

St. John News

August 30, 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.

Men's Group

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

Grounded in Faith

A FALL WOMEN'S KICK OFF BRUNCH

Sign up at church or Email: RLF@STJOHNNT.COM
No cost. Come casual & bring a dish to share.
All women welcome!

WHEN	TIME	LOCATION
SEPT 12	10 AM-11:30 AM	St. John Lutheran North Tonawanda

Hosted by:

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 we'll explore what it means to be Lutheran.

Sunday School Begins

Sunday, September 20th at 10:15 AM. Focusing on one take-home point at a time, children experience the Bible through activities and relationships.

UPCOMING Events

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

Wednesday, September 9

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 12

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM
- Grounded in Faith – 10:00 AM

Sunday, September 13

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Voters' Meeting – 10:15 AM
- Lutheran Faith – 10:15 AM



Our next

Quarterly Voters' Meeting

is Sunday, September 13th
following worship.

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/>.

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 to 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



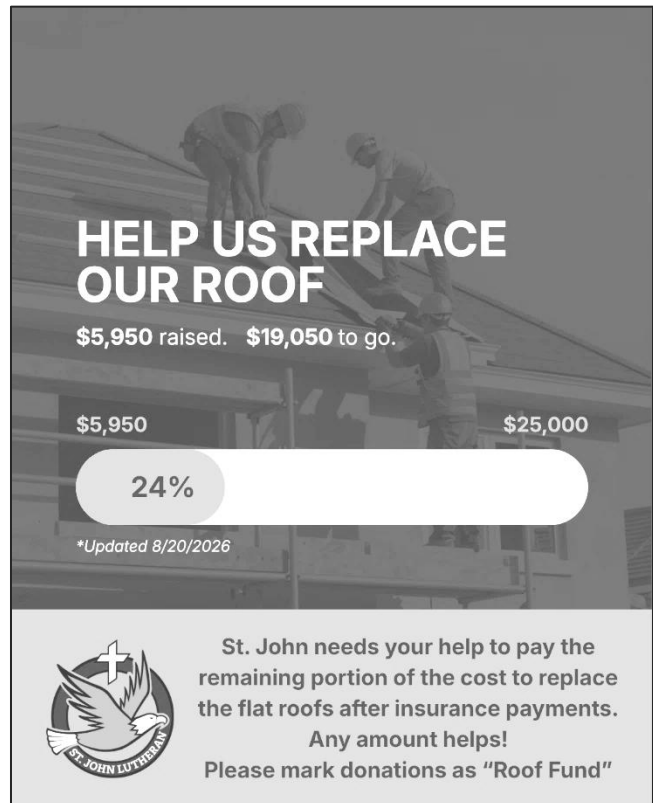
ST. JOHN FAMILY FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

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 it!! School starts in just a few days. For 181 years, St. John Lutheran School staff has prepared to greet students and embrace an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus to children who are eager to learn. Please keep our school family in your prayers as we begin this new school year on Wednesday.



Did you know...

- Our theme this year is "Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7. Think about what that means in our lives! The gift of faith has been given to us and sustains us. What a blessing!
- We have 160 children enrolled, PreK3-8th grade. We trust and know that God brought these students to St. John for His plan and purpose.
- Our teachers gathered on Thursday with other Lutheran educators in the Eastern District for fellowship, worship and to kick off the new year.

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.

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.



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 a filled 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.

- For the family and friends of Albert "Al" Walck at his passing August 22
- Anita Garito - Hospitalized
- Mark Parker – Battling cancer
- Kim Clark (friend of Val Nicholas) – Health and other concerns
- Hunter Will (grandson of the Sutherlands) – Home from the hospital
- Angela Clancy – Preparing for a mission trip
- 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
- Jason Swahart – Recovering from broken ribs
- Family and friends of Jim Birke
- Family and friends of Larry Henneberger
- 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

✝ St. John School: Start of the school year on September 2nd

✝ 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, 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.