

St. John News

August 2-22, 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.

Women: Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 AM, we're kicking off the women's ministry year at St. John with a fall brunch. It's a potluck, so plan to bring a dish to share. Free-will offering, casual and laid-back, all women welcome. More details coming soon.

Real Life Faith

Ever feel like worry is running the show? This fall, Real Life Faith groups of 6-8 women will explore "God's Peace When Life Gets Overwhelming" through a short passage of Scripture, honest conversation, and real support. Groups meet in homes September through November. No homework and no Bible knowledge required. There's a spot for you. Details at <https://stjohnnt.com/rlf/>



REAL LIFE FAITH

Women's Small Groups
2026 - 2027



Katie's Group
Addie - Youth Leader
High School & College Age



Cathy & Annie's Group
All Women
Welcome



Terrie's Group
All Women
Welcome



Lynn's Group
Moms of School Age Kids

Learn More:
www.stjohnnt.com/rlf



UPCOMING Events

Sunday, August 2

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

Tuesday, August 4

- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 5

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 9

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 12

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, August 15

- Men's Picnic – 12:00 PM

Sunday, August 16

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

Monday, August 17

- Bd of Christian Ed Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19

- Worship and Fellowship – 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 20

- Church Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 23

- Worship – 9:00 AM

AUGUST 19TH WORSHIP

On Wednesday, August 19th, worship will be held outside at 6:00 PM. Following worship we will have refreshments and playtime, as well as our "Wish You Well" to Terrie Licht. Please plan to attend, even if you usually attend Sunday services.

Wednesday Worship

During the months of July and August, Wednesday worship will be held in the Meeting Room of the middle school wing due to summer heat. During this time, Wednesday live stream will be unavailable, but will return in the fall. If you need to worship online, Sunday services will continue to stream throughout the summer.

Roof Repair

This past December the flat roof over the lobby, lunchroom and kitchen developed major leaks. As the voters were informed in March, emergency temporary repairs were done by Healing Restoration, who is working with our insurance company, Brotherhood Mutual, to cover much of the cost of repairs.

The Church Council met on July 5th after worship to discuss the progress on the roofing needed at St. John. While Healing Restoration is repairing the roof on the east side of the gym, the Council decided will have them also replace the flat roofs over the storage area in the gym and the small rooms off either side of our Sanctuary, as these have reached well beyond their life expectancy. These are not covered by insurance. Replacing these roofs will cost approximately \$45,000.

The Church Council approved a plan to use \$20,000 of savings and fundraise the remaining \$25,000. We have set a goal of raising this amount by October 2026. We will have more information soon, but if you would like to help now, you can send donations to the church office marked "Roof Fund". We hope the repairs/replacement will be accomplished before the start of school in September. If you have any questions or concerns before our next voters meeting feel free to ask any Church Council Member.

Thank you, Roger Carr



The poster is titled "SUMMER FAMILY FELLOWSHIP EVENTS" in a stylized font, with "SUMMER" in large, outlined letters. Below the title is "St. John Cutharan Church & School". The events are listed for three dates: June 24 (6-7pm), July 29 (6-7pm), and August 19 (Worship @ 6pm, Fellowship to follow). Each event has a description: "Summer Send Off Celebration" (Ice cream cones on the playground!), "Beach Bash" (Bring your own beach towels & be ready to get wet!), and "Outdoor Worship" (Join us for an outdoor worship service followed by refreshments & play time!). The poster also includes a note: "ALL ARE WELCOME!" and a disclaimer: "**Please contact Cynn Willis on Fast Direct if you have any sprinklers or other water toys to share during the Beach Bash!". The background features palm trees, a crab, seashells, and a surfboard.

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6-7pm
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Beach Bash
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August 19
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Fellowship to follow
Outdoor Worship
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Ladies Aid Lunch

Saturday, August 22 members of the Ladies Aid are invited to The Griffon Brewery and Gastropub, 115 S. Water St, Lewiston at 12 noon. The restaurant is handicapped accessible.

Please RSVP to Susan Kenyon by email or phone by Tuesday, August 18.

2027 Men's Picnic

Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 pm all men are invited to bring a friend to Five Senses Nature Park for Food and Fellowship.

Please RSVP by August 14 by signing up at the Information Center table or by calling or texting Dennis Gauda at 716-228-7765.

Greetings St. John families,

This is an exciting time. The month of August is always filled with pulling all the details together for a well-planned school year. We are excited to welcome our new administrative assistant, Mrs. Alison Aitchison, and her family to St. John. Teachers will be gathering again on August 18th and 19th. May the month of August bring you all peace and joy. Numbers 6:24-26, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace."



Did you know...

- Our summer camp is underway! We are thankful for the days where the wild fires haven't affected outdoor play.
- We have a new AIS teacher to welcome: Mrs. Kim Harrington.
- School starts BEFORE Labor Day this year, September 2nd!

Blessings,

Mrs. Katie Gundell, Principal

Support Our 7th & 8th Grade Class Trip

Take a night off from cooking and support our St. John 7th & 8th Grade class trip at our Chipotle Fundraiser on Tuesday, August 11, from 4:00–8:00 p.m. at 1643 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst. Chipotle will donate 25% of event sales to help fund the class trip! Simply show the fundraiser flyer when ordering in the restaurant, or use code AF7EXYC when placing an online order for pickup. Flyers can be picked up on the Information Center table. Thank you for supporting our students—we hope to see you there!

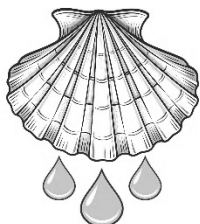


Please bring in your empty redeemable bottles and cans. Proceeds will go to the 2027 Washington D.C. middle school trip.

Items can be left under the information center.

For more coverage of upcoming events, including area VBS programs, sign up for our e-news. Contact: churchoffice@gmail.com.

Baptismal and Marital Blessings

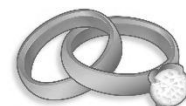


Congratulations to

*Jackson David Scarf,
son of Justin and Jennifer Scarf,
baptized August 2, 2026*

*Chloe Grace House,
daughter of Daniel and Nicole House,
baptized August 9, 2026*

*Bryce and Danielle Siegmann,
married Saturday, August 22, 2026*



IN OUR PRAYERS

***While the church office administrator is away, please submit all prayer requests and updates through your Connection Cards, or by calling Pastor directly as indicated below. ***

Please **ask permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.
Private prayers – pastormike@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677 option 7

Short-Term Prayers– Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to renew prayers or submit new requests.

- ☐ Jackson Scarf – Surgery and recovery
 - ☐ Larry Damba (father of Terrie Licht) – Recovering from surgery
 - ☐ Katie Gundell – Recovering from surgery
 - ☐ Anita Garito – Health concerns
 - ☐ Jerry Mante – Severe health issues
 - ☐ April Smith – Cancer treatments
 - ☐ St. Johnsburg Fire Department – Praise for 100 years of service to our community
 - Karen Herman – Upcoming tests and ongoing medical concerns
 - Wendy (aunt of June Sutherland) – Cancer diagnosis
 - The family of Raymond Keating (father of Pastor Keating) at his passing
 - The family of Jack Turner (uncle of Roger Carr) at his passing
 - Kim Clark (friend of Val Nicholas) – Health and other concerns
 - Judy and Pastor Vogler – Health and wellbeing
- ✝ St. John School: Continued faith growth of our families and staff through the summer
- ✝ 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, Emma Clancy, Frank Cornell, Doreen & Larry Damba, Carol Donner, Shelly Erwin, Paul Greinert, Rick Hamilton, Bev Harder, Elsbeth Kaus, Annie Kelly, Barb Manning, Dennis Martin, Donna Martin, Ken Musall, Doug Rich, 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.