



St. John News

April 6, 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 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

Tuesday, April 6

- Volleyball Games – 4:00 PM

Monday, April 7

- Funeral – 10:00 AM
- 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

Saturday, April 12

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, April 13 – Palm Sunday

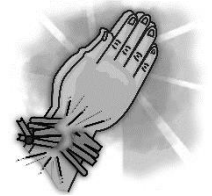
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Wednesday, April 16

- NO 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.

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 Wednesday, April 16.

You're invited to celebrate

HOLY WEEK


at St. John Lutheran Church.

PALM SUNDAY
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APRIL 13, 9:00 AM

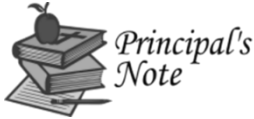
MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVANT
APRIL 17
7:00 PM, WITH COMMUNION

GOOD FRIDAY
SAVIOR
APRIL 18, 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
REDEEMER
APRIL 20
9:00 AM WITH COMMUNION



ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Greetings,

It's all about Jesus. One of my favorite songs during Lent is "Lead Me to the Cross" with the following lyrics, "Lead me to the cross, Where Your love poured out, Bring me to my knees, Lord I lay me down, Rid me of myself, I belong to You, Oh, lead me, lead me to the cross." May the love of our Savior be our focus each day.

Did you know...

- St. John profited over \$16K from the spring auction. Again, thank you church/school families for your continuous support.
- Grandparents Day is on Wednesday, April 9th. We will host hundreds of grandparents and celebrate the blessing that each grandchild/grandparent relationship is.
- 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/>

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

INTER-CHURCH PARTNERSHIP

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 need **donations!** We are providing LEGO supplies for Camp JOY and can use donations to help purchase these supplies. (If you are thinking of buying LEGO directly please see Pastor Mike before making any purchases.)
- 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.

ABOUT THE CHURCH

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: *This week!* 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: 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. Ticket sales begin next week.



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 and May 8) off-campus, and the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm (April 22, May 27) at church. Contact Patti Norris at 716-228-0791 for location information or if you would like to participate.

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:



COMMUNION
SCHEDULE

April: 6th & 9th; 17th, 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.

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 renew prayers or submit new prayers.

- For the family and friends of Martha Darlak, who died Thursday, April 3
- For those affected by various storms this past week 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
- Cheryl Carr (mother of Roger Carr) – 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 – Members of the Board of Christian Education

Tuesday – Grandparents coming through our doors tomorrow

Wednesday – Our families

Thursday – Volleyball players

Friday – A 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.