



# St. John News

January 19, 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.**



**DID YOU KNOW?** The first Lutheran Ladies Aid was organized in 1914 at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Carmine. Our very own St. John Ladies Aid Society was formed on January 29th, 1925. Many of our current church members' mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers were part of this organization over the years.

We are celebrating our **100th ANNIVERSARY** and we invite you to celebrate with us (there will be cake!) after church NEXT Sunday, January 26th, 2025.

**PRAYER IS POWERFUL** Please remember to let us pray for you. You can submit pray requests on the back of your connection card, or by emailing churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.

- If you submit a prayer request for someone else, please get his/her permission before asking us to publish his/her name and need.
- Private requests can be made. These requests will not be published and will be prayed for only by the office staff (or only Pastor, if specified).
- Requests made for publication will remain in the weekly newsletter for 4 weeks.

**LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS** If you signed up in June with an interest in helping with the LBW production center, you should have received an email with a form to fill out and times for training. If you have not received this email, and would like more information, please contact the St. John church office at churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.

## UPCOMING *Events*

### Sunday, January 19

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- NO Confirmation Class

### Tuesday, January 21

- School Open House – 6:00 PM

### Wednesday, January 22

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

### Saturday, January 25

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

### Sunday, January 26

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

### Monday, January 27

- National Lutheran Schools Week Begins

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

**Worship:** Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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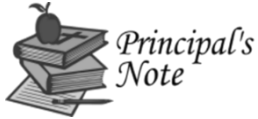
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## ABOUT THE SCHOOL



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](mailto: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 6-7:30 pm this **Tuesday, 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.

**Monday** – Rest for the faculty

**Tuesday** – Basketball coaches and teams

**Wednesday** – Sal Ciffa (P.E.) and Bonnie Nevans (Art)

**Thursday** – Auction Committee Preparations

**Friday** – Preparations for National Lutheran Schools Week

**Save the Date: Open House** Our first school open house is **THIS** 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.



**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](http://stjohnnt.com) and click the yellow “Donate Today” button in the top right corner. 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:  
19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

February:  
9<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

**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.

Not everything makes the printed News edition. To see more of what is happening in our community and in our Synod, be sure to receive and read the weekly e-news.



### 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.

**\*\*\*Super Subs:** Pre-order your sub sandwich meal for Sunday, February 9. Forms are available in the Information Center.

**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. Check with your Thrivent representative to see if you have choice dollars to direct. Pick up a flyer in the Information Center.

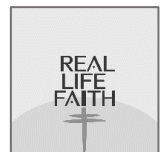


Students PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grade adventure through the entire Bible this year. Meet in the Cafeteria.  
5<sup>th</sup> grade-adults discuss the day’s readings in-depth and in an applicable way with Pastor Mike. Meet in the meeting room.



**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.

**REAL LIFE FAITH GROUP: Women’s Bible Study.** Join our **Real Life Faith** group for a 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. Contact Sara, 303-627-7923 (text or call) or [saraborgs@gmail.com](mailto:saraborgs@gmail.com) for more information.



### Winter Session: Galatians

📅 **Sunday Nights:** Jan 19, Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 9, Mar 23

🕒 **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 PM

📍 **Location:** Borgstede’s Home

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

- Cathy Schultz – Healing from surgery
- April Smith – Receiving cancer treatment
- Olivia (St. John Preschooler) – Hospitalized
- Karen Herman – Healing from surgery
- Herb Meissner – Healing from surgery
- George Barnett – Ongoing health issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- Leslie – Life challenges
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Cancer treatments

- ‡ Lutheran Early Response Team traveling to North Carolina on Saturday
- ‡ Those affected by fires in California
- ‡ 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.