
- ♣ For our nation's upcoming elections

# **Long Term Prayers**

Frank Cornell, Doug Rich, Rick Hamilton, Donna Martin, 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.

