

St. John News

September 21, 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 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 – 11:00 AM

Wednesday, October 1

- School Chapel – 8:30 AM
- Worship – 7:00 PM

SAVE THE DATES:

October 5: Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM

November 15: Vendor Fair – 9:00 AM

GIVING UPDATE:

August Giving:

In-person: \$16,298.00

Online: \$6,123.70

Total: \$22,321.70



Sunday School will continue this morning. Adult Bible Class will take a short break and resume October 19th.



NEXT SUNDAY! 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).

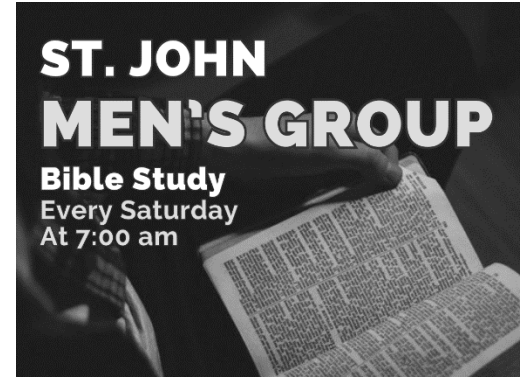


- Lunch help. Helpers needed to serve lunch and to run the dishwasher. Monday-Friday, 11 am - 1 pm. Help one day or all of them!
- Fall weeding. With the rain came new growth! You can help with a section of the landscaping any time of day.

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.



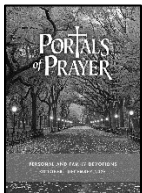
Now begun!
Men of all ages and Bible knowledge are welcome. Come any Saturday as you are able.

Real Life Faith Small Groups Update



Due to the overwhelming positive response, the fall Real Life groups are at capacity. (Praise God! Over 50 women will be studying God's Word in six small groups.) Please email RLF@stjohnnt.com if you want to be placed on the waiting list. More opportunities to join a group will be available in January. *Note: There is still space in the teen/college age group.*

The RLF Ministry would like to thank Pastor Mike and St. John for the use of the facilities and everyone on the event planning committee who helped bring the Women's Breathe and Believe Brunch to life. We are especially grateful to Sara for her leadership and for sharing as our speaker, to Nicole House, Bob Norris, and Roger Carr for their work in the kitchen and service, to Dennis Kelly for cleanup and closing, to Lorrie Weir and Lynn Willis for balloon decorations and to Katie Gundell and the children for their help with setup and takedown. We are grateful as well for all who donated, prayed, and supported this event. Your efforts made it possible to bless and encourage women in our church community and beyond.



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.

Food Pantry

In August, we were able to donate 16 bags of food and necessities to The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry.

They are in need of fruit cocktail and Thanksgiving "fixins".



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Greetings,

We have been blessed with a wonderful start to the school year. I thoroughly enjoy hearing the laughter on the playground through my office window, the smiling faces of students entering the building, the busy classrooms filled with engaged learners, and the team I serve with. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" Psalm 98:4

Did you know...

- The students of St. John Lutheran School will be singing on Sunday, September 28th during Christian Education Sunday. I love the opportunity this gives for our church and school families to come together for worship and fellowship. The teachers will be commissioned during the service as well.
- We have our first fundraiser underway for the school. Your support could help a child achieve his/her goal. 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. The sale ends on Monday, September 22nd.
- Our soccer teams have begun their season. It is so great to use our home field again. We are so grateful for the work that has been done to make this possible.

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:



Today is your last chance to participate in our first fundraiser of the year. 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 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 requests.

- Doug Ellman – Recovering from surgery
 - Frank Fillicetti – Kidney disease
 - 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
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- † For the beginning of the new school year
 - † For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel
 - † For more unity in our homes, 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.