

St. John News

May 10, 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.



There is no children's Sunday School today; adult Bible class will meet after worship at 10:15 am.

Family Fellowship is next scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 6-7 PM. If the weather permits, we'll be outside on the playground!

Baked goods are needed for next Saturday's bake sale. Please let Cheryl Oliver or Susan Kenyon know if you are able to help.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE & BAKE SALE

with **VENDORS, Too!**

School Kids selling hotdogs!
Gift Card Raffle!

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



Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Adult Ed only – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, May 12

- Elder's Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 13

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 14

- School Chapel – 7:00 AM

Saturday, May 16

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Indoor Garage Sale – 9:00 AM

Sunday, May 17

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

Tuesday, May 19

- PTL Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 20

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

Thursday, May 21

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 23

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Five14 Concert – 7:00 PM

Sunday, May 24

- Worship – 9:00 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Ladies Aid's next meeting at Sunday, May 17th after the 9:00 AM worship service.

The poster features a black and white photograph of the band FIVE14, consisting of eight members, posing on a set of stairs. The text on the poster includes: "Live in Concert" at the top, "MAY 23rd" and "7:00pm" in large, bold letters, the address "St. John Lutheran 6950 Ward Road North Tonawanda", the band name "FIVE14" in a stylized font, and the website "www.thebandfive14.com" at the bottom.

Last day of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class is May 17.

There will be no regular worship June 17 due to School graduation service.

Save the date Camp J.O.Y. LEGO time: Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am July 9-August 14, 2026.

Last year Pastor Mike and 6 volunteers brought LEGO Time to Camp J.O.Y., a summer camp for children Kindergarten-4th grade held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Buffalo (26 Brunswick Blvd). We had a great time interacting with the children and playing with LEGO! We have been asked to come again this year! Camp J.O.Y. is July 6-August 14, 2026. LEGO Time is once a week on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am.

- * We are looking for volunteers to help with pre-planned build activities and share Bible stories, but mostly get to interact with the children (and play with LEGO) No LEGO experience necessary!
 - * If you would like to donate financially we want to provide a small LEGO set (approx. \$10 each) to every child. The camp limits enrollment to 50 children so we need to raise \$500 for the gifts.
 - * If you are interested in volunteering or donating please contact Pastor Mike (pastormike@stjohnnt.com)
- P.S. Pastor Mike will always accept used LEGO that can be reused for LEGO Club, LEGO Time or other activities. Don't let LEGO bricks and pieces go to waste!

Next Week, May 17th:

Organist:	Doreen Korcok	Reader:	Roger Carr
Children's Message:	Bekah Borgstede	A/V:	Matt Rogers
Counting Team:	Diane Milne, Suzette Drenko, Donna House		
Hospitality:	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, John Rosebrock, Diana Harder		

AT THE SCHOOL



Greetings St. John families,

Happy Mother's Day this Sunday! "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 118:1 The love, nurture and care of a mother is a wonderful blessing.

Did you know...

- Lacey Bahr is leading a select group of middle schoolers who are recognized as part of our Lutheran Junior Honor Association. They are meeting regularly and most recently offered their service to maintain our grounds (gardens and playground area) by weeding and raking the mulch. Thank you to all who contributed with your time and talents!
- Our PTL supports the school and church in numerous ways. The PTL will wrap up another year with our final meeting on May 19th. Thank you Lynn Willis for taking the lead with a dedicated team of board members and parent/teacher volunteers.
- Save the date: our musical this year is "School House Rocks" and will be performed on June 2nd, 1 PM and 6:30 PM, along with an art show and ice cream social.
- Check out our weekly school newsletter:



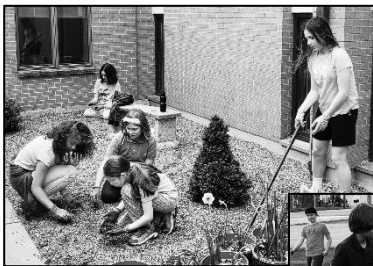
Blessings,
Katie Gundell, Principal

Skate-A-Thon 2026

Last Saturday, May 2nd - a brisk, spring day - 17 students came out to enjoy an afternoon filled with skating, laughter, fellowship, and fun. We are so thankful for the opportunity to gather as a school community, spending time together while giving glory to God through friendship and joyful fellowship.

Our Skate-a-Thon fundraiser will benefit the parking lot fund, helping improve a space our students and families use every day. There is still time to support this effort as students have until May 12 to collect and submit their pledges.

Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and helped make the day so memorable. Your support and school spirit continue to be such a blessing to our St. John community!



On May 5th, the Lutheran Junior Honor Association invited 5th grade to join them in taking care of our school grounds. After working for over an hour and enduring the 4:00 drizzle, they enjoyed a snack and the fruits of their labor. Thank you, Mrs. Coric, Mrs. Bahr and LJHA for facilitating this event!

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.

- Pastor David and Mikayla Keating at the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Esther, on May 6
 - Jeff Manning and his family at the death of his brother, Robert
 - Ernie Green – Recovering from surgery
 - April Smith – Cancer treatments
 - Thanking Jesus for all He did for us (Ava)
 - Don Schroeder – Health concerns
 - Ryan Gundell – Health concerns
 - Annie Kelly and family at the death of her cousin, Suzie
 - Pastor and Judy Vogler – Health concerns and life transitions
 - Rosie Siegmann – In recovery
 - 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
- ✝ St. John School: Families preparing for the 2026-2027 school year
- ✝ For beloved family members to be brought to faith.
- ✝ For places of conflict, especially Iran and Ukraine



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.