



St. John News

March 22, 2020

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



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Leave a message for us. We will check them daily.

Email: churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or pastormike@stjohnnt.com

These accounts are checked regularly.

Website: www.stjohnnt.com

We will provide updates and resources for anyone to check out.

Email Newsletter: sign up online on the home page of our website or send an email to Church Office or Pastor Mike to be added to the list. We send out information related to St. John but promise to not overwhelm your inbox!

Streaming Video: Every worship service is streamed live to our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/stjohnnt You can watch live or view the video at another time. You **do not** need a Facebook account to view these videos. We will post them on our website within 48 hours after the live stream.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stjohnnt Check this out anytime to see ongoing activities at the School and Church.

Office Hours: 8:00 am-3:00 p.m.

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN
March 22 - 28

All Services and activities in-person are cancelled until further notice
Worship will be live steamed and recorded at www.facebook.com/stjohnnt.com

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
Sunday 57; Wednesday 4

GIVING REPORT

Week Ending 3/8/2020

	Week Total	Y-T-D	Needed	Difference
Envelope/Plate	\$2,874.00	\$145,536.00	\$143,696.00	+\$1,840.00

FAMILY BIBLE HOUR

Cancelled until further notice

Sunday School and Bible Studies at 10:15 am each week.

- *The Life of Jesus* for Preschool through 5th Grade.
- Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew, led by Pastor Mike
- Youth Bible Study: "Our Identity in Christ" led by the Sutherlands

Thursdays at 8:45 am - Bible Talk (Bible-based discussion group)

CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Hospitality Hour: Our Hospitality Hour will be cancelled for the next few weeks as a precaution due to the Coronavirus situation.

Food Pantry: Collections are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of every month. The Food Pantry will remain open as long as possible during the epidemic. 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. Items can be left in the glass vestibule. Anyone needing assistance can come to the Pantry once a month. They are located at 100 Ridge Street, N. Tonawanda and are open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. St. John donated 27 bags of food and \$15.00 during February. Thank you for your support.

God's blessings of comfort to Pastor Mike, Sara, and the Borgstede family, on the death of Sara's mother, Jeanette Rorabaugh, on March 14 in Decatur, IL.

- **Vacation Bible School 2020** – Plans are underway for VBS this Summer. **July 13- 17, 2020** is the date set for VBS which will meet from **9:00 am to Noon**. The theme: *“Rocky Railway – Jesus’ Power Pulls Us Through.”* We have a new director – Rebekah Borgstede, please contact Rebekah (bekahborgs@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.



FUNDRAISERS

- **Scrip Cards** are available for sale after our Sunday services. Cards can be ordered (see the list of all participating businesses in the rack to the left of the table in the narthex; some cards are also available in the office). Order deadline is the 15th of each month.
- **Gotsneakers.com:** A container is located in the narthex by the flock boxes. Thank you for continuing to support this project.
- **Remember our on-going School fundraisers:** [TopsMarkets.com/Education](https://www.topsmarkets.com/education): register your Tops BonusPlus card and select St. John Lutheran School. [Amazon Smile](https://www.amazon.com): Amazon will donate a portion of the price of your purchases to St. John Lutheran by using the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0844810>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Holy Ghost Lutheran School** Lenten Fish Fries are cancelled until further notice.
- **St. Andrews Lutheran Church, Sanborn,** has cancelled its Chiavetta’s Chicken Bar-B-Que for this Saturday, March 21.



I urge **PRAYERS** be made for **ALL PEOPLE**
1 Timothy 2:1

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

- The Borgstede family on the death of Sara's mother, Jeanette Rorabaugh on March 14
- JoAnn Durick – Undergoing tests
- Doris Wollaber – Home after rehabilitation
- Pat Barber – Broken elbow, shoulder, compressed fracture in back
- Frank Wendt – Health issues
- Janet Herman – Testing at Roswell
- Rosemary Siegmann – For ongoing healing at home
- Anita Garito – Health issues
- Don Proefrock – Health issues
- Marty Darlak – At home
- The family of Paul Ritzenthaler, who passed away March 20
 - Hannah Carney (Granddaughter of Jan & Herb Meissner and niece of Katie Gundell) – health issues
 - Claudette Lemieux (Daughter of Marty Darlak) – Health issues and further testing
 - Chris O'Lay (Friend of Estella Bullwinkle) – Recovering at home
 - Camille – Cancer diagnosis
 - Della Williams (Aunt of Jackie Johnston) – Health concerns
 - Gail Gadowski – General health
 - Jim Garito, Paul Ritzenthaler
 - Prayers for the lost, that they may hear the Word

Long Term Prayers

Fred Scherrer, Richard Siegmann, Bill Andrees, Jan Meissner, Allene Horack, Jay Siegman, Menerva Calvaneso, Pat Barber, Wayne Herman, Elsbeth Kaus, Doris Wollaber, Vilma Green, Estella and Taylor Bullwinkle, Paul Greinert, Ken Musall, Owen Arizmendi, Kim Snell, Jennifer Korte, Genevieve Jakubek, Mary June Bartlett, John Kotak, Clarice Poerschke, Amy Poland, Olive Bester, Carl Myers

In the U.S. Military

Rick Skorik, David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall