

St. John News

September 13, 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.



Quarterly Voters' Meeting

TODAY, September 13th
following worship.

Our 2025-26 Financial Overview
can be seen here:



Print copies are also available during the meeting.

TODAY: 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.

Ladies Aid

The next Ladies Aid meeting is Sunday, September 20th after worship. All ladies of St. John are welcome to attend.



UPCOMING Events

Sunday, September 13

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

Wednesday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 17

- Church Council – 6:30PM

Saturday, September 19

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, September 20

- Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- Lutheran Basics – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Ladies Aid – 10:15 AM

Coming up...

Christian Education Sunday
Sunday, September 27

Congratulations

to *Avelisse Algarin*

and *Emma Boudreau*

on the occasion of their baptisms this weekend.
May God continue to hold you in your baptismal grace.

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/>.

Men's Group has Begun

All men are invited to participate in Bible Study and Fellowship on Saturdays at 7:00 AM.

FOURTH ANNUAL ST. JOHN CHURCH AND SCHOOL PICNIC

September 27, following a special 10:00 am service

Help is needed in many ways: setting up, making a side dish, grilling, cleaning up, and eating while having good conversation.



Sign up at the Information Center to let us know if you are coming and/or helping!



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!**

Roof Repair

The Church Council approved a plan to use \$20,000 from savings and fundraise the remaining \$25,000 for the replacement of our flat roofs. We have set a goal of raising this amount by the end of October. If you would like to help, you can send donations to the church office marked "Roof Fund". If you have any questions or concerns before our next voters' meeting feel free to ask any Church Council Member.

\$6,765 raised. \$18,235 to go.

\$6,765

\$25,000

27%

*Updated 8/23/2026

NEW – Sign up for church envelopes – NEW

Everyone who would like envelopes for 2027 MUST sign up for them. Even if you've had them before.

You may sign up at the Information Center; or by contacting the church office at 716-693-9677, option #2, or at churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.

You can also sign up to give regularly online at stjohnnt.com. Click the "Donate Now" button on the top right.

AT OUR SCHOOL

Greetings St. John families,

Our theme this year is "Rooted in Christ" Colossians 2:6-7, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in Thanksgiving. Think about what that means in our lives! The gift of faith has been given to us and sustains us. We are... ROOTED IN CHRIST!

Did you know..

- Our school fundraiser starts this week. Your support will help us purchase curriculum and materials for our school. Thank you!
- We look forward to gathering ALL church/school families for Christian Education Sunday on September 27th for worship, picnic, and classroom open house.
- Take a look at our weekly newsletter...



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.

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
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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 square 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.

- ☐ Katie Gundell – Upcoming surgery
- ☐ April Smith – Cancer treatments
- ☐ The family and friends of Zaire “Flip” Allison, upon his death on September 3
- ☐ Doug Meyer – Recovering from surgery
- Karen Herman – Ongoing medical concerns
- Anita Garito – In rehab
- For the family and friends of Albert "Al" Walck at his passing August 22
- 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

- ✠ St. John School: The growth of the relationships within the school community
- ✠ Those impacted by 9/11
- ✠ 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, Jerry Mante, 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.