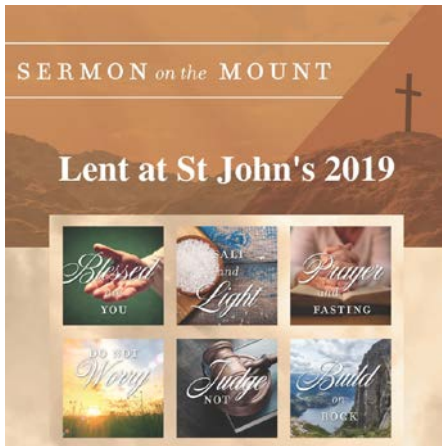


# St John News

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

March 31, 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

**Next 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 31 – April 6

<b>TODAY:</b>	9:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Choir Practice
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	4:30 pm	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Church Council/Elders meeting
	6:30-8 pm	GriefShare
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	7:00 pm	Lenten Service with Holy Communion
<b>MONDAY-FRIDAY:</b>	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Office hours

## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday 160; Wednesday 38

## GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 3/24/2019

	Week Total	Y-T-D	Needed	Difference
Envelope/Plate	\$3,480.00	\$152,258.00	\$1165,000.00	-\$12,742.00

## **FAMILY BIBLE HOUR**

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

**Children** – Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Today is the deadline** for Easter flower orders. Order forms are in the narthex near the sanctuary doors.

**The Church Council/Elders** will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**GriefShare:** A support group designed to help people who have experienced a loss of a loved one. Meets Tuesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. For additional information, go to [www.griefshare.org/groups/102774](http://www.griefshare.org/groups/102774).

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Today is the deadline for designating your Choice Dollars. If you have not already done so and would like to, go to [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). It only takes a few minutes and could help our church and school in many ways!!

**St. John Ladies** invite you to a *Spring Into Wellness!* Luncheon on Sunday, April 28 from 12 noon-2:30 p.m. here at St. John. The event includes a presentation by Sara Borgstede. Please RSVP to the church office, 693-9677, by April 20. A free will offering will be collected.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

- **SCRIP Cards:** Cards will be available after church each Sunday til Easter. These cards would make great gifts for your Easter baskets! Specific orders are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Forms are available in the narthex and should be placed in the lock box next to the office door.
- **YOUTH GATHERING TRIP:**
  - **Please join us on Easter morning, April 21,** for a delicious breakfast served from 9:00-10:00 a.m. by St. John youth attending the National Youth Gathering. A free will donation will be collected to offset trip expenses.
  - **Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ** on Thursday, May 16 from 3-6 p.m. (drive thru only). Tickets are \$10/person pre-sale (3-5:30 p.m.) or \$12 at the door. The dinner includes chicken, au gratin potatoes, tossed salad, roll & dessert.
- **St. John School** is again selling \$25 Treichler Greenhouse gift cards. \$5 of each gift card sold benefits our school. The Greenhouse is located at 2687 Saunders Settlement Road, Sanborn. They offer hanging plants, annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, etc. Order forms are on the table in the narthex and are due May 3 (just in time for Mother's Day!).

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center** will have a Father & Son Rocketry Retreat beginning with registration at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 5 and ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. Sons, bring your dad, uncle, grandfather, godfather or father figure. Participants will have the opportunity to build and launch your own rocket! Cost is \$50/person and includes all rocket building materials as well as housing on Friday and meals on Saturday. Register at [www.pioneercamp.org](http://www.pioneercamp.org) or call 549-1420.

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers** is a six-week program that helps people manage the demands of being a caregiver. The group will meet every Wednesday from April 10-May 15 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the conference room at GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center, 5949 Broadway, Lancaster. The cost is \$25 and is covered for Independent Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of WNY members. Call 858-8526 or email [caregiver@erie.gov](mailto:caregiver@erie.gov) for reservations. Join others who are facing the challenge of caregiving and get the tools that you need to take care of yourself and your loved one.

## 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

Don Proefrock – Health issues  
Shelley Andrees – Recovering from surgery  
Herb Meissner – Recovering from medical procedure  
Shirley Greinert – Hospitalized at Buffalo General  
Jay Siegman – Hospitalized at Buffalo General  
Alaina Licht  
Shelly Erwin – Recovering from back surgery  
Wayne Herman – Recovering from surgery  
Elton DeVantier – At Northgate  
Ken Musall  
Estella Bullwinkle – Continued healing from hand surgery  
Marty Darlak – At home  
Dean Scirri (Parent of a school family) – Home after hospitalization  
Carl Myers (Brother of Ruth Schultz) – In skilled nursing facility  
Gail Gadowski (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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