

# St. John News

August 24-30, 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 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!
- Elder's Meeting – 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, September 3

- Worship – 7:00 PM

## SAVE THE DATES:

**September 6:** Men's Group, 7 AM

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

**September 28:** Christian Education Sunday  
10:00 AM

**October 5:** Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM

**November 15:** Vendor Fair – 9:00 AM



Sunday School and Adult  
Bible Class resumes  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>



## GIVING REPORT

**July 20:** \$5,846.25

**August 3:** \$4,530.00

**August 10:** \$3,945.00

**North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry** is open Monday-Friday, 10 am – 12:30 pm and supplies much needed staple items to individuals and families. To contribute nonperishable food items or toiletries, drop them off at the large donation box under the Information Center table.

**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](http://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](mailto: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
<b>SEPT 13</b>	<b>10 AM - 12:30 PM</b>	<b>St. John Lutheran North Tonawanda</b>

[WWW.STJOHNNT.COM/RLF](http://WWW.STJOHNNT.COM/RLF) | [RLF@STJOHNNT.COM](mailto:RLF@STJOHNNT.COM)

**Lego Time Thank You!**

Thank you to all who supported Lego Time at Camp J.O.Y. (Our Savior Lutheran Buffalo)! We met for 4 sessions this Summer and brought Lego and the Gospel to 30-35 children. Through your generous donations Our Savior is able to keep and use all the Lego bricks used with the children, and each child received their own Lego set at the end of the Camp. Thank you also to our volunteers: Patti Norris, Val Nicolas, Bekah Borgstede, Bob Borgstede, Josiah Borgstede, Mark Rogers, Annie Kelly, and Pastor Mike! From Barbara Glover, Camp JOY director: "This has been the most awesome activity Camp JOY has ever experienced! All of The children were thoroughly engaged and loving every minute. You and your volunteers are outstanding and God's gift to us. I pray that we will be able to do it again next year."





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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 concluded for 2025. 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 this week: 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



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- Scan QR CODE
- Download Box Tops APP
- **Search for School – zip code 14120**  
Select St. John Lutheran (Ward Rd)

Plus, use referral code TU7M9I9F when you sign up and get 25 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt, while supplies last.

Use the link below to download the Box Tops app:



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 28<sup>TH</sup> TO**  
John at [jkrosebrock1@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> publication, please submit prayer requests August 10<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please **ask permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.

**Private prayers** – [pastormike@stjohnnt.com](mailto:pastormike@stjohnnt.com) or 716-693-9677 option 7

Contact the church office: [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto: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.

- Praise God for the birth of Evelyn Rose, born to Joel and Mary Nelson (Evelyn Rose is granddaughter to Bill and Mary Ellen Nelson.)
- 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.