

# St. John News

May 24, 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.*

## **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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to participate, please sign up by May 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **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

### **Monday, June 1**

- Board of Christian Education – 6:30 PM

### **Tuesday, June 2**

- Spring School Musical – 1:00 PM
- Spring School Musical – 6:30 PM

**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!

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

## AT THE CHURCH

Our next **voters' meeting** is Sunday, June 7th after worship.

Here is a link to the Proposed Budget for 2026-27 →



Limited print copies are on the Information table in the narthex.

The **LCMS Synodical President** is up for election this year.

Here are interview questions with answers from the Candidates:



Pastor Mike and John Rosebrock will be voting in June. They invite your opinion and thoughts on these candidates.

**Congratulations** to Isabella Borgstede, daughter of Paul and Savannah, on the occasion of her baptism on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Camp J.O.Y. LEGO time:

Thursdays 9:30-11:30 am July 9-August 14, 2026.

For more information or to sign up to help, scan here: →

- \* 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](mailto: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!



### *Serving next week (5/31):*

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Pastor Mike Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	Doreen Sutherland
<b>Reader:</b>	Dennis Gauda	<b>A/V:</b>	Roger Carr
<b>Children's Message:</b>	Bekah Borgstede		
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		

## AT THE SCHOOL



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



Greetings St. John families, Philippians 4:13 reminds us, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." God provides resources that help us with resiliency: forgiveness, mercy, peace, protection... strength.

Did you know...

- I am visiting nearby congregations to share information about our school. If you have a neighbor or friend that would like to learn more about St. John, please have them reach out to the office, [office@stjohnnt.com](mailto:office@stjohnnt.com).
- Our 7th/8th grade students attended an outdoor education field trip at Pioneer on the Lake this past Wednesday-Friday and covered topics including: Simple Machines in Nature, Apologetics, and Drones, Drones Everywhere! Our theme for this trip is Faith in Action... Act justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly...Micah 6:8. Memories will be made as students from St. John and Holy Ghost attend this field trip together.
- We are prepping for our school musical which is on June 2nd. We have two shows: 1 PM and 6:30 PM. All are welcome to join us!
- Check out our weekly school newsletter:



Blessings,  
Katie Gundell, Principal



## Bake Wash



On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 pm, the Lutheran Junior Honor Association or the L.J.H.A is going to have a free donation car wash and bake sale (Bake Wash) in front of the St. John Lutheran building at 6950 Ward Road.

The Lutheran Junior Honor Association is a club for kids who want to make a difference in the world. The LJHA focuses on four main pillars: leadership, discipleship, scholarship, and service. We do our best in these categories and improve over the course of the year.

The money we are raising goes toward Pioneer on the Lake, which is a Christian camp. We invite you and others to join us!



**JUNE 2, 1 PM and 6:30 PM**

Remember Bill? How about Conjunction Junction? See our whole school perform these songs and more as we help Mr. Smith get ready for his first day of teaching.

1:00 PM Matinee performance and art show

6:30 PM Evening performance, art show, and PTL ice cream fundraiser

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please ask **permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.  
**Private prayers** – [pastormike@stjohnnt.com](mailto:pastormike@stjohnnt.com) or 716-693-9677 option 7  
Contact the church office: [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto: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.

- Jerry Mante – Severe health issues
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- 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

- ✝ 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.