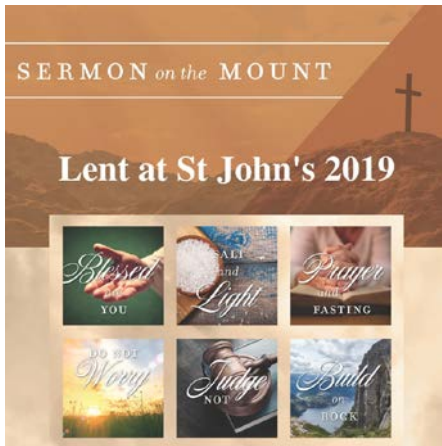


St John News

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

March 10, 2019



This series for Lent takes us through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. Each service will reveal to us that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season.

Worship

Sundays ~ 9 AM & Wednesdays ~ 7 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, April 7

**St John Congregational Meeting
right after worship at 10:15 AM**

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



We need **YOU** to attend this meeting to share your ideas and be a part of ministry planning for St John.

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

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

March 10 - 16

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| TODAY: | 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:15 am | Choir Practice |
| TUESDAY: | 6:30-8 pm | GriefShare |
| WEDNESDAY: | 7:00 pm | Worship Service |
| THURSDAY: | 7:00 pm | Singing Saints concert |
| MONDAY-FRIDAY: | 8:00 am-4:00 pm | Office hours |

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday 108; Ash Wednesday 83

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 3/3/2019

| | Week Total | Y-T-D | Needed | Difference |
|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Envelope/Plate | \$3,625.00 | \$132,777.00 | \$148,500.00 | -\$15,723.00 |

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 year; this class will explore deeper into this account of Jesus' life on earth. In the Lunch Room. Led by Pastor Mike.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Grief Share: Our GriefShare support group continues this week on Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m. here at St. John. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. For additional information or to register, go to griefshare14120@gmail.com.

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. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover tour expenses. Our School's Gospel Light choir and Soaring Singers choir will join with the Singing Saints for one of the pieces.

Food Pantry: This month's collection day is **next Sunday, March 17**. Most-needed items: quick meals, rice, pancake mix/syrup, canned fruit, cereal, oatmeal, jello, jelly, peanut butter, peas, personal care items/toiletries, soup, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodle soups (in cellophane). Monetary donations are also appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Thank You to our Thrivent members for your response to our request to designate your Choice Dollars to St. John. As of March 6, \$1,357.00 has been deposited in our account. There is still time to redeem your Choice Dollars if you have not already done so. 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. **The deadline is March 31, 2019.**

Prayer List: Please notify the office of any updates to the Prayer List. Thank you.

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*)
- Remember our on-going School fundraisers: **TopsMarkets.com/Education: register your Tops BonusPlus card and select St. John Lutheran School. Amazon Smile: Amazon will donate a portion of the price of your purchases to your favorite charitable organization. Help support St. John Lutheran by clicking on the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0844810>. Thank you for your continued support!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center will have its first ever Taste of Pioneer today at 1:30 p.m. Taste some of Pioneer's most loved dishes. Bring your favorite dish, to be entered in a fun & friendly competition. If you choose not to bring a dish, feel free to enjoy a delicious day. Tickets for tasting dishes will be available at the door. 10 tickets for \$5.00. All ages are welcome.

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
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
Victor Gareau – Chemotherapy treatments
Jim Garito
Paul Ritzenthaler
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



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