

St. John News

January 25, 2026



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, January 25

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM

Monday, January 26

National Lutheran School Week Begins!

Tuesday, January 27

- Open House – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 31

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, February 1

National Lutheran Schools Sunday

- Worship, NO Communion – 9:00 AM
- Clothing Exchange – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- NO Adult Bible Study

Monday, February 2

- Board of Ed Meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, February 3

- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 4

- School Chapel – 8:30 AM
- Worship, NO Communion – 7:00 PM

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 is Jeff Manning.



St. John's Purpose Statement:
To nurture children academically and spiritually toward a life of witness and service in Christ.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

PK-Grade 8

Tuesday, January 27, 6-7:30 pm
Tuesday, February 10, 6-7:30 pm
Tuesday, March 3, 6-7:30 pm



PROGRAM FEATURES :

- ✓ Faith, Character, and Academic Excellence
- ✓ Friendly and Caring Environment
- ✓ Nationally Accredited
- ✓ Family and School Partnership
- ✓ Daily Christian Instruction



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Real Life Faith women's Bible study sessions resume this month. Contact rlf@stjohnnt.com to find a group convenient for you.



NLSW
2026

National Lutheran Schools Week

January 25-31, 2026

"Let's Make a Joyful Noise" - Psalm 98:4

- Lutheran Church Missouri Synod school facts
- 1,784 Lutheran schools exist world wide including 172,565 students enrolled and 21,500 teachers employed
 - Eastern District has 36 currently-operating preschools, eight of which also offer elementary educational programs

Eastern District Lutheran Schools are united in purpose to share the Gospel with families of our community. Thank you for your support - Please keep our mission in your prayers

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Teach me
your way,
O LORD,
& I will
walk in
your truth...
Psalm 86:11

Lutheran
Schools
Sunday

February 1

At the School



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Greetings St. John families,

Happy Lutheran Schools Week! St. John is pleased to celebrate this special week with schools nationwide. (Please check out the data provided in the Newsletter about Lutheran Schools nationwide). Our week will be filled with daily, all-school devotions, special dress, and activities. Next Sunday, February 1st, our school children will sing during the service. Our pews will be full, and we will worship as a church/school community. We are so grateful for the financial support, prayers, and encouragement from our church members. St. John Lutheran school is an arm of the church; gathering children daily to hear the love of Jesus. It is a wonderful blessing!

Did you know...

- We have our first Open House this month. Encourage families, neighbors, and friends to learn more about our preK3-8th grade educational program on Tuesday, January 27th, 6-7:30 PM. (This was postponed from this past week when we had a snow day.) Our talented teachers and staff are eager to greet new students.
- We celebrated our 8th grade winter athletes between basketball games on Friday evening, January 23rd. We have a few more games this season, but they are all away games now. Our next one is at Catholic Academy on Tuesday, January 27th, beginning at 4 PM. GO EAGLES!
- Re-enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is underway. We are pleased to start thinking about the 181st school year at St. John.
- Our accreditation Self-Study is wrapping up. In just a couple of weeks, we will pass the study off to the LCMS site visit team and they will come in March for 3 days, March 18-20, to validate our report. This is a big endeavor led by the Board of Christian Education, pastor, teachers, staff, committee members, and me. The accreditation process takes place every five years and keeps our St. John school ministry focused on our purpose statement, a healthy school climate, commitment to leadership, quality personnel, rigorous and faith-based curriculum, a variety of student services, a safe and well-maintained facility, and a focus on good financial stewardship. Continue to keep our school community in your prayers as we celebrate the blessing of sharing the Gospel of Jesus each day through a quality, Christian Education.

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– Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to renew prayers or submit new requests.

- Donald Schultz (Grandpa of Ava) – Health concerns
- Amy Weir – Upcoming surgery
- Stacey Vogel (Worker at Potter’s Field) – Health concerns
- Doris Wollaber – Recovering from a fall
- Ernie Hoover – Thanksgiving for recovery
- Sherry (mother of Rhiannan Stacey) – Rehab
- Roy Seiwel – Strength in circumstances

† For St. John school families

† For places of conflict

† 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.

Serving next week (February 1st):

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| Acolyte Next Week: | Lucy Schultz | A/V Next Week: | Dennis Kelly |
| Counting Next Week: | Diane Milne, Suzette Drenko, Donna House | | |
| Hospitality Next Week: | Donna & Roger Carr, Annie Kelly, Liz Schultz, Mary Redding | | |
| Elders for February: | Bob Borgstede & Bruce Sutherland | | |
| Greeters for February: | Jim & Cheryl Oliver | | |