

St. John News

September 14, 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, September 14

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, September 17

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 18

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, September 20

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, September 21

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Meeting – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 27

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, September 28

- Worship – 10:00 AM
- Church and School Picnic – following worship

SAVE THE DATES:

October 5: Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM
November 15: Vendor Fair – 9:00 AM



Sunday School and Adult Bible Class begin **today**, Sunday, September 14th.



Let us know you are coming to the Church and School Picnic, bringing food, or able to help, by signing up at the Information Center or by calling the church office (716-693-9677, option 2).

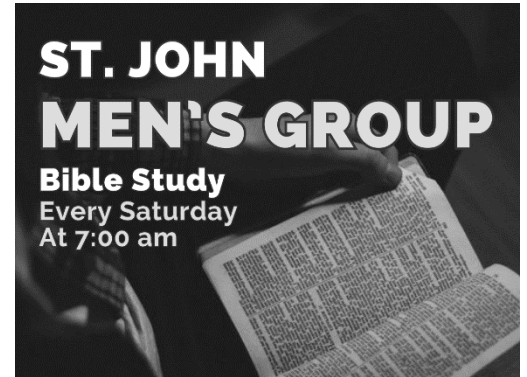


- Lunch help. Helpers needed to serve lunch and to run the dishwasher. Monday-Friday, 11 am - 1 pm. Help one day or all of them!
- Fall weeding. With the rain came new growth! You can help with a section of the landscaping any time of day.

Please call Terrie Licht at 716-693-9677, option 1 to schedule.



Now accepting applications for vendors. Find a form at the Information Center table.



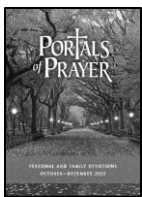
Now begun!
Men of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome. Come any Saturday as you are able.



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.

Did you miss the announcement? Check out Sara's presentation about Real Life Faith here.



Portals of Prayer October-December devotions are now available in the glass entrance. You can find the previous edition (July-September) on the Information Table.

Offering Envelopes *It's that time...* Time to let the office know if you need a change in your offering envelopes: need them, no longer need them, or need a change to them.

Please let Lacey know by September 24th (churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677 #2).



The St. John Ladies Aid is currently collecting donations for a December basket raffle. Please pick up a donation letter at the Information Center.

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 in the large donation box under the Information Center table.



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Greetings,

Our school is now fully underway. All of our specials have now been added to the schedule: Art, Choir, PE, etc. It's such a blessing to be part of a skilled staff and faculty. We appreciate the prayers and support from our congregation members. St. John Lutheran School is an arm of the church, reaching out to children and families to share the Good News about Jesus. We thank God for the children that He placed in our care this year.

Did you know...

- Our theme is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord All the Earth!" Psalm 98:4.
- Our church/school picnic on September 28th is also Christian Education Sunday. I love the opportunity this gives for our church and school families to come together for worship and fellowship. The students will be singing during the service and teachers will be commissioned at that time.
- We have our first fundraiser underway for the school. Your support could help a child achieve our goals. Individual goals include selling 12 items so the child has an opportunity to hold a kangaroo. We have a Petting Zoo coming to St. John in October if we reach our school goal of raising over \$8000. The funds will be used to lease science kits and enhance our science curriculum, as well as, support the overall needs of the school throughout the year. Thank you in advance for your support.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell
Principal



Hi! Join us in earning money for our school by using the Box Tops app. It's an easy way to make a difference.

- 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:



Our first big fundraiser of the year is underway. Support a St. John student by ordering cookies, jewelry, wrapping paper and more. Sale ends September 22, so get your orders in this week.



IN OUR PRAYERS

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—*This is the final week for prayer requests with the filled circle.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to renew prayers or submit new requests.

- Jim Birke – Recovering in rehab
 - Owen Licht – Health concerns
 - Megan Reynolds – Continued healing
 - The church, school and community of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, MN
 - 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
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- ✝ For the beginning of the new school year
 - ✝ 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.