

# St. John News

November 2, 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.*

## UPCOMING Events

### Sunday, November 2 - All Saints' Celebration

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Education – 10:15 AM

### Monday, November 3

- School Board Meeting – 6:30 PM

### Tuesday, November 4

- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, November 5

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

### Saturday, November 8

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

### Sunday, November 9

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Education – 10:15 AM

### Wednesday, November 12

- School Chapel – 8:30 AM
- Family Fellowship – 6:30 PM
- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM



*Behold a host, arrayed in white,  
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!  
With palms they stand;  
Who is this band Before the throne of light?  
There are the saints of glorious fame,  
Who from the great affliction came  
And in the flood Of Jesus' blood  
Are cleansed from guilt and shame.  
They now serve God both day and night;  
They sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring As they all sing  
With angels shining bright.*

LSB 676, v. 1

### Cemetery decorations, flower containers, etc.

To facilitate a year-end cleanup, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that all spring/summer potted plants and decorations that are on or in the grassy areas around headstones be removed by November 1, 2025. In addition, all winter, Christmas wreaths/decorations should be removed by April 15, 2026. The cemetery guidelines are available at the church office.

## AT OUR CHURCH



**Adult Bible Study and Sunday School Today:  
10:15 AM**

*The Lutheran Faith at St. John* Want to know more about what we believe and how that faith lives out at St. John, or looking to become a member? Join Pastor Mike **Sunday, November 23 at 10:15 am** as he goes over our basic Lutheran beliefs and what it means to be a member of St. John. Come with your questions or just to learn more about St. John.

Also on **Sunday, November 23 at 10:15 am** members are encouraged to attend a special presentation that will help you think through your *will and estate plan* with regard to the church. You love St. John and the people and ministry here - leave a legacy of support.

RSVP at the Information Center Table or through the church office (churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677, option 2). Breakfast provided.

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**Offering Envelopes** are in! If you have a flock box, you will find your offering envelopes for 2026 in it. If you are missing a flock box, or you are missing envelopes you were expecting, please contact Lacey in the church office: 716-693-9677, opt. 2 or churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.

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

Our **annual church and school picnic** is a wonderful opportunity for our community to fellowship together. Peggy Meyer and Dennis Gauda have led for many years the team who organizes this event. St. John thanks both of them for stewarding their gifts for this ministry.

Is it your turn? Prayerfully consider if your skills of organization and communication can be used to bring our church/school family together over food. You would be well supported by the office staff and an array of willing volunteers.

**If you would like to know more**, please contact either Peggy (716-417-5748) or Dennis (716-228-7765).

St. John Lutheran PTL's  
**Holiday  
CRAFT SHOW &  
VENDOR FAIR**  
**November 15, 2025**  
9:00 A.M. - 2 P.M.  
6950 Ward Road  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
**FOOD - BASKET RAFFLE - CRAFTS  
VENDORS - UNIQUE GIFTS**  
\$2.00 admission  
Students are free  
for more information contact  
Lynn 716-523-8589  
stj\_ptl@stjohnnt.com

### September Giving:

Online: \$7,337.64  
In person: \$15,361.00  
**Total: \$22,698.64**

### Food Pantry

*In September, we were able to donate 9 bags of food to The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry.*  
They are in need of fruit cocktail and Thanksgiving "fixins".

## AT OUR SCHOOL



*Nurturing children  
academically and  
spiritually toward a life  
of witness and service  
in Christ.*



Greetings St. John families,

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9. Our St. John family celebrated the Reformation on Friday, October 31st with a Chapel family activity. Our Chapel families are a collection of about 12 children, 1 from each grade level. It's a great way to create bonds between the grade levels. What a blessing to receive forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus.

Did you know...

- About 40 people gathered for our PTL hosted Paint Night on Monday! Our PTL (Parent Teacher League) is such a strong support network for our school. Their next big event is the Vendor/Craft fair on November 15th from 9 AM - 2 PM. Plan to do a little Christmas shopping and find those unique treasures and gifts.
- Our next Chapel mission opportunity is through Samaritan's purse. Consider supporting Operation Christmas Child and filling a shoebox for a boy or girl to be blessed at Christmas time. All boxes have to be filled and returned by Sunday, November 16.
- Basketball teams are beginning their season with practices this week. A schedule of their games will be shared. Go eagles!
- Our first quarter ends this Friday. The teachers look forward to meeting with families about their child's progress and creating a strong partnership between church and home.

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:



There are easy ways to earn money for our school with shopping you're already doing. Here's how at Tops:



1. **Register** your Tops Bonus Card at [TopsMarkets.com/Education](https://TopsMarkets.com/Education). Choose St. John as the benefits recipient.
2. **Shop** using your Tops Bonus Card.
3. **Earn** up to 5% for St. John School.

## 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**—*There is one week left 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.

- Brenda Giroux (neighbor of Frank and Kathy Wendt) – Battling cancer
  - Heidi Sue Mumm – Healing
  - Ernie Hoover – Upcoming surgery
  - For the Sheldon family at the sudden death of their husband and father, Christopher
  - The family and friends of Beth Keating (mother of Pastor Keating) at her passing last week.
  - Maria Stainsby (5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) – Healing for her broken wrist
  - Mary Salefske – Health concerns
  - The family and friends of Paul Lamprecht (brother-in-law of Linda Sonnen) at his passing
  - Herb Meissner – Home recovering
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- † For Jamaica and those affected by hurricane Melissa
  - † 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

Owen Arizmendi, George Barnett, Jason Barry, Frank Cornell, Doreen & Larry Damba, Carol Donner, Shelly Erwin, Paul Greinert, Rick Hamilton, Bev Harder, Elsbeth Kaus, Annie Kelly, Barb Manning, Dennis Martin, Donna Martin, Ken Musall, Doug Rich, Rosie Siegmann, Mary Schlegl, Jaycee Schmitz, Donald Schultz, Kim Snell, Matthew Wallace, Doris Wollaber

**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.