

St. John News

April 19, 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.



Sunday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 22

Treichler orders due

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

Saturday, April 25

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, April 26

Gospel Lights sing and School Handbells play Game night RSVPs due

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

Wednesday, April 29

- School Chapel – 8:30 AM
- Family Fellowship – 6:00 PM
- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 2

Garage Sale reservations due

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Skate-A-Thon – 11:30 AM

Sunday, May 3

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

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.

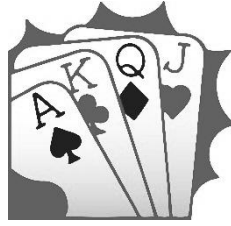
Make payable to: "St. John Church Women", and mail to
St. John Lutheran Church at the above address.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



RSVP by April 26 to Susan Kenyon (skenyon101@gmail.com) or Cheryl Oliver (coliver3338@gmail.com) or on the sheet on the Information Center Table.

The North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry

For the first quarter (January through March), we gave 16 bags of food and toiletries. This makes a big difference to our area!

If you would like to contribute to the food pantry, St. John makes it easy. Drop off your non-perishable food and personal care items in the large wooden bin under the Information Center.

A special Thank You to Diana Harder for regularly bringing donations to the pantry.


GRADUATION is coming up!

If you have a high school or college graduate you would like to celebrate, please contact the church office (churchoffice@stjohnnt.com) this week with name, school graduating from, degree earned or going to college for, and next step (place of employment or college entering). We are excited to celebrate with you!

We will have a breakfast for the graduates and their immediate families at 8 am on Sunday, May 31st. If you would like to participate, please sign up by May 24th by telling Doreen Sutherland or contacting the church office.

We are looking for sponsors. If you are willing to make sure a graduate receives a care package or card from St. John once in a while, please contact Doreen Sutherland or the church office. Thank you.

Live in Concert



MAY
23rd
7:00pm

St. John Lutheran
6950 Ward Road
North Tonawanda

FIVE14

www.thebandfive14.com

Blessed by their service:

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for April:	Terry Haseley & John Rosebrock	Acolyte:	Lucy Schultz
Reader Today:	Bruce Sutherland	Next Week:	Ben Willis
A/V Today:	Matt Schultz	Next Week:	Dennis Kelly
Children's Message:	Heidi Sue Mumm		
Counting Team Today:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Randy DeVantier		
Next Week:	Lynn Willis, Don Schroder, Matt Schultz		
Altar for April:	Linda Sonnen, Ann Kelly, Donna Carr	Greeters for April:	Frank & Kathy Wendt
Hospitality Today:	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, John Rosebrock, Diana Harder		
Next Week:	Donna & Roger Carr, Annie Kelly, Liz Schultz, Mary Redding		
Education Hour Teachers:	Liz Schultz and Pastor Mike		

AT THE SCHOOL



*St. John Lutheran
School exists to
nurture children
academically and
spiritually toward a life
of witness and service
in Christ.*



Greetings St. John families,

School is back in session after a much-appreciated Easter break! How good it is to be people who are saved by faith in our RISEN Savior! John 11:25, Jesus said to her (Martha), "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." Jesus' resurrection is our eternal salvation.

Did you know...

- It's the 4th quarter already!
- Our Gospel Light Choir (grades 2-4) and Handbell Choir (select 7th and 8th graders) will participate in the worship service on April 26th.
- NYS exams are underway this week and next month. Our school has ranked well academically and was noted as one of six A+ schools (public and private) in all of WNY according to Business First 2024. Most recently we were noted as the Top Lutheran School 2026 by Education Insider. To God be the glory!
- Enrollment is open for the 2026-2027 school year. Share information about St. John. Encourage family and friends to make an appointment to visit with me (716)693-9677 about our PreK3-8th grade quality, Christian education.
- Check out our weekly school newsletter:



Blessings,
Katie Gundell, Principal

Treichler's Gift Certificates

Support the school and shop for spring planting all in one! Each \$30 gift certificate you purchase through PTL returns \$5 to the school. Get your order form at the Information Center and return it by this Wednesday, May 22nd. Certificates will be delivered the week of May 4th.

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 2nd at St. John. Registration begins at 11:30 AM, with skating from 12:00–1:30 PM. 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 money for our parking lot. It's a great way to combine fitness, fun, and community spirit!

Find a St. John student and see how you can sponsor their efforts!



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 a filled 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.

- For the family of Rita Marzano, Katie Marzano's grandmother, at her death on April 14
- Ava Schultz: for my family and friends' health
- Larry Damba (father of Terrie Licht) – Ongoing health concerns
- Rosie Siegmann – Hospitalized
- 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
- Karen Herman – Ongoing health issues
- Jeff Herman – Undergoing tests

- ✠ St. John School: Students taking state exams this week.
- ✠ For beloved family members to be brought to faith.
- ✠ 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.