

St. John News

October 12, 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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12

- NO Handbell Practice
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 18

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, October 19

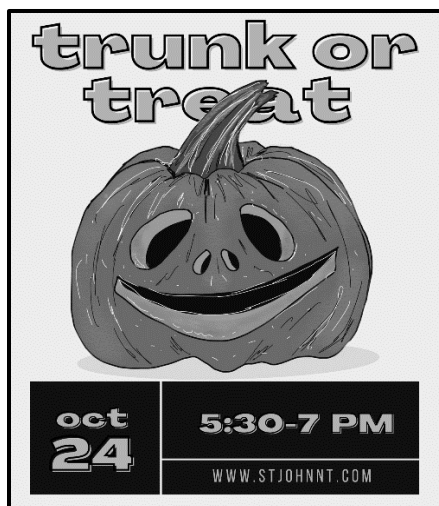
- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, October 22

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

Friday, October 24

- Trunk or Treat – 5:30 PM



Sign up to host a trunk at the Information Center.



Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair is coming! Do your holiday shopping November 15, 9 AM to 2 PM, and support your school. Pick up some yummy goodies from our youth at their bake sale table, too!

Pickleball Enjoy five weeks of exercise and fellowship, beginning October 21, 6-8 PM. Contact Terrie Licht for more information: 716-693-9677, option 1.

Please be sure to check your flock boxes. You may have important information waiting in there for you.

Pastor Mike will be out of the office until October 13th. For pastoral emergencies, please contact

Bruce Sutherland 716-998-0225 or

Roger Carr 716-545-7201

For more news in our church and school, and around our neighborhood and synod, make sure you are signed up for our weekly E-news. Contact the church office at churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY is quickly approaching: Sunday, November 2. As part of our worship service on All Saints' Day we remember those who have died this past year (November 2024-October 2025) If you would like to add someone to this list please contact the office by Thursday, October 30 (email churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or call 716-693-9677, option 2). Tell us your loved one's name and the date they died.

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 THE SCHOOL

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

Greetings St. John families,

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17. God has a plan and purpose for all of us, as children of God, to be His light to those around us.



Did you know...

- Our teachers gathered with over 3,000 Lutheran School educators from across the USA and the world and gathered for workshops, fellowship, ministry-minded encouragement, and fun. This LEA conference takes place once every three years. We are blessed to attend.
- Check out our Facebook page to see our students enjoy the reward of a successful fundraiser: Niagara Downunder Petting Zoo and holding a kangaroo. Thank you for your support.
- Our soccer season will come to a close on Wednesday. We are so grateful to be able to use our home field this season. Our varsity all stars are: Piper Christ, Jayden Moskalenko, Sophia Coric, Luke Wentz, and Isaac Reed. Congratulations and GO EAGLES!
- Johnsburg Fire Company came on Friday to show the fire trucks and share fire safety tips with our students.

Blessings,

Katie Gundell, Principal

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—*There is one week left 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.

- Herb Meissner – Home recovering
- Owen Licht – Recovering from surgery
- The family and friends of Katherine “Judy” Pankow at her passing
- Doug Ellman – Recovering from surgery
- Frank Fillicetti – Kidney disease
- ✝ 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.