

St. John News

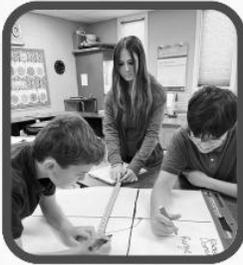
March 1, 2026



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.



**ST. JOHN
LUTHERAN SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Preschool 3-Grade 8

Tuesday, March 3, 6-7:30 pm



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



PROGRAM FEATURES :

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



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North Tonawanda, NY 14120

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, March 1

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, March 3

- School Open House – 6:00PM
- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 4

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

Saturday, March 7

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, March 8

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Readers Discussion – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, March 10

- PTL Meeting/Trivia Night – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

- Church Council – 6:30 PM



Easter Lily Order Forms

are here, and they are due
Wednesday, March 11th

You can find a form at the Information Center or order online here:



At the Church

A/V Help Wanted- No experience necessary

We are looking for additional help on our audio/visual team for Sunday mornings. Training is available! Want to dip your toe in, or want to be a young helper? We'd love to have an assistant team do some of the more beginner elements. For more information, or to receive training, contact Pastor Mike at pastor@stjohnnt.com.

Serving Through the Reading of Scripture in Worship

A central Lutheran tenet is that all Christians share in the "priesthood of all believers" (1 Peter 2:9) and have direct access to God's Word. All Christians are encouraged to share in the ministry of the Church through their God-given gifts and abilities.

The reading of Scripture during a worship service is one way a Christian, male and female, may serve the Church. The LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) states in its 1985 document Women in the Church that: "The public reading of the Scriptures in the worship service may properly be done by laypersons, both men and women, when it is understood as the reading of God's Word and not as the authoritative proclamation of the Gospel (preaching)." (p.44-45)

Under the supervision of the Pastor, both men and women are able to read selected lessons from the Bible during the worship service at St. John.

Thank you to our current volunteer readers. We are seeking additional readers, who can be any confirmed member, both men and women. If you would like to serve the Church in this way, please contact the church office (churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677).

Pastor Mike and the Board of Elders:
John Rosebrock, Bruce Sutherland, Roger Carr, Terry Haseley,
Robert Borgstede, Dennis Gauda and Paul Salefske

Reading Scripture in Worship - Why, What, How and Who?

Sunday March 8, 10:15 AM

Pastor Mike will lead a discussion on the differing viewpoints concerning the use of Scripture in worship, and how this affects who can and cannot publicly read.

Signs of Lent
2026
Sundays at 9:00 AM

Applying road signs and their messages to our life in Christ.

ROAD WORK AHEAD

YIELD

DEAD END

STOP

ONE WAY

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, March 29 9 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 2 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 3 7 PM

EASTER
Sunday, April 5 9AM

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AT THE SCHOOL



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



Greetings St. John families,

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9. Jesus blesses us with His forgiveness. He removes our sins and shows us grace. May this Lenten season be a time where our hearts and minds are focused on our need for a Savior and the redemption we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Did you know...

- Our final Open House is THIS Tuesday, March 3rd, 6-7:30 PM. Keep sharing information about St. John Lutheran School to friends and family. It is so rewarding to offer a school where children are nurtured and hear the Word of God daily. Our talented teachers and staff are eager to greet new students.
- St. John will be partnering with the American Heart Association at the end of February to raise awareness for Heart Healthy decisions and actions in an initiative called Kids Heart Challenge. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about ways to keep their heart and bodies healthy: exercise, drink water, learn CPR and how to call 911 if an adult is having trouble, show kindness, and eat healthy fruits and vegetables.
- Check out our weekly school newsletter:



Blessings,
Katie Gundell
Principal

St. John supports **The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry**

They are requesting hygiene products: *shampoo, deodorant, feminine care, toothpaste/brush, soap, etc.*
Thank you for your help.



Christ in the Passover

March 28, 5:30 PM

Come discover where Christ is shown in this age-old traditional feast.

Sign up on the Information Center or

online here:



SPRING FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. John Lutheran Church & School

FRI 3/27	JOIN US AT 6PM TO KICK OFF SPRING WITH A BUNNY HOP DANCE! <small>*SNEAKERS MUST BE WORN IN THE GYM*</small>
WED 4/29	6-7PM FAMILY FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY TBA!
WED 5/27	6-7PM FAMILY FELLOWSHIP WEATHER PERMITTING, WE WILL BE BACK ON THE PLAYGROUND!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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– *Items with an closed square are on their final week on the prayer list.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to renew prayers or submit new requests.

- Stacey Vogel (Worker at Potter’s Field) – Health concerns
- Laura Ciffa (Wife of P.E. teacher, Sal) – Health concerns
- Ryan (friend of Jim Oliver) – Cancer treatments
- Karl Haeussler – Recovering from car accident
- Amy Weir – Continued healing
- Donald Carr (Father of Roger) – Health concerns
- Cosimo Capozzi (Father of Sandra Gannon) – Health concerns



- ✝ For enrollment at St. John School
- ✝ 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, Emma Gauda, 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.

Blessed by their service:

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for March:	Roger Carr & Bob Borgstede	Acolyte:	Lucy Schultz
Reader Today:	Bruce Sutherland	A/V:	Matt Schultz
Children’s Message:	Bekah Borgstede		
Counting Team Today:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive Sharon Muir		
Altar for March:	Sandy Dworzanski & Annie Kelly		
Greeters for March:	Roger & Donna Carr		
Hospitality Today:	Donna & Roger Carr, Annie Kelly, Liz Schultz, Mary Redding		
Education Hour Teachers:	Lorrie Weir and Pastor Mike		