



St. John News

March 23, 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 23

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship (no Communion) – 9:00 AM
- Women of St. John meeting – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:30 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

Sunday, March 30

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:30 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 2

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 3

- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 5

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

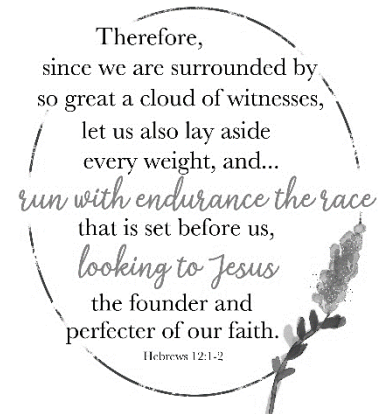
CHURCH EASTER FLOWERS:
Orders are due **Sunday, March 23.**
If you plan to order, please take
care of that now. Order forms are
available in the **Information
Center.**



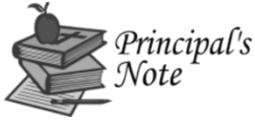
WOMEN OF ST. JOHN will meet TODAY, March 23rd
following worship.

The next **QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING** is
March 30th at 10:15 am following worship.

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.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Principal's Note

Greetings,

Welcome to spring! Last Wednesday was such a beautiful spring day. The sun shining and little voices playing on the playground brought so much joy! Our Bible verse this week reminds us to praise God for His goodness, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness."

Did you know?

- Our 3rd quarter is coming to an end this week. I am so pleased with the commitment of our talented teaching staff and support of families in student learning.
- "Denim and Diamonds" spring auction at Johnsburg Fire Hall is quickly approaching. We are so excited about this night of fun and fellowship. Doors open at 5 PM on March 29. Thank you to Lynn Willis and the auction committee for your work on this.
- Grandparents Day is coming up in April. We will host hundreds of grandparents on April 9th. It's always a day filled with memories and special moments.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



Know it, share it...

Help your school reach more families with the Gospel of Jesus every day!

Our high-quality education and extracurricular opportunities make St. John School the perfect option for many families.

Schedule an appointment today. 716-693-9677, option 1.

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.

SAVIOR SERVANT FRIEND

 <small>Ash Wednesday FORGIVER</small> March 5 Jesus forgives us again and again, even though we do not deserve it.	 <small>Week 1 HEALER</small> March 9 & 12 Jesus heals us when we are wounded and weakened by sin.	 <small>Week 2 LISTENER</small> March 16 & 19 Jesus listens to us like no other and answers our questions and concerns.
 <small>Week 3 ENCOURAGER</small> March 23 & 26 Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our life for him.	 <small>Week 4 PROTECTOR</small> March 30 & April 2 Jesus protects us from the devil and from danger and keeps us safe in him.	 <small>Week 5 COMFORTER</small> April 6 & 9 Jesus comforts us in struggles and sorrows that we might find rest in his promises.

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

February 18: \$775.00
February 23: \$6,122.00
March 2: \$3,992.00

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:



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.



March: 26th

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



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.



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025

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.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING:

Coffee Sales: April 7

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. **There is no adult Bible study today, March 23.**

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

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 are two weeks left on the prayer list for people marked by the empty circle.* 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) – Out of PICU; Continued healing
- ☐ Amelia Steele – Upcoming surgery
- ☐ Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Cancer treatments
- ☐ Herb Meissner – Health concerns
- ☐ New York National Guard
- 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

- ✚ 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 - Trustees

Tuesday - Treasurer

Wednesday - Classroom sponsors

Thursday - Room parents

Friday - Lunch volunteers

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.