

St. John News

May 31, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!



We celebrate with our graduates today.

Emily Kroening

Graduating from Niagara Wheatfield High School
College: Clarkson University for Environmental Engineering

Madison Siegmann

Graduating from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry with a Bachelors of Science in Wildlife Science
Future Plans: Pursuing a career in Wildlife Biology

Lila Kopp

Granddaughter of Jean Hein
Graduating from Como Park Sr. High (St. Paul, MN)
College: Loyola in Chicago

Connor Proefrock

Great nephew of Jean Hein
Graduating from Starpoint High School
College: Purdue for Engineering

God surround you with His grace as you step into this exciting new chapter. He will give you the wisdom to make choices that honor Him, the courage to pursue your vocation boldly, and the peace of knowing He is with you wherever you go. May your work be a light to others, and may you always trust in His unfailing love. Amen.



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

Wednesday, June 3

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

Saturday, June 6

- Men's Group – 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 7

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Voters' Meeting – 10:00 AM
- "Bake Wash" – 1:00 PM

Tuesday, June 9

- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 10

- School Chapel – 8:30 AM
- Volunteer Appreciation – 8:15 AM
- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 13

- Men's Group – 7:00 PM

Sunday, June 14

- Worship – 9:00 AM

AT THE CHURCH

VOTERS' MEETING TODAY

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

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



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.

FREE Console Piano Please call Mike at 716-731-3944 if you are interested.



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

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)
- 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 (6/7):

Worship Leader:	Pastor Mike Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Reader:	Ben Willis	A/V:	Matt Schultz
Children's Message:	Pastor Mike		
Counting Team:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt		

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.
- 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.
- Our school musical is this Tuesday, 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 7th, 1-4 pm, the Lutheran Junior Honor Association or the LJHA 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 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 have two weeks left 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.

- Marc – Recovering from injuries
 - April Smith – Cancer treatments
 - Jerry Mante – Severe health issues
 - 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
- ‡ St. John School: That the end-of-the-year activities would help us share the Gospel.
- ‡ 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.