

St. John News

May 4, 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 4 - Confirmation Sunday

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

Monday, May 5

- Board of Education meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 7

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 8

- Card Ministry – 9:00 AM
- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 10

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Meet Raffle – 5:00 PM

Sunday, May 11 – Mother's Day

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



May: 4th & 7th, 18th & 21st



Today we celebrate the confirmation of the faith of
five of God's children:

Camryn Amelia Fontana

Deuteronomy 31:6

Gracey Anne Lupo

Psalm 119:105

Audrey Lauren Markel

Hebrews 12:1

Connor Jeffrey Milne

Genesis 1:1

Charles Richard Weir

Colossians 1:11

We'll take a collection during fellowship today to help them celebrate. If you would like to contribute, please find the donation plate in the fellowship space.



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.

TWO WAYS TO GIVE:

Envelope Donations: You can 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.

Meet Raffle: Mark your calendars for May 10. 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 (or three) for the Yeti cooler, complete with \$150 of meat!

Treichler Gift Certificates:

Support the PTL by purchasing \$30 Treichler gift certificates. \$5 of each card goes to PTL. See the sign-up sheet at the information center, or call Lynn Willis at 716-523-8589.

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.**

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.

FROM THE OFFICE:

The church office will be closed May 19th-23rd. Please have announcements for May 25th in by Friday, May 16th.

2ND ANNUAL INDOOR 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)

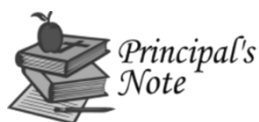
Please call Susan (315) 729-3725 to reserve a \$20 table.

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



Principal's
Note



Greetings,

How wonderful to celebrate the Joyous Resurrection of Jesus. We are children of the Heavenly Father who are so greatly loved!

Did you know...

- Every month there will be a Family Fellowship event on a Wednesday evening from 6-7 PM. All church/school family and friends are encouraged to attend. The next one is May 28th. Mark your calendar and join us!
- We have a piano recital taking place on May 13th and a spring concert on May 16th. All are welcome!
- Our volleyball team had a great season! Our all-stars are Sofia Allen and Liana Ryan.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

Christian Education

Sundays:

There will be **NO** Children's Sunday School until May 18th for our end-of-the-year party.

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.

WAYS TO GIVE

Spring Cleaning

The joy of the finished product: Help spruce up our landscaping. Bring your tools on **Saturday, May 17th at 8 am** to help trim hedges, pull weeds, spread mulch, and more.



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.



The next **Voters' Meeting** will be **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.

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 two weeks 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.

- Michele DiCarlo – Entering Hospice
- 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) – Going home
 - Herb Meissner – 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

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 Siegmans, 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

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.



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

Please continue to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to envelop our school and bring His peace, His unity, and His vision to the school and its role in our community. May God's light shine!

Blessed by their service:

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for May:	Dennis Gauda and Bruce Sutherland	Flautist:	Michele Steiner
Reader Today:	Frank Wendt	Acolyte:	Charlotte Willis
Counting Team Today:	Diane Milne, Suzette Drenko, Donna House	Next Week:	Ben Willis
Hospitality Today:	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, John Rosebrock, Diana Harder		
Altar for May:	Sandy Dwarzanski and Donna Cornell		
Greeters for May:	Cathy and Dan Schultz		
Teachers Today:	Pastor Mike		