



St. John News

March 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.



UPCOMING Events

Sunday, March 16

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

Monday, March 17

- Auction Tickets Sales End

Wednesday, March 19

- Worship (no Communion) – 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 20

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 22

- NO Men's Group

Sunday, March 23

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship (no Communion) – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- NO Adult Bible Study
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 25

- Card Ministry – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 26

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 29

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Denim & Diamond Auction – 5:00 PM



We have extended ticket sales until TOMORROW (3/17)! Don't miss out on this wonderful evening.

Your ticket includes a catered meal by Alps catering, beer/wine/pop and dessert. Come join us for fun evening.

See Liz Schultz or Katelyn Fontana today for tickets.

Newly added this week:

- **Bills/Sabres Jerseys:** Trusted #17, and a *signed* Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen!

Stay tuned for the complete auction catalog and more exciting items that will be sure to catch your eye!

See ya there!

**Kindest Regards,
St. John Lutheran School PTL**

The next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is March 30th at 10:15 am following worship.

Pastor Mike will be out of the office this week for his PLI Training. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact the elders: Roger Carr (716-545-7201) and Bruce Sutherland (716-998-0225).

ABOUT THE SCHOOL



*Principal's
Note*



Greetings,

In this Lenten season, as we reflect on our own sinfulness, and the world of sin that we are immersed in, let us see the goodness of God in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer. These words from Scripture, Romans 8:35-37, help us see God's immeasurable love for us, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

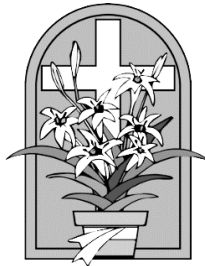
Did you know?

- St. John will host our first volleyball game of the season this Thursday at 4 PM. Join us in cheering on the EAGLES!
- Our Chapel families met this past week and created mobiles that are hanging in the classrooms. Each day we add a "Stepping Stone" for the season of Lent. These stepping stones give us a daily reminder of our identity in Christ. We are redeemed and loved children of God. The stepping stones of Lent lead us to the joyous celebration of Easter.
- "Denim and Diamonds" is the theme for our auction on March 29th at Johnsburg Fire Hall. Our auction committee has prepared a night of fun and fellowship. We are so excited about this night of fun and fellowship. Doors open at 5 PM.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

Scholarship Money is available according to income through the Bison Fund. Many families at St. John benefit from it. If you are considering attending, but cost is an issue please apply by March 31. More information is available in the Information Center, or by calling the school office.

CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS:
Orders are due Sunday, March 23. If you plan to order, please take care of that now. Order forms are available in the Information Center. Other order options are available in your Friday E-News email.



SAVIOR
SERVANT
FRIEND
Lent 2025



March 5

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



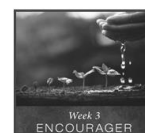
March 9 & 12

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:

February 9: \$2,050.00
February 18: \$775.00
February 23: \$6,122.00

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 February, we were able to gift 5 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: 16th & 26th

April: 6th & 9th, 20th & 23rd

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April-June are now available in the Information Center and the glass entrance.

*****WOMEN OF ST. JOHN** will meet Sunday, March 23rd following worship.***



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.

*****SAVE THE DATE** Meet Raffle: May 16.



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.

CARD MINISTRY Gather to make cards for yourself as well as for use at the school. Materials and help provided. Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 9 am (April 10, May 8) off-campus, and the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm (March 25, April 22, May 27) at church. Contact Patti Norris at 716-228-0791 for location information or if you would like 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.

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

- Garrison Ball (child of Rev. Mark [St. Paul, Hilton] and Leslie Ball) – In PICU with severe illness
- Cheryl Carr (mother of Roger Carr) – Health concerns
 - Karen Herman – Continued health concerns
 - Lily Lyons (wife of St. John teacher Rick) – Diagnosis of breast cancer
 - April Smith – Healing from cancer treatment
 - Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health concerns
 - 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

- ✚ Those affected by fires in California
- ✚ For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel
- ✚ For more unity 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 - Annual auditing teams

Tuesday - Formation of accreditation teams

Wednesday - Wisdom and guidance through the preparations for next year

Thursday - Our volleyball team in their first game of the season

Friday - For families to be drawn to our school

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.