



St. John News

March 2, 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.**



UPCOMING
Events

Sunday, March 2

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Bible Study/Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Monday, March 3

- Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5

- Ash Wednesday Service
w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 6

- Elder’s Meeting – 6:30 PM

Friday, March 7

- Auction Ticket Sales Final Day

Saturday, March 8

- Men’s Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, March 9
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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



Bring your neighbors! Invite your friends!

Only a few tables are left for this year’s

St. John Lutheran School

Live and Silent Auction

Get yours tickets now! Call 716-693-9677, option 1.

Silent bids:

- ❖ **Horse Lovers** Includes riding lesson from Hunter’s Ridge, Breyer horse set, horse sticker book, stuffed horse.
- ❖ **Authentic Peal Necklace** Donated by Bomi Jewelers valued at \$350.
- ❖ **Handcrafted Art Class Projects** Your chance to memorialize your student’s class and time at St John with a beautiful gift made by your child and classmates.

Live Auction:

Principal of the Day! This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is priceless. Your child will be able to work side-by-side with Mrs. Gundell and rule the school! What a memory!!!



What do I wear to the auction?

Lean in on our auction theme, “Denim and Diamonds”. Think Casual Glam - denim, sparkles, and shiny accessories.

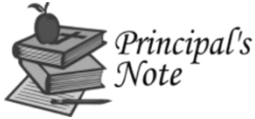
ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Greetings,

We have completed the first 5 weeks of the 3rd quarter this week. Our time together is such a blessing. Our Bible words this week are from Psalm 145:8, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy."

Did you know?

- Our next Open House is from 6-7:30 PM on **Tuesday, March 11th**. Our best advertisement is our church/school families and members. It's exciting to think of the new opportunities that God has in store for us for the 2025-2026 school year.
- LEGO club has begun! Over 70 students will be building and creating for the next several weeks on Thursday afternoons with Pastor Mike, Miss Bekah, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Chambers... along with several other volunteers including Mark Rogers, Steve Argo, and Bob Borgstede.
- "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

SAVIOR SERVANT FRIEND

Lent 2025



March 5

Jesus forgives us again and again, even though we do not deserve it.



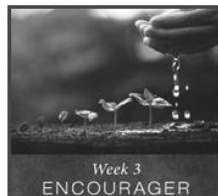
March 9 & 12

Jesus heals us when we are wounded and weakened by sin.



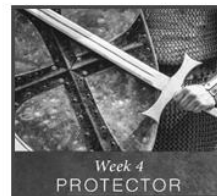
March 16 & 19

Jesus listens to us like no other and answers our questions and concerns.



March 23 & 26

Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our life for him.



March 30 & April 2

Jesus protects us from the devil and from danger and keeps us safe in him.



April 6 & 9

Jesus comforts us in struggles and sorrows that we might find rest in his promises.

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

January 19: \$2,786.00

January 26: \$2,500.00

February 2: \$4,286.35

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.



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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS can be found online at lhm.org/lent. A limited number of printed copies can be found at the Information Center.



March 9th



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 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.

Saturday Men's Group meets Saturdays at 7 am. Bring a Bible, invite a friend, and dive into God's Word.

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.

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.

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.

- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Cancer treatments
 - Herb Meissner – Continued health concerns
 - Kevin Gundell – Preparing for his new call to the Eastern District
 - Holy Ghost Lutheran – Preparing to call a principal
 - New York National Guard
 - 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.
 - 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
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- † Those affected by fires in California
 - † For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel
 - † For less division in our home, community, and nation
 - † That we might proclaim the Word of God to the lost, so they can see their need for a Savior and know Him



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

Monday – Board of Education

Tuesday – Those on a field trip

Wednesday – Prepare hearts and minds for the Lenten season

Thursday – LEGO club students

Friday – New families God is bringing to St. John for next year.

Long Term Prayers

Maria Palma-Nunez, 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.