



St. John News

January 5, 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.



Saturday, January 11 at 9 am, participate in the care of your church by taking down the Christmas decorations for the season.



MEN'S GROUP Bible Study resumes this Saturday at 7 am. Bring a friend and dive deeper into God's Word, supporting one another through this life.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASSES resume today.

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.

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, January 5

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

Monday, January 6

- Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 7

- Board of Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 8

- Worship w/Communion - 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 11

- Men's Group - 7:00 AM
- Decoration Removal - 9:00 AM

Sunday, January 12

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

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

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

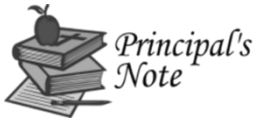
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ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Greetings,

You can find this Bible verse displayed on a banner in our gymnasium, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31. It is an awesome blessing that we can rely fully on God to provide all we need. We trust God's presence and can be confident in His promises in this new year. God bless you all in 2025.

Did you know:

- Our basketball teams have begun their season. We are so appreciative of our volunteer coaches and assistants. Often the games are on Fridays. Our next home game is January 31. Go eagles!
- Our Open Houses are scheduled for January 21st, February 11th, and March 11th. Be sure to invite people you know to visit the school.
- PTL is collecting items for the Spring Auction.

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 – For the Board of Christian Education and the many decisions they make.

TUESDAY – For our teachers' aides and substitute teachers.

WEDNESDAY – For chapel services through the year.

THURSDAY – For the music opportunities offered at St. John.

FRIDAY – For good health and safety over the weekend.



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.

*****SAVE THE DATE*** 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.



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will **renew** their **strength**.
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ISAIAH 40:31, NIV

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

November 11: \$6,640.00

December 1: \$6,081.00

December 8: \$2,992.00

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:



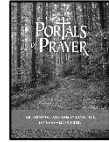
If you are interested in contributing to the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry, they are looking for non-perishable items, especially coffee/tea/hot chocolate, pasta and rice side dishes, and canned meats (chicken, tuna, corned beef, SPAM). Thank you for your continued support.



January:
5th & 8th, 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.



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



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.

The meat raffle has been postponed.

*****Super Bowl Subs:** Order forms coming out soon.

REAL LIFE FAITH GROUP: Women's Bible Study

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!

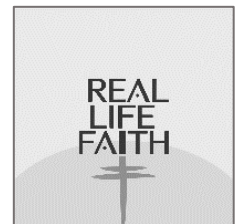
Winter Session: Galatians

📅 **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.



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 open 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
- 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 Jessica (neighbor of Pastor Mike and Sara) and her family at the passing of her mom



- ✝ 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.