

St John News

St John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School,
North Tonawanda, New York

February 24, 2019



**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday
on March 6.**

Worship at 7 PM

Our theme for this year is
Jesus' Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5-7

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 31

**St John Mission & Vision Planning
Right after worship at 10:15 AM**

This meeting, part of our quarterly Voter's Meetings, will begin the process of assessing needs and opportunities we have at St John and surrounding community as we set goals for ministry going forward.

We need **YOU** there to share your ideas and work together to choose a few key areas to focus our attention for short- and long-term goals.



Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am-4:00pm

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 am

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

February 24 – March 2

TODAY:	9:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 pm	Worship Service
MONDAY-FRIDAY:	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Office hours

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday 96; Wednesday 26

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 2/17/2019

	Week Total	Y-T-D	Needed	Difference
Envelope/Plate	\$5,307.00	\$125,891.00	\$137,500.00	-\$11,609.00

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR Classes for all ages meeting at 10:15 am each Sunday

Children – Preschool – 5th Grade: *Digging Into the Bible* takes kids on a whirlwind journey from Genesis to Revelation. In the Meeting Room area.

Youth – Junior and Senior High School: opportunities to help lead the children or attend one of the Bible Classes

Bible Classes – Youth and Adults: *Exploring The Gospel of Luke* – Readings from the Gospel of Luke are part of our worship schedule this next year so this will be an opportunity to explore deeper the early chapters of this book of the Bible. We will meet in the Lunch Room for 8 weeks. Led by Pastor Mike.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

St. John School's next Open House for the 2019-2020 school year will be held **this Tuesday, February 26** from 6-7:30 p.m. This includes PK-grade 8. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please pass this information along.

GriefShare's Loss of a Spouse seminar will take place **this Tuesday** from 6:30-8 p.m. in the lounge at St. John. Anyone grieving the death of a spouse is welcome. Light refreshments will be served, and each attendee will receive a book with over 30 short readings on how to live with grief and eventually rebuild your life. For more information or to register, visit <https://griefshare.org/loss/events/927> or call Becky at 220-8919.

St. John Lutheran School is hosting its annual Grandparents Day lunch **this Wednesday, February 27**. The day will begin with chapel at 9 a.m. followed by classroom visits and ending with the lunch and entertainment at 10:45 a.m. All seniors of St. John are invited to attend ... even if you don't have a grandchild in the school. Seating is limited! Please sign up in the narthex!

St. John Ladies will have a meeting on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

God's Blessings on Michael and Christie Scive as they celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on February 25.

Meat Raffle Success! THANK YOU – we raised over \$6,500 that will help fund the trip to the National Youth Gathering this summer for our team of 12. We have almost reached our goal to fully fund this trip!

Thrivent Choice Dollars: The deadline for designating 2018 Thrivent Choice Dollars is **March 31, 2019**. St. John Church has already received \$2,516 from this program by our congregation members, but we could nearly double that amount if all our members with Thrivent products donated their available Choice Dollars. If you have not already done so and would like to, you can go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice, or contact the Thrivent Home Office at (800) 847-4836, call Cheryl Oliver at 692-0423 or Les Fuerch, Thrivent Financial Representative at 695-2200. It only takes a few minutes and could help our church and school in many ways!!

On Thursday, March 14 at 7 p.m., the SINGING SAINTS of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri will present a concert of sacred music at St. John. 46 students in the choir along with several adults will need housing after the concert. Will you host two or more of them at your home? You may not be able to accommodate overnight guests, but you can still be a good host by contributing \$25 per student for hotel accommodations. To volunteer for housing or to donate toward hotel expenses, call David Werth at 731-7183 or djwerth@roadrunner.com

FUNDRAISERS

- **SCRIP Cards:** Orders are due on the 15th of every month. Forms are available in the narthex and should be placed in the lock box next to the office door. (*School Fundraiser*)
- **SPONSOR A YOUTH:** The estimated cost for one person to attend the National Youth Gathering, July 2019, is \$1600. We have a team of 12! Can you donate \$10 to cover breakfast? \$50 for one person/one-night hotel? \$400 for a plane ticket? or \$1600 to cover all expenses for one person to attend?!? Any amount helps! **Thank you to the many donations already received!** (*Church Fundraiser*)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Historical Society of North German Settlements in WNY will have the monthly Plattdeutsch (Low German) conversation this Wednesday at 12 noon at the Wheatfield Community Center. The public is invited. Come for an hour or two of gemütlich conversation.

Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center's MAYO program has scheduled "One In Him", a series of youth Bible studies for grades 6-12. The next study will be on Thursday, February 28 from 6-7 p.m. at First Trinity Lutheran, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd. Bring a Bible and study God's Word with the youth in your area.

St. Matthew Ladies' Guild will have its Annual Fish Fry and Chicken Finger Dinner on Friday, March 1 from 4-6:30 p.m. at 875 Eggert Drive, N. Tonawanda. Cost is \$11/adult; \$5/children 5-12. Children 4 and under are free. Reservations can be made by calling 694-6525 or 692-6862 before February 26. Tickets will not be available at the door.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

If you would like prayers or a visit by Pastor Mike, please call the office at 716-693-9677.

Short-Term Prayers

Alaina Licht – Undergoing tests
Shelly Erwin – Recovering from back surgery
Randy DeVantier – Recovering from surgery
Wayne Herman – Recovering from surgery
Elton DeVantier – At Northgate for rehabilitation
Shelley Andrees – Undergoing tests
Ken Musall
Estella Bullwinkle – Continued healing from hand surgery
Marty Darlak – At home
Dean Scirri (Parent of a school family) – Recovering at home after hospitalization
Carl Myers (Brother of Ruth Schultz) – In skilled nursing facility
Rick Reynolds (Brother-in-law of Jennifer Reynolds) – Diagnosed with cancer
Gail Gadomski (Mother of Jennifer Reynolds) – Recovering from surgery
Jennifer Korte (Friend of Donna Carr) – Undergoing cancer treatments

Michelle Razzani – Health issues & God's blessings
Paul Greinert – In rehab, at Terrace View at ECMC
Paul Ritzenthaler
Victor Gareau – Chemotherapy treatments
Jim Garito
Wanda Schwab
Prayers for the lost, that they may hear the Word and come to saving faith in Jesus

Long Term Prayers

Jan Meissner, Allene Horack, Drifa Seiwel, Pat Barber, Wayne Herman, Elsbeth Kaus, Helen Schmidt, Paul, Doris Wollaber, Vilma Green, Estella and Taylor Bullwinkle, Gloria Evans, Genevieve Jakubek, Mary June Bartlett, John Kotak, Clarice Poerschke, Amy Poland, Laurie Rew, Ed McCormick, Olive Bester, Ryan Kineke

In the U.S. Military – Aaron Foote, Len Chef, Rick Skorik, Cory and Olyvia Drenko, David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall