

St. John News

November 23, 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 23

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Lutheran Faith Class – 10:15 AM
- Legacy Class – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, November 26

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship
w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 29

- NO Men's Group

Sunday, November 30

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- NO Sunday School
- Adult Bible Class – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, December 2

- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 3

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

NEVER
STOP
LEARNING

TODAY AT 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 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.

Legacy Class

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.



Hospitality is looking for a few more volunteers to be on one of our Hospitality teams! The commitment is minimal; you would only need to bring in a plate of goodies once a month, on a rotating basis. That's it! Please contact Cheryl Oliver at 716-909-7938, or see me at church if you can help out with this ministry...your participation would be much appreciated!

**God, the blessed and
only Sovereign, King
of kings, and Lord of
lords.**

-1 Timothy 6:15



AT OUR CHURCH



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

Next week, November 30th, there will be no Sunday School, but there will be Adult Bible Class.



The new church year begins next Sunday, November 30th. We have limited printed copies of the LHM Advent devotion available in the Information Center. Did you know you can have each daily devotion sent to your email? Scan here:



Ladies Aid Fall Fundraiser:

We are selling raffle tickets to win a Christmas Tree board filled with all of those wonderful gift cards and certificates. Tickets are \$5 for one and \$10 for three. Please support the Ladies Aid as we continue over 100 years of support for St. John's projects and improvements.

Drawing will be held Sunday, December 7th.



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.

Giving for the Month of October:

In-person: \$14,461

Online: \$8,063

Total: \$22,524



Food Pantry

Food banks are in recovery due to the government shutdown. If you are able to help fill their shelves and prepare for the holidays, please bring in items.

Canned meats (tuna/chicken/etc.), pasta and sauces, soups and stews are helpful. Also personal hygiene (think soap, shampoo, razors), feminine products, and baby care would be helpful.

Put items in the box under the information center. We will deliver the items to the pantry throughout the week.

In October, we were able to contribute 10 bags of food. Thank you!

AT OUR SCHOOL



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



Greetings St. John families,

This is the season that we are intentional in sharing our gratitude. Check out these verses from Psalm 92:1-2, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night." All night and all day we can sing praises for so many blessings.

Did you know...

- We delivered over 110 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. What a celebration it will be for the children who open them at Christmas time!
- Our Vendor Fair was a huge success! PTL profit for this was over \$5,000. Thank you to all who supported this event.
- Our next Family Fellowship event is on December 8th. Mark your calendar and plan on Christmas caroling with the group beginning at 6 PM.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell
Principal

December, 8th 6:00pm
FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
Christmas Caroling

JOY WORLD
SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

Sign up in the narthex.
Meet at St. John Lutheran @6pm for cookies, hot cocoa, and directions!



Gift Cards for Christmas!

Did you know that St. John has gift cards available for special occasions and your everyday needs? Shop our scrip program and a portion of each sale goes to St. John Parent Teacher League which helps fund all our student activities and events. Please check out the link below for how to use the RaiseRight app.

<https://youtu.be/1jBU1SSEZvE>

*If you prefer to order on paper, fill out an order form located in the narthex and return by December 10 to be returned in time for Christmas giving.

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 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.

- Members of the Schultz family not feeling well
 - Ernie Hoover – Upcoming surgery
 - Meredith Roberts (daughter of Sara Dexheimer Roberts) – Recovering from surgery
 - Dennis and Donna Martin - Health concerns and Donna in rehab
 - Ralph Licht – Health concerns
 - 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
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- † 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.