

St. John News

December 14, 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, December 14

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

Wednesday, December 17

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 18

- School Christmas Concert – 6:30 PM

Friday, December 19

- School Chapel – 10:30 AM

Saturday, December 20

- NO Men's Group

Sunday, December 21

Children's Program

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship, no Communion – 9:00 AM
- Choir Practice – 10:15 AM
- NO Education Hour

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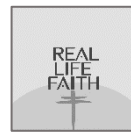
Remember that your **end of the year giving** must be post marked by December 31st to be included in your 2025 giving statement.

Join us **Sunday, December 21st** at 10:30 am for a special worship service, enhanced by our children!

In conjunction with the National Wreaths Across America Day on December 13th, a wreath, donated by a member of the congregation, was placed in the St. John cemetery in memory of all the veterans who are buried there.

The office will be closed the week following Christmas. If you have **newsletter submissions** for December 21st-January 10th, please email them to churchoffice@stjohnnt.com by **Thursday, December 18th**.

REAL LIFE FAITH: Women's Small Groups



This fall, six Real Life Faith groups gathered in people's homes to study the Bible, connect as friends, and grow in faith. That's over 50 women who have been challenged and changed by God's Word!

New sessions will start in January, and we have room for a few more women to join us for the topic of new life in Christ.

Email rlf@stjohnnt.com or go to <https://stjohnnt.com/rlf/> for more information.

NEEDED: Pictures, records, and information regarding the older east side of the cemetery.

A review of the St. John cemetery records and grounds has been underway for some time. The review and correction of records for the newer west side is nearly complete; however, for many reasons progress on the old east side has been much slower. You can assist in this effort by providing any information, records, or old photographs of the cemetery. Contact Jeff Manning at jmanning48@verizon.net.

AT OUR SCHOOL



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



Greetings St. John families,

"For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6
Thank you, God, for giving us Your Son to be our Savior.

Did you know...

- Our Christmas concert is on December 18th at 6:30 PM. We look forward to celebrating Jesus' birthday with our school family.
- On Friday, December 19th, we have a half day of school. Our Kindergarten and 7th/8th grade students will tell the story of Jesus' birth during our Chapel service in the morning.
- We have a lengthy school break before returning on January 5th.

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 closed 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.

- Lawrence and Doreen Damba – Health issues
- Doreen Sutherland – Healing from surgery
- That people are kept safe on the slippery streets
- Ernie Hoover – Recovering from surgery
- Heidi Sue Mumm – Healing
- Members of the Schultz family not feeling well
- Meredith Roberts (daughter of Sara Dexheimer Roberts) – Recovering from surgery

- † 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

**GOD
HEARS
YOUR
PRAYERS**