

St. John News

August 17-23, 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.*



Sunday, August 17

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 20

- Family Fellowship – 6:00 PM
- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 21

- Church Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 24

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Women of St. John Meeting – 10:00 AM
- LCMS YG Thank You Dinner – 5:30 PM

Tuesday, August 26

- Meet the Teacher Night – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 27

- School Prayer Walk – 8:00 AM
- Student Orientation – 6:00 PM
- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 30

- Men's Picnic – 2:00 PM

Sunday, August 31

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Tuesday, September 2

- First Day of School!



*****HELP WANTED*****

A youth (over 16) or an adult who loves kids and wants to share the love of Jesus with them. Sunday School teachers rotate, leading about once a month. No experience necessary; training is provided. Contact Lynn Willis at 716-523-8589.



Sunday School and Adult Bible Class resumes Sunday, September 14th

GIVING REPORT

SAVE THE DATES:

September 6: Men's Group, 7 AM

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

September 28: Christian Education Sunday, 9:00 AM

July 20: \$5,846.25

August 3: \$4,530.00

August 10: \$3,945.00

REAL LIFE FAITH
Women's Small Groups

Terrie's Group
Sanborn Area

Katie's Group
High School & College Age

Lynn's Group
Moms of School Age Kids

Nicole's Group
Women Seeking or Searching

Sara's Group
Sunday Evenings

Patti's Group
Tuesday Mornings

Women of All Ages: You are Invited!

Real Life Faith, a new ministry at St. John, is hosting small groups for women this fall. A place has been prepared just for you! Groups of 6-8 women, facilitated by a trained leader, will meet to read a small section from the Bible, talk about it, and explore how to apply it to their lives. Get more information and sign up at www.stjohnnt.com/RLF or pick up a flyer in the narthex. You are welcome to come to the first session to see if it's right for you. No Bible knowledge necessary.

Real Life Faith is hosting the **Breathe and Believe Brunch** Saturday, September 13, 2025, 10:00 AM -12:30 PM. Please join us for uplifting worship, brunch and connection with other women.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased after church or email RLF@stjohnnt.com. If ticket cost is a hardship, scholarships are available. For more information, contact Patti at 716-228-0791. Ticket deadline is September 10th.

Breathe & Believe

A Refreshing Brunch for Women

| WHEN | TIME | LOCATION |
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| SEPT 13 | 10 AM - 12:30 PM | St. John Lutheran North Tonawanda |

WWW.STJOHNNT.COM/RLF | RLF@STJOHNNT.COM

Talking about money is hard.

Freeing

Did you know the average American carries **\$29,800 in non-mortgage debt**. Are you worrying about paying your next bill? Living with debt deeper than you can escape? This is all normal.

So here's your chance to be different.

Whether you want to rid yourself of debt or learn how to build wealth, this introductory class to Biblical financial health will help. Meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM beginning September 9th at Grace Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls. Invest in a future that looks different.

Contact Lacey Bahr 716-525-5134 or laceybahr@gmail.com for more information.

FPU FAQs here:





Greetings,

Preparing for a new school year carries a lot of responsibility. Our teachers and I are eager to gather next week. Please keep all of our staff, students, and families in your prayers as we seek God's wisdom for His ministry here at St. John. James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to them."

Did you know...

- Our summer camp has been going well. They will begin their 10th and final week on Monday. Thank you to our staff for providing a safe and fun place for our children to gather this summer.
- I continue to meet with new families this summer. If you know anyone interested in a quality, Christian education, please ask them to reach out to me directly 716-693-9677, ext.6.
- We have a few new staff members to welcome for the upcoming school year: 3rd grade teacher Hannah Evert and Art teacher Marla Crawford.
- Two big events are coming up at the end of the month: Meet the Teacher for parents and guardians on Tuesday, August 26 at 6 PM and Student Orientation for students on Wednesday, August 27 at 6 PM

Blessings,

Katie Gundell
Principal

SONS OF THE FATHER
MEN'S PICNIC

AUGUST 30
2:00PM – 7:00PM

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

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| <p>MENU:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMOKED BRISKET • SMOKED PULLED PORK • HOT DOGS • MAC-N-CHEESE • BAKED BEANS • COLE SLAW | <p>ACTIVITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLAYGROUND FOR THE KIDS • EUCHRE • HORSE SHOES • BEAN BAG TOSS |
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BRING A LAWN CHAIR.
WE'LL BE RIGHT ON THE CANAL IF YOU OR YOUR KIDS WANT TO TRY
YOUR HAND AT FISHING.

**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

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—Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to renew prayers or submit new requests.

- Shelly Erwin – Upcoming surgery
- Wende Reiner (niece of Barb Manning) – Cancer diagnosis
- Michael Barrett (grandfather of PreK student)

- ‡ 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

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.