

St. John News

May 18-31, 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, May 18 - Armed Forces Sunday

- Worship w/Communion - 9:00 AM
- Voters' Meeting - 10:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study - 10:15 AM

Tuesday, May 20

- PTL Meeting - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 21

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Friday, May 23

- Indoor Garage Sale Set-up - 5:30 PM

Saturday, May 24

- NO Men's Group
- Indoor Garage Sale - 9:00 AM

Sunday, May 25

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

Tuesday, May 27

- Card Ministry – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 28

- Family Fellowship – 6:00 PM
- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 31

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM



This month we honor those who are serving in the military, and those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Thank you for your service.

Pick up information about the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces at the sanctuary doors.



We have a **Voters' Meeting TODAY, Sunday, May 18th** following worship.

Graduation Sunday is June 1st. If your child is graduating high school or college this spring, we would like to celebrate him/her!

To join us for the 8:00 am breakfast, or to share his/her graduation information, please contact the church office by May 23rd at 716-693-9677 or churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.



May 18th & 21st

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



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.

FROM THE OFFICE

The office will be closed May 18-25.

Emails will be monitored periodically.

Christian Education

Sunday

Sunday, May 18th is the end-of-the-year party for Children’s Sunday School. They will then be 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. New members are welcome any time.

Help Needed Baked goods can be dropped off at 5:30 pm Friday, May 23rd or Saturday morning (May 24th) at 9am for the Indoor Garage Sale. We truly appreciate your support.

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.

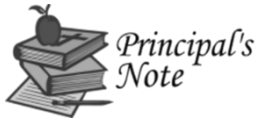
Family Fellowship

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, May 28 at 6 pm.**

**2ND ANNUAL
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GARAGE SALE**

SATURDAY, 24 MAY, 2025, 9:00AM – 2:00PM
St. John Lutheran Church (gymnasium),
6950 Ward Rd, N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
(corner of Ward Rd & Niagara Falls Blvd)

Please call Susan (315) 729-3725 to reserve a \$20 table.
Table Reservations by **May 5th**.
Checks must be received by **May 12th**.
Make payable to: “St. John Church Women”, and mail to
St. John Lutheran Church at the above address.
Sellers set up Fri. 5/23 at 5:00pm; clean up 5/24 at 2:00pm



Greetings,

Psalm 9:1-2, "I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High." We thank our Heavenly Father for all His goodness. St. John church and school embraces the wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with many!

Did you know...

- We are so busy with "end-of-year" events and activities! This past week we had a piano recital, Volunteer Appreciation Day, and our Spring Concert! All were well attended. What a joy to celebrate so many blessings!
- We have 2 Principals of the Day this year! This coming Tuesday, May 20th, Julie Black, 6th grader at St. John, will be our principal. She will certainly have a memorable day!
- Come at shop at the St. John Yard Sale in our gymnasium on Saturday, May 24th from 9AM-2PM. A group of our students/parents will be selling hot dogs. Plan to enjoy a quick lunch while shopping!
- Our 7th/8th grade students and parents are traveling to Washington DC the week of May 26th. We pray for safe travel. It will be a fun-filled week with an opportunity to learn so much.
- The next Family Fellowship will take place on Wednesday, May 28th from 6-7 PM. All are welcome... families of St. John church and school, friends and neighbors.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



New Sermon Series: "My Digital Witness"

Beginning May 18th

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.



WAYS TO GIVE

Mowing
Feel the relaxing buzz of the mower below you as you smell the fragrance of newly-cut grass...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.

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.

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 are two weeks left on the prayer list for people marked by the closed 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.


- 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
 - Garrison Ball (child of Rev. Mark [St. Paul, Hilton] and Leslie Ball) – Recovering at home

- ✝ 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, 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, Ben Bahr



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

For the Holy Spirit to strengthen and prepare the teachers and students for finishing the year well.

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.