



St. John News

January 12, 2025

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
North Tonawanda, New York

School founded 1846
Church founded 1853

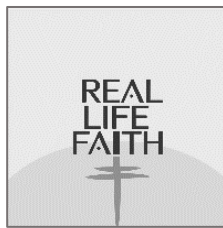
St. John is a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**,
welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.
School: Nurturing children academically and spiritually toward a life of witness and service in Christ.

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



REAL LIFE FAITH GROUP: Women's Bible Study

TODAY: Join our **Real Life Faith** group for a 6-session Bible study where we bridge the gap between Scripture and real-life application. Expect laughs, meaningful conversations, reading Scripture, and a warm, welcoming environment where you can come as you are. Yes, sweats or yoga pants are allowed!



Winter Session: Galatians

Sunday Nights: Jan 12, Jan 19, Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 23

Time: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Location: Borgstede's Home

This is the perfect opportunity to grow in faith, build friendships, and be encouraged in a judgment-free, supportive group. RSVP or Questions: Contact Sara, 303-627-7923 (text or call) or saraborgs@gmail.com.

LUTHERAN EARLY RESPONSE TEAM Can you help make a difference in Linville, NC following the hurricanes? First Trinity Lutheran in Tonawanda, NY is organizing a team of volunteers to serve by removing debris, mucking out homes, assisting at the volunteer camp, and more. It's hard work, but worth it! The trip dates are January 25-February 1, 2025. Questions? Contact the trip organizer, Dave Shotwell at dws042319@gmail.com.

UPCOMING *Events*

Sunday, January 12

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

Wednesday, January 15

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 18

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, January 19

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 21

- School Open House – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 22

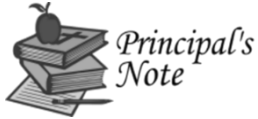
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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS Thank you to those who are directing choice dollars to St. John. This month, the School will receive \$125 and the Church will receive \$317. If you have a Thrivent account of any kind, you can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars, too. Pick up a flyer in the Information Center.

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



Greetings,

We are blessed to be grafted to the Vine. As we get this new year underway remember these words from John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." What fruit has God planned and purposed for you in 2025?

Did you know:

- Re-enrollment for 2025-2026 is taking place in the next several months. The cost of education keeps rising. If you are interested in sponsoring a family or student or want to contribute to our tuition assistance program, please reach out to me at katie_gundell@stjohnnt.com. Our hope is to make a quality Christian education affordable to all families in our community.
- Our Open Houses are scheduled for January 21st, February 11th, and March 11th. Be sure to invite people you know to visit the school. Our best advertisement is our church/school families and members.
- PTL is collecting items for the Spring Auction. Secure a table of 8 friends and family for this auction and let's enjoy some fun and fellowship at this LIVE event, "Denim and Diamonds" on March 29th. More information about tickets will be shared soon.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



Prayer 12:13 Thank you for praying over our school family at 12:13 PM each weekday. While the school is out on break, please continue to pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives our students and families, and that God would refresh everyone for the New Year.

Monday – The enrollment process; **Tuesday** – Parent/Teacher League;

Wednesday – Monetary support; **Thursday** – Part time educational staff; **Friday** – Special health needs

Save the Date: Open House Our first school open house is Tuesday, January 21 at 6-7:30 PM. Start inviting now and share our fantastic school with those you know. Additional Open House dates: February 11 and March 11 at 6 – 7:30 pm.



*****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).



Items are now being accepted for the auction. If you have businesses you'd like to involve, please ask Katelyn or Lynn for a donation letter.

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

December 15: \$3,776.01
December 22: \$3,969.00
December 29: \$12,815.05

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:



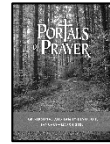
If you are interested in contributing to the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry, they are looking for non-perishable items, especially coffee/tea/hot chocolate, pasta and rice side dishes, and canned meats (chicken, tuna, corned beef, SPAM). Thank you for your continued support.



January:
19th & 22nd

February:
9th & 12th, 16th & 19th

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.



January-March Portals of Prayer are in. You can find them in the main entryway.

Save the Date: On January 26th we will be celebrating the **100th anniversary of Ladies Aid Society at St. John.**



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.



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025

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.

The meat raffle has been postponed.

*****Super Bowl Subs:** Available in the Information Center.



Students PreK-4th grade venture through the entire Bible this year. Meet in the Cafeteria. 5th grade-adults discuss the day's readings in-depth and in an applicable way with Pastor Mike. Meet in the meeting room.

Lutheran Braille Workers The equipment and materials are beginning to arrive. The dedication service is scheduled for February 9th. More information will come soon.



Men's Group Bible Study continues this Saturday at 7 am. Bring a friend and dive deeper into God's Word, supporting one another through this life.

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

- Karen Herman – Healing from surgery
- Herb Meissner – Healing from surgery
- George Barnett – Ongoing health issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- Cathy Schultz – Upcoming surgery
- Leslie – Life challenges
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Cancer treatments
- April Smith – Seeking treatment options
- Olivia (St. John Preschooler) – Hospitalized
- Tom Suthoff (Peggy and Doug Meyer’s uncle) – Cancer treatments and hospitalization

✝ 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.