

St. John News

July 13-August 9, 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, July 13

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, July 16

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, July 17

- NO Council Meeting

Saturday, July 19

- LCMS Youth Gathering Begins

Sunday, July 20

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, July 23

- NO Worship

Sunday, July 27

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, July 30

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

Sunday, August 3

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

Monday, August 4

- Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 6

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 10

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 13

- Worship – 7:00 PM



Due to summer schedules, the church (Pastor and Secretary) offices will be closed July 16-August 6.

During this time, phone messages and email will be monitored on Fridays for prayer requests only.

If you have a pastoral need or emergency, please contact Roger or John (contacts below), and they will get you the help you need.

Roger Carr: 716-545-7201

John Rosebrock: 716-939-1702



LCMS YOUTH GATHERING 2025

The Niagara Youth Endurers leave this Saturday, July 19th, for New Orleans, beginning travel at 3:00 AM. Please continue to keep them – and all the youth and adults in attendance – in your prayers this week. Our team returns very early Thursday morning.

We thank you for all of your support and making this life-changing event possible.

Pastor and Zack 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.

SAVE THE DATES:

August 24: Women of St. John Meeting, after worship

August 24: Youth Thank You Dinner, 5:30 PM

August 30: Men's Cookout, 2 PM

September 6: Men's Group, 7 AM

September 13: Women's Event, 9:30 AM

Grateful for their service this month:

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 13</u></p> <p>Reader: Dennis Gauda A/V: Matt Schultz Counting Team: Diane Milne, Suzette Drenko, Donna House Organ: Doreen Sutherland</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 20</u></p> <p>Reader: Paul Salefske A/V: Roger Carr Counting Team: Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Randy DeVantier Organ: Doreen Sutherland</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 27</u></p> <p>Reader: Dennis Kelly A/V: Matt Schultz Counting Team: Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz Organ: Katie Dena</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>August 3</u></p> <p>Reader: Frank Wendt A/V: Dennis Kelly Counting Team: Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt Organ: Doreen Sutherland</p>
<p><u>July</u></p> <p>Elders: Dennis Gauda and Bob Borgstede Greeters: Dennis and Annie Kelly Altar: Mary Salefske and Linda Sonnen</p>	
<p><u>August</u></p> <p>Elders: Paul Salefske and Bruce Sutherland Greeters: Jim and Cheryl Oliver</p>	

Congratulations:

To Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Jillian Heffron on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday, July 12th.

To Lena Turner on the occasion of her baptism on Wednesday, July 17th.

To Hunter Rogers on the occasion of his baptism on August 10th.

Congratulations! May God be with you all.



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL serves

To nurture children academically and spiritually toward a life of witness and service in Christ.

Invite your neighbors, friends and coworkers to find out more about our school, excellent in academics and community. Visit stjohnnt.com/school then call the office (716-693-9677 opt. 1) to schedule a walk-through.

REAL LIFE FAITH



New groups this fall!

REAL
LIFE
FAITH



Join us for friendship, support, and applying God's Word in your life. All women welcome.

REAL
LIFE
FAITH



Real Life Faith
Small Groups for
Christian Women

Testimony

"Real Life Faith has done so many different things for me. It **helped me feel accepted**, heard without judgment, and loved. The group showed me what a **true Christian friendship** is."

Nicole House



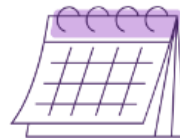
Testimony

"Real Life Faith **brought the Bible back** into my life."

Courtney Kovacic



Mark Your Calendar!



Saturday
September 13th

Women's Event
to Renew & Refresh Your Faith

Details Coming Soon.





GIVING REPORT:

June 15: \$2,653.00

June 22: \$2, 751.00

June 29: \$3,008.00

Ways to Serve and Connect at St. John:

Altar Guild—This group of ladies serve by preparing our worship space before each service. They take turns serving monthly to care of altar paraments, prepare communion, and more.

Church Music—St. John has many entrance points to our music ministry. Participate in handbells, vocal choir, or prepare an offering on your instrument of specialty.

Ushers—This group of men serve before, during, and after services on a monthly basis to help our worship run smoothly.

Fellowship teams—These teams rotate weekly to provide refreshment after each service. Many also help to organize our annually church and school picnic.

Mowers—As the weather warms, this dedicated group rotates in teams to keep the grass low.

Readers—Volunteers take turns reading the first and second readings of the week on Sundays.

Maintenance (church, school, and cemetery) - Our volunteers come in as they are able to repair, replace, and install basic necessities.

Counting team—Teams rotate weekly and serve after the worship service to create a record of what donations were given that week.

Historical team—This is an up-start ministry. This group of people help to organize and preserve the history of our church and school.

Contact the church office (716-693-9677 opt. 2) if you would like to know more about these ministries.

**CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION
SUNDAY**

Worship together
Meet the teachers
Hear the students

**September 28th
Worship at 10 AM**

followed by
The 3rd Annual
**CHURCH AND SCHOOL
PICNIC**

Signup coming soon

SONS OF THE FATHER
MEN'S PICNIC

AUGUST 30
2:00PM – 7:00PM

Men's Bible Study
will resume
September 6th at 7 AM
All men are welcome.

MAYORS PARK

987 SWEENEY ST.
NORTH TONAWANDA

**BRING YOUR SONS, GRANDSONS, YOUR FATHER,
YOUR BROTHER, YOUR UNCLE, YOUR NEPHEW...**

RSVP BY AUGUST 28TH TO
John at jkrosebrock1@gmail.com
or Dennis at 716-228-7765

MENU:

- SMOKED BRISKET
- SMOKED PULLED PORK
- HOT DOGS
- MAC-N-CHEESE
- BAKED BEANS
- COLE SLAW

ACTIVITIES:

- PLAYGROUND FOR THE KIDS
- EUCHRE
- HORSE SHOES
- BEAN BAG TOSS
- CHIPPING CONTEST

**BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND YOUR PITCHING WEDGE IF SO INCLINED.
WE'LL BE RIGHT ON THE CANAL IF YOU OR YOUR KIDS WANT TO TRY
YOUR HAND AT FISHING.**

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY Thursdays at 9:30 am - St. Peter North Ridge

FARM MARKET Holy Ghost, Bergolz; Wednesdays, 5-7 pm.

PIONEER FEST Pioneer on the Lake, Angola; July 20. Worship, food, and fun! Come spend the day at Pioneer. Bring friends and chair and enjoy the activities and scenery. Go to <https://pioneeronthelake.com/pioneer-fest> for more information.

AGAPE CAMP Pioneer on the Lake, Angola; July 21-25. Volunteers will be required to help with minor activities of daily living for those with developmental disabilities (getting dressed, getting to meals etc.). No heavy lifting will be required. Free room and board provided for volunteers Must be able to pass a background check. Call 716-383-6157 for more information.

LWML LUNCH Fieldstone Country Inn; July 26, 12 noon. Soup and Salad Bar; Your choice: Roast beef sandwich, Chicken salad wrap or New York Reuben with side of French Fries. \$30. RSVP to Terry at 716-255-2612. See flyer at the Information Center bulletin board.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL First Trinity, July 28-August 1, 9 am - 12 noon. "True North" VBS. Register at <https://www.firsttrinity.com/childrens-ministry/vbs/>.

LUTHERAN CHARITIES BISON NIGHT August 1. A Friday Night Bash with special rates for tickets and food. Register by July 29th at this site: <https://www.wnylutherancharities.org/event-list>. See the Information Center bulletin board.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE St. Peter, North Ridge; August 9 & 13, 9 am - 3 pm. Reduce your insurance for three years! \$25, lunch provided. Call 716-433-9014 or 716-255-2612 to register. See the Information Center bulletin board for more information.

BOOK CLUB St. Mark, North Tonawanda; August 13, 20, 27; 7pm. The book we will be reading this session is "Confessing Jesus: The Heart of Being Lutheran" by Molly Lackey.

WHEATFIELD TOWN PICNIC Fairmount Park; August 17th, 10:30 am. Flag Raising Ceremony with worship services. This is a community-run event.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Grace, Niagara Falls; Fall 2025. This is a nine-week Christian financial course where you watch a video on your own time, and gather with others for support, direction, and accountability. Day and time to be determined by those interested. Visit FPU at <https://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/financial-peace>. Contact Grace at 716-283-1843 or office@gracenf.org for more information or to be put on the interest list.

GRIEF SUPPORT 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.

THE MUSIC CONSERVATORY at First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence, is offering music lessons for anyone interested, including yourself, family members, friends, etc. Lessons will be offered for piano, organ, voice, woodwinds, and strings. Contact David Werth at (716) 276-8263, dwerth@FirstTrinity.com for more information.




**Sunday
July 20
2025**

4th Annual Pioneer Fest





Baseball Night

★★★★
**BUFFALO
BISONS**

★★★★
**SYRACUSE
METS**

@ SAHLEN FIELD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

COST:

Individual Tickets: \$15

Tickets WITH Discounted
Concessions: \$25
(includes hot dog & soda)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Tuesday, July 29th!

Tickets will NOT be mailed this year.

Pick them up on game day from Jessica, the Office
Administrator, after 4 PM, near the Swan Street
entrance to the ballpark.

How to Get Your Tickets...

Buy **ONLINE** at www.WNYLutheranCharities.org

or

Buy with **PayPal** - Use the QR Code

Note the # of Individual Tickets and/or Tickets w/ Concessions
& Seating Preference

or Mail In a Check & Order Form



IN OUR PRAYERS

During our office closure, prayers can continue to be submitted, but will be included verbally only. To include your prayers in the August 17th publication, please submit prayer requests August 10th through 14th.

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

- Megan Reynolds – Continued healing
- Kristen Torre (sister of Mary Redding) – Diagnosed with cancer
- Amy Quinlan (sister of Mary Redding) – Return of cancer
- Nancy Barker (sister of Mary Redding) -
- Bev Harder – Continued healing
- Herb Meissner – Health concerns
- June Sutherland – Awaiting test results
- Todd (June Sutherland's brother-in-law) – Upcoming surgery
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Health concerns
- The marriage of Scott & Jillian Heffron on July 12th
- For the family and friends of Rebecca Guilford (granddaughter of Bonnie Moeller Noack) at her sudden passing
- Rosie Siegmann – Rehab at Elderwood
- For Youth participating in the LCMS Youth Gathering
- For the children and adults at Camp J.O.Y.
- Keep safe those who have to work in the heat, and safe travel for many this summer
- For those in Texas and New Mexico effected by the floods

✝ For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel

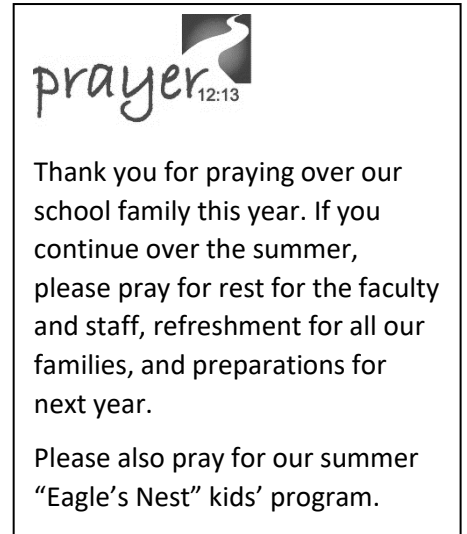
✝ For more unity in our home, community, and nation

✝ 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

Donald Schultz, 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



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