



St. John News

February 9, 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.**



PICK UP YOUR SUBS

Thank you for supporting our youth! You can pick up your sub meals after service this (Sunday) morning.

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.

LEGO CLUB VOLUNTEERS

No experience necessary; Thursdays at 3 pm. See more on page 2.

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

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN will meet Sunday, February 16 following the worship service. All ladies of St. John are invited to participate.

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 9

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, February 11

- School Open House – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 12

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 15

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

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

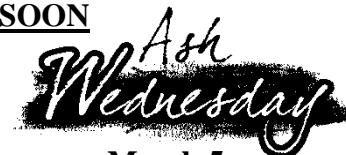
Wednesday, February 19

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 20

- Church Council – 6:30 PM

COMING SOON

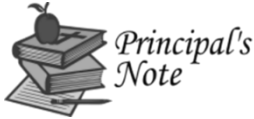


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ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Greetings,

Thank you! Thank you for welcoming our school families with open arms on Sunday. Thank you for your continuous support in the school ministry. Thank you for the appreciation and gift I received on Sunday. 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, **February 11th**, which is also featuring STREAM projects throughout the school. March 11th will be our final Open House for the 2025-2026 school year. Be sure to invite people you know to visit the school. Our best advertisement is our church/school families and members. I'm happy to schedule meetings with families if the Open House dates don't work with family schedules.
- Our basketball season is wrapping up and volleyball will begin soon. We are grateful to have wonderful volunteer coaches and players/teammates who are eager to grow in their skills and abilities.
- Secure a table of 8 friends and family for this auction or come on your own. Let's enjoy some fun and fellowship at this LIVE event, "Denim and Diamonds" on March 29th at Johnsburg Fire Hall. Reach out to the office or Lynn Willis with any questions. We thank you in advance for supporting this 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 begin a walk through each room:

Monday – 3rd grade students and families, Mrs. Julianne Kropczynski

Tuesday – 4th grade students and families, Ms. Jill Lauck, Jaime Christ

Wednesday – 5th grade students and families, Mrs. Maria Stainsby

Thursday – 6th grade students and families, Mrs. Connie Craig

Friday – 7th grade students and families, Mr. Lyons, Ms. Carol Szalach

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

LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS

The dedication of the new large print center will take place **21** at St. Mark at 10:30 am. St. John and other local congregations are partners in this ministry, helping to start the 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

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

- 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
 - Cathy Schultz – Healing from surgery
 - Olivia (St. John Preschooler) – Hospitalized
- ✝ 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.