

St. John News

April 12, 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, April 12

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

Monday, April 13

- School Chapel – 8:30 AM
- Board of Ed. Meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 14

- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, April 15

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 16

- Church Council – 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 18

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 25

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, April 26

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Live in Concert



MAY
23rd

7:00pm

St. John Lutheran
6950 Ward Road
North Tonawanda

FIVEFOUR

www.thebandfive14.com

**INDOOR GARAGE SALE
& BAKE SALE
with VENDORS, Too!**

School Kids selling hotdogs!
Gift Card Raffle!

SATURDAY, 16 MAY, 2026, 9:00AM – 2:00PM

St. John Lutheran Church (gymnasium),
6950 Ward Rd, N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
(corner of Ward Rd & Niagara Falls Blvd)

Please call Susan (315) 729-3725 to reserve a \$20 table.

Table Reservations by May 2nd.

Checks must be received by May 8th.

Make payable to: "St. John Church Women", and mail to
St. John Lutheran Church at the above address.

Sellers set up Fri. 5/15 at 5:00pm; clean up 5/16 at 2:00pm

Upcoming events (continued):

Ladies Aid Game Night Monday, May 4 in the multi-purpose room at 6:00 PM. Ladies, bring your cards for Euchre, Hand and Foot, Pinochle, etc. Bring your board games - Scrabble, Monopoly, Taboo, Yahtzee, Trivial Pursuit, etc. Bring your spouse or significant other.



We're looking for a few volunteers to bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. Susan Kenyon (skenyon101@gmail.com) and Cheryl Oliver (coliver3338@gmail.com) are hosting. Contact one of us to *RSVP by April 26* and to sign up for refreshments! You may also RSVP on the sheet on the Information Center Table.

Ways you can SERVE

LADIES AID January 2026 marked the 101st anniversary of the St. John Ladies Aid. Our organization meets every other month for fellowship and to raise funds that support projects in our church, school and community. We invite any and all women in St. John and the surrounding community to join us. We are a lively and dedicated group looking to grow and serve the Lord with gladness! Our next meeting is *May 17*, following the worship service. Please contact any of our officers for more information: Susan Kenyon: skenyon101@gmail.com, Cheryl Oliver: coliver3338@gmail.com, Shelley Andrees: reesno12@hotmail.com, and Ann Kelly: ann86443@gmail.com

MOWERS 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*.

HANDBELLS We are looking for two musically inclined individuals to join our enthusiastic handbell choir. We play during special holiday services, with rehearsals on select Sundays, 8:00–9:45 AM (before the service).

If you enjoy making music and would like to be part of a fun and uplifting group, come ring with us! Contact Doreen Sutherland (doreen0519@hotmail.com OR 716-523-9474).

ALTAR GUILD The Altar Guild is a team of ladies responsible for preparing the sanctuary, altar, and sacred vessels for worship services, especially Holy Communion. At St. John, you would prepare for either Sunday or Wednesday services, committing to one month at a time. Training and support are provided. Contact Donna Carr (716-743-8895) or Annie Kelly (716-908-2360).

HAVE ANOTHER IDEA? Contact the church office: 716-693-9677 or churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.

EDUCATION AT ST. JOHN

Sunday Mornings:

Child and adult education are offered most Sunday mornings at about 10:15 AM, following the worship service. Children (ages 3-grade 5) meet in the cafeteria/latchkey room, where they learn about God's love through songs, crafts, and the accounts from the Bible. Grades 6+ and adults are invited to the meeting room to take a deeper look at the readings from the service.

Real Life Faith (RLF) Women's Groups are wrapping up their spring session. This first year has seen wonderful growth from one to six groups, with around 50 women participating in small group Bible study. Many women have felt a deeper connection to God's Word and strong mutual support within their groups. Part of RLF groups is mutual accountability, which can be challenging but is designed to help women move from simply hearing the Word to actively living it out (being doers of the Word). Another core value of RLF is disciples making disciples. RLF groups are always encouraged to multiply either by inviting new women to join or by raising up new leaders to create more groups. This too is a challenge but is essential to the ongoing growth of the Church.

Looking ahead, RLF will take a break for the summer and resume later in 2026 following the same format with sessions in the fall, winter (with a break for Christmas), and spring. For more information check out <https://stjohnnt.com/rlf/> or email rlf@stjohnnt.com.

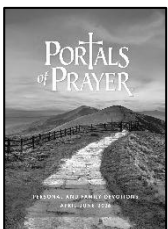
Check out the videos about RLF groups on St. John's YouTube channel <https://youtube.com/@stjohnlutheranwheatfieldny>.

Thank you Terrie, Nicole, Patti, Lynn, Katie and Sara, present leaders of RLF groups.



Men's Group Meets most Saturdays at 7 AM. Gather with other men to study God's Word (Listen and Explore) and apply it to life (Connect, Obey, Meditate, and Reflect). This is an opportunity to let the Word of God work in you, so you can live it out daily.

Resources:



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. Catherine's' second quarter newsletter at the Information Center table.

HAPPY
Birthday

Together we celebrate

Marv Werth

on the occasion of his 90th birthday April 15th

and

Isabella Borgstede,

grandaughter of Pastor and Sara Borgstede,
on the occasion of her birth on April 4th to parents
Paul Borgstede and Savannah Hughes

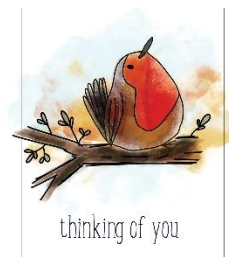


St. John supports **The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry.**

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

Care from the Pew

Sitting in the pew may remind you of someone you haven't seen in a while, or who is ill, or who could be in need. On the Information Center table, you will find a church directory, cards, and other supplies to help you reach out to that person. Write down a phone number or email, take and address a card; make a connection and let someone know you care.



Do you or someone you know need a meal, need a visit from Pastor or an elder, or want to receive communion? Email Pastor Mike at pastormike@stjohnnt.com.

Serving next week (April 19th):

Reader:	Bruce Sutherland	Acolyte:	Lucy Schultz
A/V:	Matt Schultz	Children's Message:	Heidi Sue Mumm
Counting team:	Lorrie Wier, Marv Werth, Randy DeVantier		
Hospitality:	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, John Rosebrock, Diana Harder		

At the School:



Greetings St. John families,

Jesus. What a gift! Our Savior was willing to take the sins of the world so that we can be forgiven and have eternal life. Praise God for His Son! Praise God for His resurrection! "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:9

Did you know...

- The Alumni Basketball game was an afternoon of fun and fellowship on March 29th. We look

forward to making this an annual event.

- St. John hosted about two hundred grandparents on Grandparents Day on Thursday, April 2nd.
- Our 3rd quarter just ended. It's hard to believe there are only 10 more weeks to this school year.
- Our teachers, staff, and students are enjoying a well-deserved Easter/Spring Break this week.
- Check out our weekly school newsletter from March 30th here:

Blessings,
Katie Gundell, Principal



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

PK-Grade 8

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT
TODAY!



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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SUPPORT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL PTL TREICHLER GREENHOUSE GIFT CARD SALE

Purchase a \$30 Gift Certificate to Treichler Greenhouse

TREICHLER GREENHOUSE
 Address: 2687 Saunders
 Settlement Rd, Sanborn, NY
 Phone: (716) 731-9390
 Hours:
 Mon-Sat: 8 AM - 8 PM
 Sun: 9 AM - 5 PM

SHOP FOR ALL YOUR SPRING NEEDS:

- Hanging Plants • Annuals
- Perennials • Vegetables
- Herbs • Stone • Mulch
- Shrubs • Seeds

Plan ahead for Mother's Day, Memorial Day and all your spring planting!

Gift certificates will be delivered the week of May 4th

\$5 from each gift card supports St. John PTL

DETACH & RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Order Form
(Order due by 4/22)

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Number of Gift Cards: _____ x \$30 = _____

Cash or checks accepted
 Make checks payable to: St. John Lutheran PTL

Questions? Contact Lynn Willis @ 523-8589
 Not valid with any other discounts

SKATE-A-THON 2026

On your mark, get set, skate!

Our upcoming Skate-A-Thon to support the PTL will take place on Saturday, May 2 at St. John. Registration begins at 9:30 AM, with skating from 10:00–11:30 AM. Participants can join the fun using roller skates, rollerblades, or non-electric scooters.

This is a pledge-style fundraiser, encouraging students to stay active while raising support for our school. Proceeds from this event will help support campus property maintenance. It's a great way to combine fitness, fun, and community spirit!



Keep an eye out after break for more details and pledge information!

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 circle 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.

- Rosie Siegmann – Hospitalized
- Marv Werth – 90th birthday
- Isabella Borgstede – born to Savannah Hughes and Paul Borgstede (son of Pastor and Sara Borgstede) on April 4th
- 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
- 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



- ✠ St. John School: That the neighborhood around us find the light of Jesus, the quality education, and the strong community here.
- ✠ For adult children to return to the Church.
- ✠ For places of conflict, especially Iran and Ukraine
- ✠ 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.