



St. John News

November 17, 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, 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

Wednesday, November 20

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 21

- Church Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, November 23

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM



Wednesday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE NEXT SUDAY

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



Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm

We'll go a-wassailing to our church shut-ins and bring them treats and Christmas hope. Sign up on at the Information Center or contact the church office to let us know you're coming!



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

THANKSGIVING: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 7:00 PM

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

*ADVENT 1: DECEMBER 1ST, 9 AM & 4TH, 7PM
ADVENT 2: DECEMBER 8TH, 9 AM & 11TH, 7 PM
*ADVENT 3: DECEMBER 15TH, 9 AM & 18TH, 7 PM

SCHOOL MUSICAL: LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE
DECEMBER 13, 2 PM AND 6:30 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
DECEMBER 22, 9 AM

CHRISTMAS EVE:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
MUSICAL REFLECTIONS 5:30 PM
WORSHIP 6:00 PM

*CHRISTMAS DAY:
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25
WORSHIP 10:00 AM

Come, O Come, Emmanuel

* Indicates a communion service.

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

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

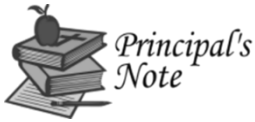
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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. John Lutheran School

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



Greetings,

It's almost Thanksgiving! Our staff is grateful for a church who celebrates and is united with the school's mission and ministry. Together we share the Gospel of Jesus. There is so much to give thanks for. Thank you for your prayers and support each day. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24

Did you know:

- The PTL vendor fair is this Saturday from 10 AM-2 PM. Find a few treasures and set them aside for Christmas gifts.
- Our new Chapel mission has begun. For the 2nd quarter our students and families will support the NT Food Pantry and Box of Hope. All are welcome to support the Chapel mission and contribute to the collection you see in the Narthex.
- Our gym floor is being refinished over Thanksgiving Break... just in time for our winter sports season.

On November 25-26, Pastor Mike and the teachers will be in Corning, NY for the Professional Church Workers Conference.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

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.

Topics of Prayer for this week:

- Monday** – Parents struggling with a heavy burden
- Tuesday** – Parents supporting the school with their gifts
- Wednesday** – Support staff and training from outside our building
- Thursday** – Church Ambassadors connecting with the students and teachers
- Friday** – Those preparing for travel in the coming week

*****SAVE THE DATE***** **SPRING AUCTION** is scheduled for March 29, 2025 at St. Johnsbury 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).



STEP UP This month of focus on stewardship reminds us that all things come from God. Use the letter and the card coming in the mail to members this week to prepare how you will give thanks to God for His blessings.

If you do not receive this mailing during the week, but would like the information, please pick up a copy in the Information Center before service next week.

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

October 6: \$5,777.00
October 13: \$3,066.00
October 20: \$2,677.28
October 27: \$3,969.00

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:



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
17th & 20th,
27th (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 5th 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: churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2

Short-Term Prayers – *There is one week left on the prayer list for people marked by the open square.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) – Recovering from surgery
- April Smith – Seeking treatment options
- 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



- † 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.