



St. John News

March 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.**



UPCOMING *Events*

Sunday, March 9

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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

Tuesday, March 11

- School Open House – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 12

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 13

- Card Ministry – 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 15

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, March 16

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

Wednesday, March 19

- Worship (no Communion) – 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 20

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM



We have extended ticket sales until 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.

Take a peek at what's in store:

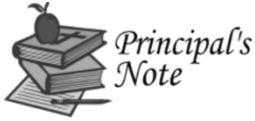
- **Buffalo Bisons Tickets** Your chance to win the hottest ticket in town - good for any game in April - a \$45 dollar value.
- **Faithful Friend Pet Basket** Includes a reversible dog bed, dog and cat treats, tennis ball and \$35 dollar gift certificate to pet smart! Donated by St John 4th grade. - \$135 dollar value
- **Hippity Hoppity Easter's on its Way** This package includes two straw bunnies and carrots, Easter table cloth and wooden sign, spring tumblers, two bottles of wine and so much more! - \$100 dollar value
- **Pick it Up, I'm Going Alone** This Euchre-themed package includes two Euchres decks, a scoring board, a trump dice, card-themed glasses, cocktail napkins, bridge mix and so much more! - \$125 value

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**

ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Principal's Note

Greetings,

Our Lenten season of the church year has begun. We are sinful and need a Savior. God shows His great love for us by sending Jesus to suffer and die, to take the punishment of our sins. Thankfully, the story doesn't end there. It won't be long and Easter will arrive, a celebration of His resurrection, which gives us the greatest gift of all, salvation. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life."

Did you know?

- Our next Open House is this Tuesday from 6-7:30 PM. Send your friends and family and help us fill our classrooms and give the children in our community an opportunity to study God's Word daily and hear about His love for them.
- 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 Johnsburg 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.




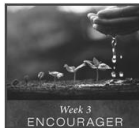




Blessings,
Katie Gundell



Invite Family and Friends!

SAVIOR
SERVANT
FRIEND
Lent 2025

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|  <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 2: \$4,286.35

February 9: \$2,050.00

February 18: \$775.00

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 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: 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. A limited number of printed copies can be found at the Information Center.

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



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025

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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.

*****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 Beginning this Thursday, 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 (March 13, 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 filled circle.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- 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
 - 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!
- ✝ 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 – Our families
Tuesday – New families to enroll at St. John.
Wednesday – Our families’ neighborhoods
Thursday – Our latchkey program
Friday – Those on the field trip

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.