

St. John News

March 22, 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.

SIGN UP TODAY!



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 table or online here by March 22nd:



UPCOMING Events

Sunday, March 22

- Choir practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, March 25

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

Friday, March 27

- Family Fellowship – 6:00 PM

Saturday, March 28

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Alumni Basketball – 11:30 AM
- Christ in the Passover – 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

- Choir practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Education Hour – 10:15 AM

Wednesday, April 1

- NO Worship

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

Grandparents' Day

- School Chapel – 9:30 AM
- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM
- Choir Practice – 8:00 PM

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

- Worship – 7:00 PM
- Handbell Rehearsal – 8:00 PM

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HOLY WEEK 2026

PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, March 29 + 9 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Thursday, April 2 + 7 PM

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, April 3 + 7 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 5 + 9 AM



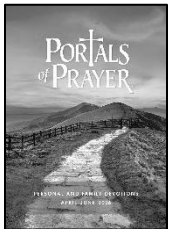
At the Church

Mowers Needed

Now that spring is here and the cold and snowy winter is behind us, our thoughts turn to the outdoors. Our properties here at the St John church, school, and cemetery are large - almost 10 acres. A lot of work is required to maintain our property and do it in a way that shows the community the pride we have in our facilities. Volunteers do most of the work, but we can always use more. So, if you like being outdoors, the smell of a freshly mowed lawn, the thrill of operating power equipment, want to further improve the appearance of your church, school, and cemetery, or just want some camaraderie, consider volunteering. ALL adults are welcome, and schedule challenges can be met. If you would like to help or want more details, please contact Jeff Manning at 716-754-9583.

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.



The second quarter **Portals of Prayer** are now out and available to pick up, on the Information Center table or in the glass entrance.

You can also find the new LCMS World Relief *Sharing Newsletter* and Concordia St. Catherines' second quarter newsletter at the Information Center table.

Cemetery decorations, flower containers, etc...

To facilitate spring cleanup, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that all winter, Christmas wreaths/decorations should be removed by April 15. The cemetery guidelines are available at the church office.

Thrivent Choice Dollars If you have any Choice Dollars left for 2025, your deadline to direct them to St. John is March 31st.

Please take a few minutes to log into your Thrivent account or call Thrivent to designate your Choice Dollars to support our church and school. It's a simple way to turn benefits you already have into a blessing for our students, families, and ministry.



A Special Thank You to our Wednesday worship service volunteers, who make every week run more smoothly.

Usher/acolyte: Mike Scive

Greeter: Christie Scive

Elder: Bob Borgtede

Thank you for your service!

AT THE SCHOOL



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



Greetings St. John families,

The Lord says to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." God is working through each of us: His grace and His power. We are blessed to be His children.

Did you know...

- The National Accreditation Validation Team of six members reviewed all the answers and evidence provided in our Self-Study and observed our staff and students throughout the school day this past Wednesday-Friday. In response, the team provided a report celebrating our strengths and providing a school action plan to guide our future. This accreditation process contributes to a strong school ministry, focused on a quality Christian education.
- Volleyball season is underway. Our first HOME game will be March 26th, beginning at 4 PM. We have two St. John teams who are competing in the league.
- St. John will be hosting Grandparents Day on April 2nd this year. This annual event is a special day for our school community.
- Our Chapel mission for the next few weeks is going toward the LCMS initiative called "Set Apart to Serve," encouraging youth and young men/women to consider church work.
- Check out our weekly school newsletter:



Katie Gundell
Principal

SPRING FELLOWSHIP
UPCOMING EVENTS
St. John Lutheran Church & School

FRI 3/27
JOIN US AT 6PM TO KICK OFF
SPRING WITH A
BUNNY HOP DANCE!
SNEAKERS MUST BE WORN IN THE GYM

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 open 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.

- Donna Cornell – Recovering from surgery
- Ava Schultz: for my family and friends
- Karen Herman – Ongoing health issues
- Jeff Herman – Undergoing tests
- Eileen (Annie Kelly’s mom) – Ongoing health concerns
- Sandra Carr – Safe travel
- The Norris family at the sudden death of Bob’s brother
- Mother of Claire Newton – Cancer diagnosis
- 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



- † For our school specials teachers: Lacey Bahr, Sal Ciffa, Marla Crawford, David Manth, Stephen Parisi, Carol Szalach
- † For adult children to return to the Church
- † 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.