



St. John News

August 9, 2020

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

*Take courage!
It is I.
Do not be afraid.*

Matthew 14:27



**But when he saw the wind, he was afraid,
and beginning to sink he cried out,
“Lord, save me.”** **Matthew 14:30**

The world really is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, and our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart.

Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. In these uncertain times we often want to cut back and hide away our resources. But now more than ever, the mission work of the Church – proclaiming Christ in word and deed – is desperately needed. Put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all will be well.



Wednesday, August 12
after the 7 p.m. worship service.

The agenda will be the 2020-2021 Budget.
A summary of the budget was emailed
and copies can be picked up at church.

Stay Connected

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Email Newsletter: Sent weekly

Offerings/Donations:

Mailed, Give Online or Onsite

Streaming Worship: available at

facebook.com/stjohnnt/live

Recording at stjohnnt.com/worship

Facebook: facebook.com/stjohnnt

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

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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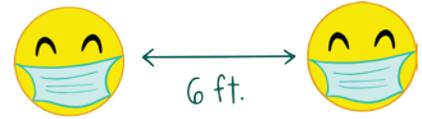
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

August 9 – August 15, 2020

Online & Onsite worship – Sundays and Wednesdays



THANK
YOU

FOR PRACTICING SOCIAL
DISTANCING!

St. John Onsite Worship Guidelines

- We welcome **up to 80 people** for each worship service. Join us Wednesdays at 7:00 pm or Sundays at 9:00 am.
- **We follow the CDC guidelines** for safe practices:
 - If you are **sick** or believe you are sick, **PLEASE STAY HOME**.
 - **Health concerns**, we support your choice to stay at home.
 - **Wear a mask** where social distancing cannot be maintained.
 - **Wash your hands** and use hand sanitizer.
 - Maintain **social distancing** and refrain from close contact.
- If space is filling up, **please consider attending the next worship opportunity**.
- **Seating** has been marked to maintain social distancing. **Ushers will help you be seated.**
- **Families** that reside at the same address are asked to **sit together**; otherwise please maintain adequate social distancing.
- **Easy to print** worship and news materials **available online**. Use at home or bring onsite. **No print copies will be available**. Everything needed will be on the screen.
- **Offerings** can be brought *onsite*, *mailed in* or *give online* at stjohnnt.com/give-online.
- **We will celebrate the Lord's Supper** with modifications. Communion will be offered at every worship service.
- We will **CONTINUE** to offer **live streaming worship** on facebook.com/stjohnnt/live. Recordings at stjohnnt.com/worship.

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received: Thank you for your contribution!

June 14/21: \$6,917, **June 28/July 5:** \$7,562, **July 12:** \$7,460, **July 26:** \$1,425

*These reflect only the amount collected for each week and not the budget goals or variety of frequency of giving.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

We now offer a way for you to **give online**. It is simple, convenient and safe. You can make a one time gift or set up an ongoing contribution to St. John. Go to stjohnnt.com and click on "**Give Online**," follow the directions to set up your account TODAY. Not only can you donate to St. John you can pay *school tuition*, give to the *Building Fund* or give to the *Financial Aid Donation* which helps families with tuition cost at St. John School. Setting up an account also allows you to track your giving history and change/update your information anytime. **Give+** can also be used as an app on Apple iPhones or Google Android phones. **Please note:** Only contributions to church ministries or donations to fund are tax deductible. Paying for tuition, school items, or other items/activities (like VBS supplies) are NOT tax deductible.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

Playground Updates: The pea gravel is no longer available. Thanks to everyone who helped with fixing up the playground area.



Church Readers: We are in need of a few more readers for our Sunday service. Please let the office know if you are willing and interested in helping out.

Counting Teams: The teams resume their duties starting today. Please check your schedules for your assigned dates.

Onsite/Online Worship: We have learned a lot about doing worship online in these past few months and we know we have a lot more to learn. *This is for sure – we will continue to offer online worship and will strive to make it better.* We have already seen how online worship has expanded our ministry at St John. But we have also learned that it will take **more people** to maintain online and onsite worship. Do you or someone you know have an **interest in helping** with our onsite/online worship in the areas of:

- **producing the slides** for leading worship,
- running the **sound and video** equipment each week,
- and finding new ways to **engage with people online** through our streaming worship
- We also need **singers** and **readers** to enhance our recorded videos.

Please contact Pastor Mike at pastormike@stjohnnt.com.

Food Pantry: Collections are scheduled for the 3rd Sunday of every month. Monetary donations are also appreciated. *Anyone needing food 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. **If possible, we ask that donated items be brought directly to the Food Pantry during this pandemic.** They are located at the far right end past the Sports Plex complex. A garage is in the back to accept donations.

FUNDRAISERS

- **Script 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. **Contact the Office and leave a message if you are interested in purchasing a script card. We will get back to you as soon as we can.**
- **Gotsneakers.com: PLEASE NOTE THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.** Please save your donations and bring them when the large gathering ban is lifted. 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>

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please **email** St. John with any additions or updates to our Prayer List. Since this information is being distributed electronically due to the pandemic, the email will serve as your permission to publish the information you give us. Our email address is churchoffice@stjohnnt.com.
- Private prayers – pastormike@stjohnnt.com
- We ask that you update our **Military List** with members' names or names of relatives serving our country.

Short-Term Prayers

- Richard Siegmann – At North Gate for rehab
- Leonard Cheff – Recovering from surgery
- Estella Bullwinkle – Home after hospitalization
- Allene Horack – At home after rehab
- Dennis Kelly – Health issues
- JoAnn Durick – Ongoing health issues
- Pat Barber – Broken elbow, shoulder, compressed fracture in back
- Frank Wendt – Health issues
- Janet Herman – Treatment at Roswell
- Rosemary Siegmann – For ongoing healing at home
- Don Proefrock – Health issues
- Marty Darlak – At home
- Fred Scherrer – Ongoing health issues
- Shelley Erwin – Ongoing health issues
- Larry Siegmann – Health issues
- For Marshall
- Profé Maria (Spanish Teacher at St. John) - Dealing with ongoing health issues.
- Tom Guilford (Nephew of Winston Moeller) – Cancer treatments
- Carol (Sister of Mary Salefske) – Caring for husband with Alzheimers
- Claudette Lemieux (Daughter of Marty Darlak) – Ongoing health issues
- Chris O'Lay (Friend of Estella Bullwinkle) – Recovering at home
- Della Williams (Aunt of Jackie Johnston) – Health concerns
- Gail Gadomski – General health
- Jim Garito
- Prayers for the lost, that they may hear the Word
- For families who have been impacted by a diagnosis of COVID-19
- For all workers on the frontline of dealing with this pandemic

Long Term Prayers

Fred Scherrer, Richard Siegmann, Bill Andrees, Allene Horack, Clarice Poerschke, 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, Genevieve Jakubek, Amy Poland, Olive Bester

In the U.S. Military

Rick Skorik, David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall

