

St. John News

June 1, 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.*

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, June 1 - Graduation Sunday

- Worship w/Communion - 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study - 10:15 AM

Monday, June 2

- Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 4

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, June 5

- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, June 7

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Bible Study – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, June 11

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Friday, June 13

- 8th Grade Graduation – 6:00 PM

Saturday, June 14

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM



June: 1st & 4th, 15th & 18th



Kylie Marie Fontana

St. John Alumnus

Lockport High School, Cum Laude

Attending St. Bonaventure University for Criminology,
with a minor in Psychology

Liliana Foglia

(granddaughter of Frank and Kathy Wendt)

Kenmore West High School

Attending Fredonia College for Early Childhood
Education

Kayla Dworzanski

Niagara Wheatfield High School

Attending Buffalo State University for Early
Childhood/Elementary Education

Sara Mueller

St. John Alumnus

Niagara University, Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and in Sociology,
with a minor in Sign Language

Samantha Shively

Niagara University

Bachelor's degree in Spanish Education; has accepted a
position at Wellsville High School

*We will never walk alone, God is with us, on His throne;
From beginning to the end, He is our dearest friend.
Through God's love and through our prayer,
He'll lift us up when we despair.
Age to age, God still the same, by the power of The Name.*



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025

PLEASE PRAY: Pastor and Zakary Borgstede; Peyton, 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.

Thank you! With you support, we were able to raise \$4,811.26 from the meat raffle. That means our fundraising total is now **\$28,094.91**. We will have one more fundraiser before we head out in July.

TO GIVE:

Envelope Donations: You can pick up an envelope and form at the sanctuary entrance. \$5 gets you a postcard from NOLA, at \$50 you also receive a themed pen, and \$100 includes an invitation to our thank you dinner after the gathering.

Christian Education

Sunday

Children’s Sunday School is in recess until the fall.

Adult Bible Study will continue to study the day’s readings through June 22nd.

Men’s Group continues to meet on Saturdays at 7 am until June 21st. New members are welcome any time.

Cemetery Decorations, etc.

To facilitate the weekly cemetery lawn mowing, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that spring/summer potted plants and decorations be placed at the side of the headstones. The cemetery guidelines are available at the church office. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the cemetery from time to time. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office.



WAYS TO GIVE AND SERVE

Mowing

Our lawn is maintained by a wonderful group of volunteers, and they need you! If you would like to be a part of the rotation, or would like more information, please contact Jeff Manning at 716-754-9583.

Want to be a Reader? Those who read during our services are a blessing to our worship. St. John readers are adult male members, who have clear speaking voices and are willing to be trained in the reading role. If you would like to participate in worship in this way, please contact Pastor Mike.

Organ

We are still raising funds for Phase 1 of the organ renovation. For more information, find the plan at the information center or speak with Doreen Sutherland.

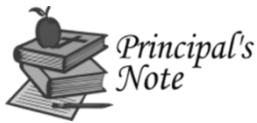
Camp Joy

Pastor Mike and volunteers will bring LEGO club to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Buffalo this summer. We would like to provide LEGO sets to each child at \$10 apiece. Please contact Pastor Mike to make a donation.

The North Tonawanda Inter-Church

Food Pantry

We partner with many other churches to make sure the families have food on their tables. You can donate non-perishables anytime in the bin below the information center.



Greetings,

Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." We are wrapping up the school year in the next two weeks. What joy it brings to have an opportunity to touch the lives of so many students and celebrate their growth academically and spiritually.

Did you know...

- We have another Principal of the Day: 1st grader Raelynn Facklam, auction winner! Miss Facklam has asked everyone in the school to wear navy blue and pink and a headband! She and I had a wonderful planning session in preparation for a memorable day on Wednesday.
- Our 7th/8th grade students and parents had a wonderful trip to Washington DC. Thank you to all who supported any of their fundraising efforts.
- June 13th is our last day of school. We have fifteen 8th grade graduates this year! Congratulations to this group.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



Sermon Series: "My Digital Witness"

We spend a lot of our lives online, and whether we acknowledge it or not, we all have a digital voice. From emails to texts, from social media to shopping – and even



worship – we have a digital presence and voice. So how can we be good stewards of our digital voice and give honor to God? Come join us during worship and at stjohnnt.com/my-digital-witness as we learn how to use our digital voice to make an impact for Christ in our world.

Family Fellowship

Join other families at St. John for fun and fellowship. This is a great chance for our church and school parents to get to know one another. Indoor and outdoor activities are planned. The next event will be held **Wednesday, June 25 at 6 pm.**

More resources



GIVING REPORT:

April 20: \$7,300.00
April 27: \$2,455.00
May 4: \$7,969.00

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can give online. Go to stjohnnt.com, click "Worship With Us), and scroll down to click "Give Online". Or scan this QR code:



Blessed by their service:

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for June:	Paul Salefske and Roger Carr	Acolyte:	Camryn Fontana
Reader Today:	Dennis Gauda	Next Week:	Dennis Kelly
Counting Team:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir	Sound:	Josiah Borgstede
Altar for June:	Lori Argo, Lynn Kroening		

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


- Bev Harder – Recovering from injury
- Rosie Siegmann – Hospitalized
- The family of Donald Licht, Jr. as they await God’s will
- The family and friends of James Waliszewski (father of Jason Licht) at his passing
- Herb Meissner – Health concerns
- The family and friends of Michele DiCarlo (friend of Terrie Licht) at her passing
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Health concerns
- For the family and friends of Elvira Preuss, who passed away in December

- ✚ 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

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, Elsbeth Kaus, Doris Wollaber, Paul Greinert, Ken Musall, Owen Arizmendi, Kim Snell, Matthew Wallace

In the U.S. Military: David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall, Ben Bahr



Prayer 12:13 Thank you for praying over our school family at 12:13 pm each weekday.

Monday: The Board of Christian Education

Tuesday: Preparations for our guest principal

Wednesday: Those on field trips

Thursday: End-of-the-year preparations for faculty

Friday: Field day travel and activities

The Bereavement Department at Niagara Hospice provides grief support groups in Lewiston, Sanborn, and North Tonawanda. Please see the posting on the bulletin board.

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.