

# St. John News

October 19, 2025



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School  
North Tonawanda, New York

School founded 1846  
Church founded 1853

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*St. John is a Christian community called to worship and sent to serve, welcoming all to walk with Christ and grow in faith.*

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## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 19

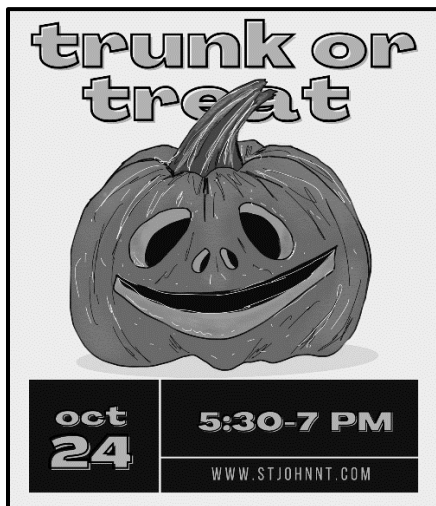
- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM

### 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.

### Saturday, October 25

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

### Sunday, October 26

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Education – 10:15 AM



**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!

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**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.

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**Adult Bible Study resumes today:  
October 19 at 10:15 AM.**

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**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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com).

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**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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com) or call 716-693-9677, option 2). Tell us your loved one's name and the date they died.

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### **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.

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**BAPTIZED TODAY** Elliot Krantz and his father Keith, son/husband of Jaime Krantz. Elliot's sponsors are Amanda Fiori, Richard Fiori, Jr. and Rick Yager.

*May God keep them in His baptismal grace.*

## AT THE SCHOOL

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

Greetings St. John families,

"You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed." Joshua 23:14 Let's make a joyful noise for God's faithfulness and His promises.

Did you know...

- Johnsbury Fire Company brought their ladder truck and water truck to show the students of St. John. They also led an assembly on fire safety and prevention. In addition, Fire Chief Orłowski from North Tonawanda, shared a similar message with the parents of St. John at our recent PTL informational meeting. Check out the Facebook post to see pictures of our students.
- 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!
- Several classes are taking fall field trips which include: Tiff Nature Preserve, Prescott's Provisions, and Kelkenberg Farms
- Our Family Fellowship/Trunk or Treat day is on Friday, October 24.

Blessings,

Katie Gundell, Principal

## 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 are two weeks left for prayer requests with the filled 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.

- The family and friends of Paul Lamprecht (brother-in-law of Linda Sonnen) at his passing this week
  - Pastor Keating's parents
  - Herb Meissner – Home recovering
  - Owen Licht – Recovering from surgery
  - The family and friends of Katherine "Judy" Pankow at her passing
- † 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.