



# St. John News

December 15, 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.

## UPCOMING Events

### Sunday, December 15

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – following worship
- Voters Meeting – following worship
- Choir Practice – following meeting
- NO Adult Bible Study
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, December 18

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

### Sunday, December 22

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Women of St. John meeting – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School and Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- NO Confirmation Class

### Tuesday, December 24

- Musical Reflections – 5:30 PM
- Worship – 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 25

- Worship w/Communion – 10:00 AM
- NO Evening Worship

### Sunday, December 29

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School and Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- NO Confirmation Class

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



Your **2025 offering envelopes** are in your Flock Box. If you are missing a set of envelopes that you are expecting, if you do not have a Flock Box, or if you would like to request envelopes for the first time, please contact the church office or write your contact information on the sheet near the boxes.

**WOMEN OF ST. JOHN** will meet Sunday, December 22 following worship service.



### Principal's Note

Happy Advent! As we light our candles on the Advent wreath for hope, peace, joy and love, we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth in whom we find these wonderful gifts.

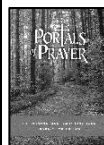
Did you know:

- 28 people participated in the Christmas caroling.
- Our school musical "Little Drummer Dude" took place on 12/13. We give our best to worship the King!
- Our Kindergarten and 7th grade students will share the Christmas story in a special Chapel service on Friday, December 20th.

Blessings, Katie Gundell



**ENDURE**  
HEBREWS 12:1-3



January-March Portals of Prayer are in! You can find them in the entryway, and for a limited time in the Information Center.

### ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can give online. Go to [stjohnnt.com](http://stjohnnt.com), click the yellow "Donate Today" button. Or scan this QR code:



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

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

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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 is one week left on the prayer list for people marked by the filled circle.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- For Jessica (neighbor of Pastor Mike and Sara) and her family at the passing of her mom on Tuesday
- Herb Meissner – Healing from surgery
- George Barnett – Ongoing health issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- The family and friends of Kim Sova (sister-in-law of Kath Schultz) at her passing
- 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



- ✝ 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.

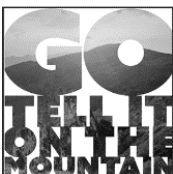


**SUNDAY SCHOOL** PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet at 10:15 am on Sundays following worship. The kids are preparing for helping to lead worship on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Visitors are still welcome.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** Study the day’s readings with Pastor Mike in the Meeting Room. Grades 6 through adult.

**MEN’S GROUP** will resume Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** A link to your seasonal devotional is available through our website, courtesy of Lutheran Hour Ministries. Limited print copies are available in the Information Center.



**THE CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS**

TODAY Sunday, December 15, 2024 | 4:30 pm Carol Sing; 5:00 pm Vespers  
First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda

*Many of our St. John family are participating. See more on the bulletin board.*