

St. John News

August 23, 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.

Grounded in Faith: A Casual Fall Women's Brunch

All women are invited to join us on Saturday, September 12th at 10:00 AM at St. John for a potluck brunch as we kick off fall women's ministry. Enjoy a coffee and hot chocolate bar, delicious food, friendly conversation, and an encouraging devotion from God's Word. Sign-up sheet at the Information Center table or email RLF@stjohnnt.com to RSVP.

Save the Date: Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair

November 21st, 9am-2pm. If you are interested in being a vendor, please pick up a form at the Information Center.

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/>.

UPCOMING Events

Sunday, August 23

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Tuesday, August 25

- Meet the Teacher Night – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 26

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, August 27

- Student Orientation – 6:00 PM

Sunday, August 30

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Monday, August 31

- Bd. of Christian Ed Mtg – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 1

- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 2

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 6

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM

Men's Group

All men are invited to participate in Word and Fellowship on Saturdays at 7:00 AM, beginning September 12th.

Basics of Our Lutheran Faith

Whether you are considering membership at St. John, or have been participating for decades, come for two classes: September 13th and 20th, where will explore what it means to be Lutheran.

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



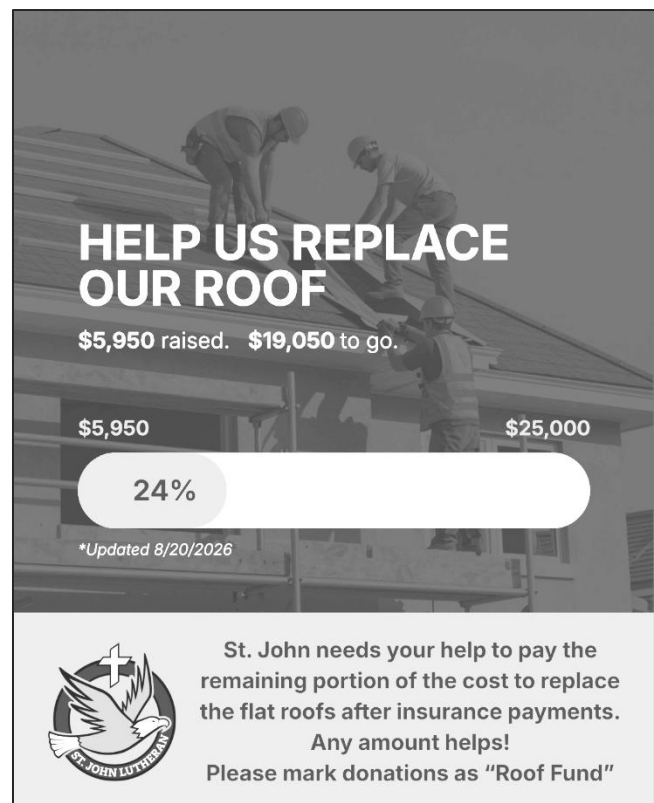
ST. JOHN FAMILY FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

WED SEP 30 **AUTUMN APPLE FEST**
6:00-7:00PM

FRI OCT 30 **TRUNK OR TREAT**
5:30-7:00PM **DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WED NOV 18 **THANKSGIVING SERVICE PROJECT**
6:00-7:00PM

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE & ALL ARE WELCOME!



HELP US REPLACE OUR ROOF

\$5,950 raised. \$19,050 to go.

\$5,950 \$25,000

24%

*Updated 8/20/2026



St. John needs your help to pay the remaining portion of the cost to replace the flat roofs after insurance payments. Any amount helps! Please mark donations as "Roof Fund"

AT OUR SCHOOLS

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. Be sure to stop in and say hello.



Did you know...

- Our summer camp is wrapping up! Thank you to the great staff that welcomed kids and made their days memorable
- We gather parents at "Meet the Teacher" on Tuesday, 6-8 PM and students at Orientation on Thursday, 6-7 PM.
- School starts BEFORE Labor Day this year, September 2nd!

Blessings,

Mrs. Katie Gundell, Principal



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.



Prayer Walk 2026

Before our school officially starts, pick up a Prayer Walk booklet and pray through the building. Booklets are available at the Information Center.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL PTL'S
HOLIDAY
craft and vendor fair

Shop Local Vendors
Food - Basket Raffle - Crafts
Unique Gifts - Bake Sale

NOVEMBER **21** **9AM-2PM**

ST. LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
6950 WARD ROAD
NORTH TONAWANDA, NY 14120

QUESTIONS? Call or Text : Lynn Willis
716-523-8589
stj_ptl@stjohnNT.com

Admission \$2 / Students Free

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 – *Prayers with an open circle will be removed next week.* Please use the back of your Connection Card or contact the church office if you would like to renew prayers or submit new requests.

- Judy and Pastor Vogler – Health and wellbeing
- Jackson Scarf – Recovering from surgery
- John Rosebrock – Recovering from broken ankle
- Frank Cornell – Health concerns
- Pastor Green – Cancer treatment
- Hunter Will (grandson of the Sutherlands) – Hospitalized
- Jason Swahart – Recovering from broken ribs
- Family and friends of Jim Birke, who passed on August 13
- Family and friends of Larry Henneberger, who passed on August 17
- 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
- Karen Herman – Upcoming tests and ongoing medical concerns
- Wendy (aunt of June Sutherland) – Cancer diagnosis
- Kim Clark (friend of Val Nicholas) – Health and other concerns



- ✝ 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 Schlegel, 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.