



St. John News

March 30, 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 30

- Handbell Practice – 7:45 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM
- No Adult Bible Study
- 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

Sunday, April 6

- Handbell Practice – 7:45 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Monday, April 7

- Board of Education – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 9

- Handbell Practice – 6:00 PM
- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 10

- Card Ministry – 9:00 AM

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

Your Elders are praying for you!

Over the next few months, members will see a postcard in the mail, letting you know that the Elders will pray specifically for your family that week.



If you have any specific prayer requests that week, please let the office know by noon on Friday.

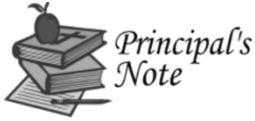
FROM THRIVENT

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® to the church or school **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.



ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Principal's Note



Greetings,

Our weekly Chapel services are a wonderful blessing. It really is my favorite time of the week. We gather as a school family in worship and praise God. This week we learned about the story of Zaccheus and how Jesus seeks us with His amazing love and mercy. We sang "Glory be to Jesus who in bitter pains, poured for me His lifeblood from His sacred veins." It's a love that is certainly immeasurable. What a gift!

Did you know?

- "Denim and Diamonds" spring auction at Johnsburg Fire Hall was Saturday. We had over 100 basket donations for the silent auction and 9 Live auction items. Thank you to our church/school families and the community for the tremendous support.
- 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.
- Are you a Thrivent member with Choice Dollars? In appreciation for your Thrivent account, Thrivent sets aside funds for their members to give away. Please consider directing your Choice Dollars to St. John Lutheran School. The deadline is **TOMORROW**, March 31st.

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 <small>Jesus forgives us again and again, even though we do not deserve it.</small>	 <small>Week 1 HEALER</small> March 9 & 12 <small>Jesus heals us when we are wounded and weakened by sin.</small>	 <small>Week 2 LISTENER</small> March 16 & 19 <small>Jesus listens to us like no other and answers our questions and concerns.</small>
 <small>Week 3 ENCOURAGER</small> March 25 & 26 <small>Jesus encourages us in our faith to live our life for him.</small>	 <small>Week 4 PROTECTOR</small> March 30 & April 2 <small>Jesus protects us from the devil and from danger and keeps us safe in him.</small>	 <small>Week 5 COMFORTER</small> April 6 & 9 <small>Jesus comforts us in struggles and sorrows that we might find rest in his promises.</small>

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

February 23: \$6,122.00

March 2: \$3,992.00

March 9: \$4,905.00

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

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.

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.


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

- Doug Ellman – Cancer diagnosis
- Garrison Ball (child of Rev. Mark [St. Paul, Hilton] and Leslie Ball) – Continued healing
- Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) – Faith and peace
- Larry Damba (father of Terrie Licht) – Healing following hip surgery
- Rev. Ernie Greene (pastor of St. Paul) – Praise for remission
- Amelia Steele – Upcoming surgery
- 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 – Rest for our auction volunteers

Tuesday – Planning for the DC trip

Wednesday – Health of our students

Thursday – Health of our teachers and staff

Friday – Yearbook club

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.