



St. John News

February 16, 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.



WOMEN OF ST. JOHN will meet today following the worship service. All ladies of St. John are invited to participate.

AUCTION: DONATIONS AND TICKET SALES

See the letter on the Information Center for more information on how you can participate in and support this fun fundraiser for our school.

Going...going...gone...Keep your eye on these items at the Auction on 3/29.

- Wine about it package: includes 4 bottles of wine, a buffalo cutting board, wine bottle candle holders, custom wine glass and wine charms
- Kate Spade Kenzie Limited Edition Tote, valued at \$359 dollars
- Vera Bradley package which includes - a plain blanket, crossbody purse, umbrella, tumbler and much more

LUNCH MONITORS NEEDED Serve one day a month, once a week, or be a substitute. See page 2 for more information.

FROM THRIVENT

This is a reminder that Thrivent Choice Dollars® are available to direct as of January 14. Please log in to your account to view your balance and direct Choice Dollars® **by March 31** if you haven't already done so.

Choice Dollars lets eligible clients with membership help choose where Thrivent distributes a portion of its funding each year. Your eligibility is based on insurance premiums and contract values.

UPCOMING *Events*

Sunday, February 16

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- St. John Women's Meeting – 10:00 AM
- Choir Rehearsal – 10:00 AM
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 20

- Church Council – 6:30 PM

Saturday, February 22

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

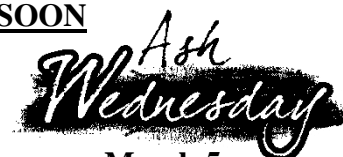
Sunday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 26

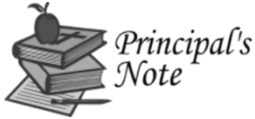
- Worship – 7:00 PM

COMING SOON



March 5

ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Greetings,

Thank you! Thank you for welcoming our school families with open arms last Sunday. Thank you for your continuous support in the school ministry. Thank you for the appreciation and gift I received. I am blessed to be surrounded with such wonderful support and encouragement. To God be the Glory! Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God every time I remember you."

Did you know?

- Our next Open House is from 6-7:30 PM this Tuesday, March 11th. Our best advertisement is our church/school families and members. I'm happy to schedule meetings with families if this final Open House date doesn't work with family schedules.
- Our volleyball season will get underway this week. We are pleased to have over a dozen 7th/8th grade students joining the team this year!
- "Denim and Diamonds" is the theme for our auction on March 29th at Johnsbury Fire Hall. Our auction committee under the leadership of our PTL president Lynn Willis have prepared a night of fun and fellowship. Please mark your calendar and support this school fundraising event.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

LEGO Club

Volunteers for the school LEGO club are wanted – no experience required. Four 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.

Lunch Monitors are an enormous blessing to the teachers, giving them a break to eat and plan. If you have availability between 11 am and 12:30 pm any weekday, and are willing monitor the lunch room, please contact Terrie Licht in the school office: 716-693-9677, option 1.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL INVITATION



Card Ministry Patti Norris is beginning a ministry to create cards for various uses at both the church and the school. If you are interested in crafting, fellowshiping with others, or learning a new skill, please contact

Patti at 716-228-0791 or norris362@roadrunner.com.

When to meet and frequency will be determined by those interested.



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

Monday – 8th grade students and families, Mr. Rick Lyons, Mrs. Katie Gundell

Tuesday – Middle School support teachers: Ms. Wendy Clark, Mrs. Jan Werth

Wednesday – Specials teachers: Mr. Sal Ciffa, Mrs. Erin Greene, Mrs. Bonnie Nevans

Thursday – Specials teachers: Mr. Stephen Parisi, Mr. David Manth, Mrs. Lacey Bahr

Friday – Latchkey: Ms. Val Nicholas and her support staff

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

January 5: \$4,084.00
January 12: \$2,107.00
January 19: \$2,786.00

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:



In January, we were able to gift 8 bags of food! Thank you for your 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: 16th & 19th
March: 2nd & 5th; 16th & 19th

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

St. John and other local congregations are partners in this ministry, helping to start a large-print center. If you have questions or would like to participate, please contact Terry Hoffman at 716-225-2612.

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 World Relief's *Sharing newsletter* for the end of 2024 is now available at the Information Center and in the glass entryway.



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

Handbells will practice February 9 & 16 and March 2, and will continue 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

ENDURE
2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING
HEBREWS 12:1-3

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.

You can continue to support our youth through their envelope donation program. Pick up an envelope and form at the sanctuary entrance. \$5 gets you a postcard from NOLA, \$50 also gives you a themed pen, and \$100 includes an invitation to our thank you dinner after the gathering.



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.

Eastern District Convention News: Our delegates for the 2025 convention are John Rosebrock and Pastor Mike; Doug Meyer is our alternate. The convention is June 20-21, please keep preparations in your prayers.

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

- Eileen Zwetch (Annie Kelly's mom) – Health concerns
- Rick Weir (brother-in-law of Dennis Kelly) – Upcoming heart surgery
- The family and friends of Joe Michno (husband of Barb Elzer) at his passing on the 5th.
- Olivia (St. John Preschooler) – Praise; she is back in school!
- Lily Lyons (wife of St. John teacher Rick) – Diagnosis of breast cancer
- April Smith – Healing from cancer treatment
- Herb Meissner – Healing from surgery
- George Barnett – Ongoing health issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- Denis McManus – Known to God
- Hunter Matthew Rogers, new son of Dad and Mom, Matt and Lindsey Rogers
- Bobbie Landers (neighbor of June Sutherland) – Cancer treatments
- Darlene Hathway – Recovering from a stroke
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Cancer treatments

- † 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.