



# St. John News

November 3, 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 <sup>at</sup> GLANCE



### Sunday, November 3 – All Saints’ Day (celebrated)

- 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



### Tuesday, November 5

- Chiavetta’s Chicken Sale – 3:00 PM
- Elders’ Meeting – 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, November 6

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

### Saturday, November 9

- Men’s Group – 7:00 AM

### 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



### Saturday, November 16

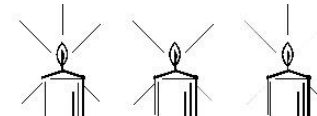
- Vendor Fair

### Wednesday, November 27

- Thanksgiving Eve Service – 7:00 PM



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



## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed;

Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

*“For All the Saints” LSB 677*

**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.



### THIS Tuesday, November 5, 3-7 pm

Chicken dinner (with two sides and roll) for \$15. Buy a ticket after church today to guarantee your dinner. Drive-ups available while supplies last. (See page 3.)

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

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

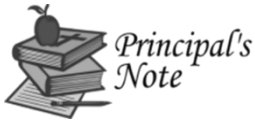
6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-9677

(option 1-School, 2-Church, 6-Principal, 7-Pastor)  
churchoffice@stjohnnt.com • office@stjohnnt.com

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 have parent/teacher conferences.
- Our new Chapel mission begins this week. 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.



**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. **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 - Piano students, led by Mr. Stephen Parisi

Tuesday - Basketball players, led by Coach Erin Green and others

Wednesday - Instrumental students, led by Mr. David Manth and Mrs. Katie Gundell

Thursday - For parent Teacher Conferences today and tomorrow

Friday - Choir and vocal students, led by Mr. Bill Cook and Mrs. Lacey Bahr

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

September 22: \$2,347.31
September 29: \$2,781.00
October 6: \$5,777.00

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

3rd and 6th,
17th & 20th

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:



CHIAVETTA'S 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

PROPOSITION 1

This proposition is a change to the state constitution that can have far-reaching implications for the church, school, and your family. Read more from Pastor Mike in your email news or pick up a copy in the Information Center.

## 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** – *There are two weeks 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.

- 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 friend of Betty Brown at her passing on Tuesday
- The family and friends of Dale Christ (father of Rev. Jason Christ) at his passing last week
- Daniel Kusch (son of Pastor Matthew Kusch) – Recovering from surgery
- John Agnello (friend of Lacey Bahr) – Medical complications
- April Smith – Seeking treatment options



- ✝ 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

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.