



St. John News

January 26, 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.



ENJOY CAKE AND HISTORY WITH US AFTER SUNDAY SERVICE.

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.



Our first school open house has been rescheduled due to last week's weather closings.

Please invite your friends and neighbors to Tuesday's Open House, January 28th, 6:00 to 7:30 PM.



The choir will rehearse after church on February 16 to sing on March 2 Transfiguration Sunday. The next **handbells** rehearsal will be Sunday, February 16 at 8 AM. For more information, contact Doreen Sutherland at doreen0519@hotmail.com.

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, January 26

- Handbells Rehearsal – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Ladies Group Anniversary Celebration – following worship
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM

Monday, January 27

- National Lutheran Schools Week Begins

Tuesday, January 28

- School Open House – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 29

- Worship – 7 PM

Saturday, February 1

- Men's Bible Study – 7:00 AM

Sunday, February 2 – National Lutheran Schools Week Sunday

- Worship (No Communion) – 9:00 AM
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Monday, February 3

- Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

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

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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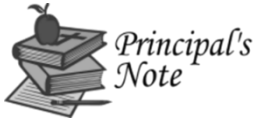
(option 1-School, 2-Church, 6-Principal, 7-Pastor)

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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Greetings,

We are approaching one of our favorite weeks of the school year: Lutheran Schools Week!! Our theme this year is Endure, based on Hebrew 12:1-3, "We endure, because He endured" is a common phrase that is shared this year in Chapel services and throughout our days together. Our students and families will gather with our church members on February 2nd for Lutheran Schools Sunday where the children will sing and help lead worship.



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: katie_gundell@stjohnnt.com. Our hope is to make a quality Christian education affordable to all families in our community.
- Due to inclement weather, we rescheduled our Open House to **this Tuesday, January 28th from 6-7:30 PM**. The two additional evenings are 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

LEGO Club

Volunteers for the school LEGO club are wanted – no experience required. 4 Thursdays: Feb 20-March 13. Contact Pastor Mike (pastormike@stjohnnt.com) if interested.

LEGO donations wanted - We are taking donations of new and used LEGO bricks/pieces/sets to add to our school resources. Contact Pastor Mike (pastormike@stjohnnt.com) and he will arrange pick-up.

Prayer 12:13 Thank you for praying over our school family at 12:13 pm each weekday.

Monday – That our students endure through their hardships and thrive in God's work for them.

Tuesday – May students recognize the work of Jesus for them on the cross.

Wednesday – That students may know that they are God's joy.

Thursday – That students would fix their eyes on Jesus in all circumstances.

Friday – That God would help our student persevere in all kinds of trials.



SPRING AUCTION is scheduled for March 29, 2025 at St. Johnsbury 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 and click the yellow "Donate Today" button in the top right corner. Or scan this QR code:



Our December donations were 9 Bags of food. For the year 2024, we were able to give 126 bags of food. Thank you for your generous support!

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.



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.

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.



The choir will rehearse after church on February 16 to sing on March 2 Transfiguration Sunday.

The handbell choir will rehearse on the following dates at 8 am before service:


January 26

February 16

March 2 (and each Sunday until May 4)



If you would like to participate in either worship activity, contact Doreen Sutherland (716-523-9474).



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 and **due by February 2.**



Students PreK-4th grade adventure 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.



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

- Hunter Matthew Rogers, new son of Dad and Mom, Matt and Lindsey Rogers
 - Bobbie Landers (neighbor of June Sutherland) – Begins cancer treatments this week
 - Darlene Hathway – Recovering from a stroke
 - Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Cancer treatments
 - 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
- † 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.