



St. John News

April 13, 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, April 13 – Palm Sunday

- Handbell Practice – 7:45 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- NO Confirmation

Wednesday, April 16

- NO Worship

Thursday, April 17

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You're invited to celebrate
HOLY WEEK
at St. John Lutheran Church.

PALM SUNDAY

KING

APRIL 13, 9:00 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

SERVANT

APRIL 17

7:00 PM, WITH COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY

SAVIOR

APRIL 18, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

REDEEMER

APRIL 20

9:00 AM WITH COMMUNION



CAMP J.O.Y. AND LEGO CLUB

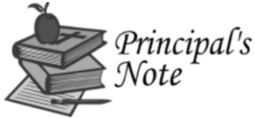
Pastor Mike is taking LEGO Club to Camp J.O.Y., a summer camp for children Kindergarten-4th grade held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Buffalo (26 Brunswick Blvd). This camp has been providing structured, safe and nurturing experiences for children of inner city Buffalo for many years, as well as sharing the love of Jesus. Camp J.O.Y. will meet for six weeks this year **July 7-August 15, 2025**.

- We would like to provide a LEGO Club experience for Camp J.O.Y. children once a week (Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am).
- We need **volunteers** willing to help out on Thursdays. *You don't have to commit to all six Thursdays; if you can help with only one, that would be great. No LEGO experience needed, just a willingness to spend time with children.*
- We want to provide a LEGO set (approx. \$10 each) to every child. The camp limits enrollment to 50 children so we need to raise **\$500** for the gifts.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating please contact Pastor Mike at pastormike@stjohnnt.com.

Your Easter Newsletter will be published soon, and reaches a larger audience than our typical weekly news. If you have any spring/summer news, "happening now" articles from ministries you are currently participating in, or reports from past events, please turn those in by this **TUESDAY, APRIL 15.**

ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Principal's
Note



Greetings,

This is a very special week as we approach The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, The Last Supper, The Crucifixion, and ultimately The Joyous Resurrection of Jesus. We are children of the Heavenly Father who are so greatly loved!

Did you know...

- Grandparents Day was a wonderful blessing. Our church pews were filled for our weekly worship service. Grandparents spent time in classrooms being interviewed by their grandchild, making crafts, playing "Kahoot", listening to recorders being played, and all kinds of activities. It was a special day for everyone involved.
- Our final Chapel offering mission is going towards Pioneer on the Lake for the 4th quarter. People of all ages are encouraged to visit and/or camp at this beautiful site in Angola, NY. Check out the website for more information. <https://pioneeronthelake.com>
- The staff and students are gearing up for state testing.
- MUSIC: The Band FIVE14 will perform and lead an evening of worship and praise on May 3rd at 6:30 PM. We have a piano recital taking place on May 13th and a spring concert on May 16th. All are welcome!



Blessings,
Katie Gundell



Help Wanted: Set up on May 2 at 6:00 pm, and refreshments at the concert. Contact Dennis at 716-228-7765.

Instrumentalists and Vocalists:

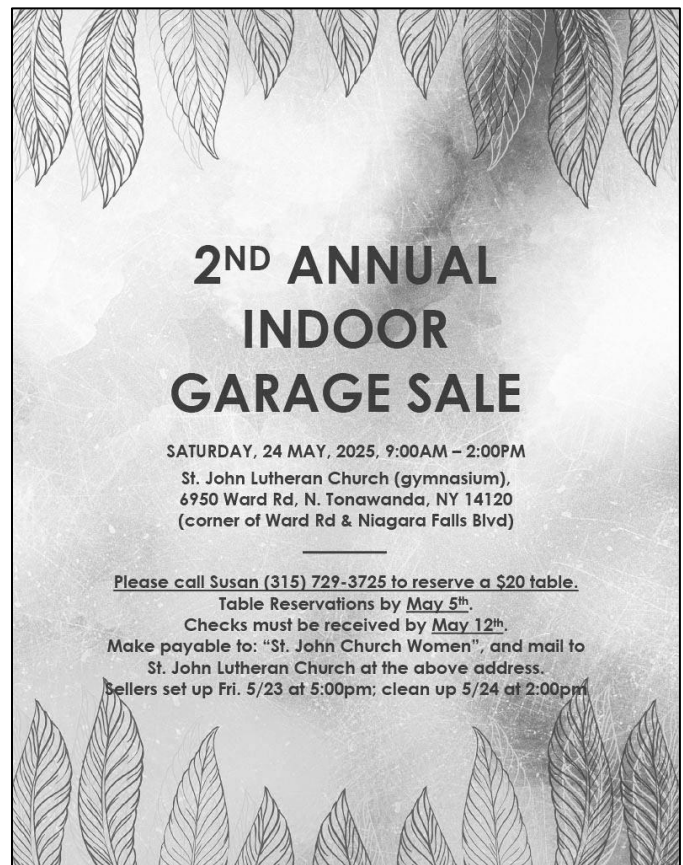
Rehearsals for Easter will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 17:

Brass – 6:00 PM

Choir – 6:15 PM

Worship – 7:00 PM

Handbells – 8:00 PM



ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

March 16: \$2,413.00

March 23: \$2,827.00

March 30: \$4,692.00

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:



April: 17th, 20th & 23rd



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: 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.

THREE WAYS TO GIVE:

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.

Coffee Sales: Order your May supply of coffee, and support our kids! Coffee comes in beans, grounds, or pods; teabags and hot cocoa are also available.

Meet Raffle: Available now: Mark your calendars for May 10 (this is a NEW date). Doors open at 5 pm; first spin is at 6 pm. \$15 per ticket, or \$100 for a table of 8. Beer, wine and pop is included with your ticket.

Can't be there? Buy a raffle ticket for the Yeti cooler, complete with \$150 of meat!



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.



Confirmation weekend is approaching on May 3-5, 2024. Please pray for the students as they prepare to confirm their faith, and for their mentors as they help them prepare for this new chapter in their faith journey.

Cemetery decorations, flower containers, etc...

To facilitate spring cleanup, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that all winter, Christmas wreaths/decorations should be removed by May 1, 2025. The cemetery guidelines are available at the church office.

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

- For the family and friends of Martha Darlak, who died Thursday, April 3
- For those affected by various recent storms and earthquake victims in Myanmar
- Karen Herman – Continued health concerns
- Lily Lyons (wife of St. John teacher Rick) – Praise for cancer healing
- April Smith – Healing
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Health concerns
- 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

- ✚ 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 – Friday: A restful and safe Easter break

Long Term Prayers

Frank Cornell, Doug Rich, Rick Hamilton, Donna Martin, Shelly Erwin, Mary Schlegl, Jaycee Schmitz, Annie Kelly, Barb Manning, Doreen & Larry Damba, 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.