

St. John News

October 5, 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.



Want to help with a trunk? Sign up at the Information Center table. This is also this month's Family Fellowship event. See the bulletin board for upcoming events.

Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair is coming! Do your holiday shopping November 15, 9 AM to 2 PM, and support your school. Support 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 October 8-13. 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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 5

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

Saturday, October 11

- NO Men's Bible Study

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

AT THE SCHOOL

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

Greetings,

We are treasuring these beautiful fall days. Our Bible words for the week are from Psalm 5:11, "But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you." This ties in beautifully with our school theme, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." Thank you for welcoming our school families to worship on Sunday. We had over 400 people in attendance and the church pews and balcony were filled. What a joy!



Did you know...

- Our teachers attended a conference in St. Louis, MO Thursday-Saturday, October 2nd-4th. Over 3,000 Lutheran School educators from across the USA and the world gathered for workshops, fellowship, ministry-minded encouragement, and fun. Please pray for the teachers this week.
- Our fundraiser was a huge success. Our profit was above \$9,500. We are so pleased to celebrate with a Petting Zoo and holding a kangaroo on October 8th.
- Picture day is coming up! Tucked in the small hall area leading to the cafeteria is a poster of our school family last school year. We look forward to showing our church members all of these smiling faces on a new poster in the weeks ahead.
- SJ soccer players are thrilled to play on our own home field. Come cheer on the EAGLES on Monday, October 6th at 4 PM.

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 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.

- The family and friends of Katherine “Judy” Pankow
- Herb Meissner – Hospitalized
- Owen Licht – Health concerns
- Doug Ellman – Recovering from surgery
- Frank Fillicetti – Kidney disease
- Jim Birke – Recovering in rehab
- ✝ 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.