



St. John News

November 24, 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 24

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:00 AM
- Sunday School only – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM
Choir sings

Sunday, December 1 – Church New Year

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:00 AM
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM

POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE TODAY

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, 1 PM AND 6 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

O 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

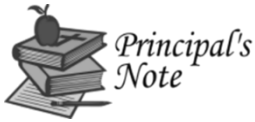
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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. John Lutheran School

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



Greetings,

Psalm 100:4, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name." We are blessed beyond measure. "All good gifts come down from the Father of lights." James 1:17 Happy Thanksgiving to our church and school community!

Did you know:

- Our Vendor Fair was a huge success. Thank you to all who led the event and support it. Our profit was \$4,801.12!
- Our school's Chapel mission project is now going to the NT food pantry. Feel free to contribute to the foods we are collecting.
- 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** – Our faculty at the Professional Church Workers Conference
- Tuesday** – All professional church workers in our area
- Wednesday** – Safety for our traveling families
- Thursday** – Thanksgiving for the blessing of our school
- Friday** – All to find rest in Him

*****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).



School Office will be closed this week, November 23-December 1.

Church Office will be open 9 am - 12 noon on Tuesday, November 26 and Friday, November 29.

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

October 20: \$2,677.28
October 27: \$3,969.00
November 3: \$5,176.00

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.



November 27th (Thanksgiving)
December 1st & 4th, 15th & 18th, 25th

FOOD PANTRY

We were able to donate 22 bags of food in October. Thank you for your generosity!

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 There is no adult Bible study today. Class will return next Sunday.

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

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 AM The more, the merrier (and the faster it goes)!



THE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS

Sunday, December 15, 2024 | 4:30 pm Carol Sing; 5:00 pm Vespers
First Trinity Lutheran Church
1570 Niagara Falls Boulevard
Tonawanda, New York 14150

Many of our St. John family are participating. Come worship together. See more on the bulletin board.

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

- Doris Wollaber – Health and healing
- Karen Hermann – Recovery from surgery
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Cancer treatments
- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) – Thanksgiving for returning home from the hospital
- April Smith – Seeking treatment options
- Joni W. (friend of Mary Drescher) – Rehab
- Herb Meissner – Healing from 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



† 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

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.