



# St. John News

May 2 - 8, 2021

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



**Confirmation Sunday**  
May 2, 2021  
9:00 am worship service



*Our Confirmands*

2021

- Emma Clancy*
- Kayla Dworzanski*
- Kylie Fontana*
- Kaitlin Johnston*
- Molly Reynolds*
- Addison Schultz*
- Natalie Wroblewski*



PSALM 47:2, NRSV

### Serving This Week

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elder for May:</b>	Jim Oliver	<b>A/V Tech:</b>	Paul Borgstede
<b>Acolyte:</b>		<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Addison Schultz
<b>Reader:</b>	Bruce Sutherland	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Roger Carr
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Cathy & Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir		
<b>Altar Guild for May:</b>	Lori & Rita Argo		

**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

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### Onsite & Online Worship Sundays at 9 am & Wednesdays at 7 pm



#### St. John Onsite Worship Guidelines - REMINDER

- Please **wear masks** when you cannot be socially distant. Use **hand sanitizer** and wash hands regularly.
- Please maintain **social distancing**.
- **Seating** is every other pew and the service is projected on the screen. A **printable** copy is available each week on our website – [www.stjohnnt.com](http://www.stjohnnt.com)
- If you are **sick** or feeling sick, **PLEASE stay home** and join us online or when you are feeling better.

#### While School's in Session

[www.stjohnnt.com/school](http://www.stjohnnt.com/school)

(In person instruction, Monday-Friday, 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, following county health guidelines)

- During school hours please **call ahead** before visiting the building.
- All people coming into the building will need to **sign in** and have their **temperature checked**.
- Please **do not** visit the building
  - If you think you are **sick** or have been **sick** in the last 24 hours.
  - If you have been **exposed to COVID-19** in the last 14 days.

**With your help we can keep our children safe.**

#### GIVING REPORT

**Weekly Contributions Received:** Thank you for your contribution!

**March 28-April 4:** \$13,076; **April 11-18:** \$7,493.00; **April 25:** \$2,484.

#### ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

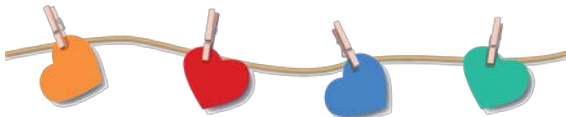
You can **give online**. It is simple, convenient and safe. Go to [stjohnnt.com](http://stjohnnt.com) and click “**Give Online**,” follow the directions to set up your account TODAY. You can also use **Give+** on Apple or Android phones.

#### CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS

##### Family Bible Hour – 10:15 AM Sundays (In person)

- *Children* – Foundations of Faith - Lunchroom
- *Adults* – Study weekly Scripture readings - Worship Area.
- *Young Adults* – Discussion on various topics of the Christian life.

**Remember our ongoing Organ Fund** to help with the maintenance and repair that is part of owning and using this instrument. There are some immediate repairs that need attention and funding. The Benevolent Fund of St. John will match every dollar contributed to the Organ Fund, up to \$10,000. Donations can be given to St. John; please indicate that it is for the Organ Fund in order to receive the matching funding. Thank you for contributing to this project. **UPDATE: We have raised \$8900 before matching funds!**




Our Church Family

**Congratulations and God's Blessings** to our Confirmands. May they continue to grow in His grace.

**Food Pantry:** Remember our continuing Food Pantry project. Monetary donations are also appreciated. **If possible, please bring donated items directly to the Food Pantry during this pandemic.** Thank you for your continued support.

**Cemetery Decorations, Flower Containers, etc.:** To facilitate the weekly cemetery lawn mowing, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that spring/summer potted plants and decorations be placed at the side of the headstones. The cemetery guidelines are available in the narthex. **Volunteers are needed to help maintain the cemetery from time to time.** If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office.

**FYI:** The church secretary is in the office on Thursdays and Fridays each week. For other times please leave a message or choose option 7 for Pastor Mike.

 <p><i>Principal's Note</i></p>	<b>From Principal Katie Gundell:</b>
<p>How can it be that we are in our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year? We are just so pleased that God has given us an opportunity to be in the building and sharing the Gospel to our students daily. We are pleased with the academic growth that we see in our students. The partnership between home and school has been a significant factor in the success of the school year. The staff continues to amaze me with all they do. We thank the church and school families for continued prayers and support.</p>	
<b><i>Did you know?</i></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our school families fed over 50,000 children with offerings given to the Orphan Grain Train in the last 10 weeks. Our new Chapel mission for the last quarter of the school year is L.A.M.P. (Lutheran Association for Missionary Pilots). There is more information on the bulletin board in the main hallway. If any church members would like to support this ministry of sharing the LIGHT of Jesus to remote places in northern Canada, please send your donation to the school office.</li><li>• The LCMS National Accreditation Site Visit Team will review our self study documentation, interview teachers, staff, and students, and complete an evaluation for accreditation this Wednesday-Friday. We look forward to hosting this group of dedicated church/school workers.</li><li>• We have a number of extra-curricular activities taking place at St. John: Yo-Yo Club, Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball clinic, and Volleyball.</li><li>• We celebrated the time and talents of many volunteers on a snowy morning this past week. Our first ever, drive through, Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!</li></ul>	
“Sent to Serve ... with Gladness!” Psalm 100:2	
God bless you all!!	

**Holy Ghost Lutheran School**, 6630 Luther Street, Bergholz, will have a Spring Outdoor Craft Bazaar (rain or shine) this Saturday, May 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Over 60 crafters and vendors will participate. Hot dog and hamburger lunch is available. COVID precautions will be enforced; masks are required.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

- **Scrip Cards** are available by order if handed into the office by the 15th of each month.
- **Our Gotsneakers project:** Please bring in any new or used sneakers or athletic cleats ONLY that you no longer want or need. A container is located in the narthex by the flock boxes.
- **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 St. John Lutheran by using the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/16-0844810>

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## 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](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com).
- Private prayers – [pastormike@stjohnnt.com](mailto:pastormike@stjohnnt.com)
- We ask that you update our **Military List** with members' names or names of relatives serving our country.

### Short-Term Prayers

- Paul Borgstede – Broken collarbone
- JoAnn Durick – Moved to assisted living facility
- Marion Schaffer – Elderwood at Tonawanda
- Marty Darlak – At home
- Wayne Herman – Health issues
- Estella Bullwinkle – Ongoing health issues
- Dennis Kelly – Health issues
- Janet Herman – Good report of healing
- Rosemary Siegmann – For ongoing healing at home
- Jim C. (friend of Frank & Kathy Wendt) – Major health issues
- Donald Licht, Jr. – Health issues
- Denielle (sister-in-law of John Rosebrock) – Diagnosed with cancer
- Jessica Gauda-Lane (daughter of Dennis Gauda and sister of Estella Bullwinkle) – Being treated for cancer
- Matthew Wallace (former St. John member) – Recovering from surgery for cancer
- Roxann (sister of Kathy Wendt) – Health issues
- Luc Garlau (nephew of Anita Garito) – Home after hospitalization
- Marshall
- Profé Maria - Dealing with ongoing health issues.
- Gail Gadomski – General health
- Jim Garito



- † For the upcoming Accreditation review of St. John Lutheran School
- † For the lost, that they may hear the Word of God.
- † For families who continue to be impacted by the pandemic; physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually.

### Long Term Prayers

Bill Andrees, Jay Siegman, Menerva Calvaneso, Pat Barber, Wayne Herman, Elsbeth Kaus, Doris Wollaber, Vilma Green, Estella and Taylor Bullwinkle, Paul Greinert, Ken Musall, Larry Siegmann, Owen Arizmendi, Kim Snell

**In the U.S. Military:** Rick Skorik, David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall