

St. John News

May 17, 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.

Live in Concert

MAY 23rd **7:00pm**

St. John Lutheran
6950 Ward Road
North Tonawanda

FIVE14

www.thebandfive14.com

Ladies Aid's meets today, Sunday, May 17th after the 9:00 AM worship service.

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

Family Fellowship Playground Playdate

Wednesday, May 27
6-7pm

Come join us on the playground for family fun and refreshments for all ages!

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Students, family members, friends, neighbors, and community members!

Bring a ball, a lawn game, or just yourself!

St. John Lutheran Church & School



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

- NO Men's Group
- Five14 Concert – 7:00 PM

Sunday, May 24

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Tuesday, May 26

- School Piano Recital – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 30

- NO Men's Group

Sunday, May 31

Graduation Recognition Sunday

- Worship – 9:00 AM

AT THE SCHOOL

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.

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

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!

Those serving this week and next:

Worship Leader:	Pastor Mike Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Reader Today:	Roger Carr	Next Week:	Bruce Sutherland
Children's Message:	Bekah Borgstede	Next Week:	Pastor Mike
A/V Today:	Matt Rogers	Next Week:	Dennis Kelly
Counting Team Today:	Diane Milne, Suzette Drenko, Donna House		
Counting Team Next Week:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Randy DeVantier		
Hospitality Today:	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, John Rosebrock, Diana Harder		

AT THE SCHOOL



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



Greetings St. John families,

Ponder the immeasurable love and faithfulness of God from Psalm 36:5, “Your love, O Lord reaches to the heaven, Your faithfulness to the skies.” What a blessing to be His children!

Did you know...

- Our Skate-a-thon was a huge success! The sponsors for this event donated a total of \$923 to put toward the parking lot loan. We appreciate the generosity and participation.
- Our Preschool-1st grade teachers and students are supporting a ministry called Phil's friends and collecting socks for cancer patients. <https://philsfriends.org/>
- Our 7th/8th grade students are going on an outdoor education field trip this Wednesday-Friday and covering topics including: Simple Machines in Nature, Apologetics, and Drones, Drones Everywhere! Memories will be made as students from St. John and Holy Ghost attend this field trip together.
- Check out our weekly school newsletter:



Blessings,
Katie Gundell, Principal

phil's friends
cancer is strong. hope is stronger.

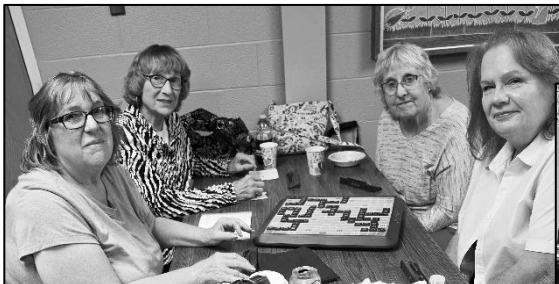
PROVIDING FAITH-BASED
CANCER SUPPORT AND
CARE PACKAGES
TO THOSE AFFECTED BY CANCER.

New Fuzzy Socks
MAY 4TH TO MAY 22ND

EXTRAS:

Free console piano available. Call Mike at 716-731-3944 if interested.

Game night on Monday, May 4th was lots of fun. Food, music, scrabble, card games, and conversation kept us happily busy. We will plan another in the future!



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 closed 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.

- Cathy Sonnen – Health issues
 - Dean and Gracie (friends of James Hubacher) – Mental health
 - All those who have served and are serving in the armed forces
 - 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
- ‡ St. John School: Teachers’ end-of-the-year preparations
‡ 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.