

St. John News

November 9, 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 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

Saturday, November 15

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Vendor Fair – 9:00 AM

Sunday, November 16

Poinsettia Orders Due

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- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- Education – 10:15 AM

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- School Chapel – 8:30 AM
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Food Pantry

Food banks are in high demand due to the government shutdown. If you are able to help a family in need, please consider donating extra staples this month.

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.

Thank you for your help.

Thank you to all who donated gift cards and certificates for the Ladies Aid Fall Fundraiser. **Starting today, November 9th**, we will be 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.



Hospitality Ministry

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!

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.

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.



Poinsettia orders are due next Sunday, November 16. Forms can be found on the Information Center table or near the Worship Center doors.

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

AT OUR SCHOOL



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



Greetings St. John families,

"Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136
The month of November is a special time to remember all of our blessings and give God thanks!


Did you know...

- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are being filled for boys and girls to be blessed at Christmas time. If our church members would like to participate, please fill a shoebox and return it by next Sunday, November 16.
- Our Vendor Fair is on Saturday, November 15, 9 AM-2 PM... get a jump start on Christmas shopping and support our PTL.
- Basketball teams began their season with practices this week. A schedule of their games will be shared soon. Go eagles!
- Our first quarter ended on Friday. The teachers look forward to meeting with families about their child's progress and creating a strong partnership between church and home.
- Our next Family Fellowship event is this Wednesday, November 12th at 6 PM. See the information about Box of Hope below. Then mark your calendar for December 8th and plan on Christmas caroling with the group beginning at 6 PM.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell
Principal

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
6-7PM ST. JOHN CAFETERIA



Box of Hope is a local mission that is near and dear to my heart, so I am happy to be teaming up with Family Fellowship this month on a food drive. Box of Hope is a partnership between schools, local churches, civic organizations and businesses. We can help make the holidays better for hundreds of our friends and neighbors because everything we collect goes to local families in North Tonawanda. Box of Hope provides families in need with a box of food items as well as Christmas gifts for each child in the household.

Our goal is to provide a couple of these food items that will be put into the boxes that will be delivered to families. We are collecting:

- BOXES OF CEREAL**
- PACKAGES OF COOKIES**
- BOXES OF CRACKERS**

We have a special opportunity to help bless these families during the holiday season. You can find more information about the organization at openaboxofhope.org

Thank you in advance for your donation! Please contact me at Jessica_chambers@stjohnnt.com with any questions.

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. 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 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.

- Schultz family (from Ava) – People who are sick
 - Ralph Licht – Health issues
 - Meredith Roberts (daughter of Sara Dexheimer Roberts) – Hospitalized
 - 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 (5th 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
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- † For places recovering from hurricanes and typhoons this season
 - † 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.