

# St. John News

September 7, 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 7

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

## Wednesday, September 10

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

## Saturday, September 13

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Breathe and Believe Brunch\* – 10:00 AM

## 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

\*Ticketed event. See page 2.

## SAVE THE DATES:

**\*NEW\* September 21:** Confirmation meeting for students and parents – 6:00 PM

**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 begin next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.



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).

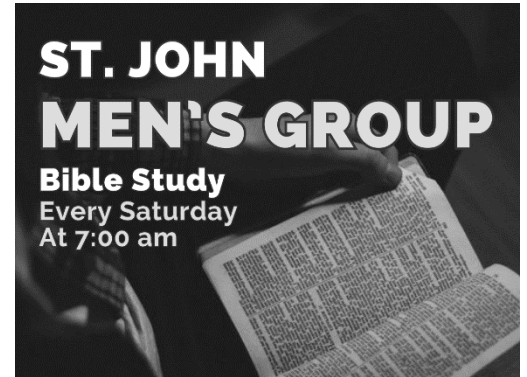


- Lunch help. Helpers needed to serve lunch and to run the dishwasher. Monday-Friday, 11 am - 1 pm. Help one day or all of them!
- Fall weeding. With the rain came new growth! You can help with a section of the landscaping any time of day.

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](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.

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



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. *Plus: A basket raffle with three great baskets.*

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.**



**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,

We had a fantastic start to our 180th school year. We have 158 PreK 3-8th grade students enrolled at St. John. The classrooms are busy. We have been blessed with wonderful weather to enjoy the playground and be outside. We are learning names of new students and celebrating the friendships that have already taken place. St. John is blessed with a dedicated, skilled staff who are nurturing the children that God has placed in our care this school 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.



Blessings,  
Katie Gundell  
Principal

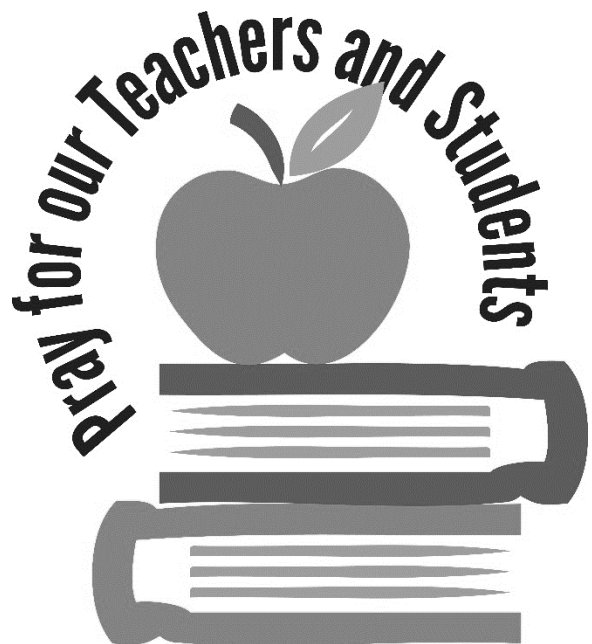


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Select St. John Lutheran (Ward Rd)

Plus, use referral code TU7M919F 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:



Pray from home or at the school: Take a Prayer Walk booklet from the Information Center and pray over our school as we begin and throughout the year.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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**—*This is the final week for prayer requests with the open 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.

- 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 (Evelynn 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 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.