



St. John News

December 19, 2021

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

School founded 1846
Church founded 1853



Christmas Season Schedule

No Wednesday Worship the 22nd

Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24 – 6:00 pm
5:45 pm Hymn Sing

Christmas Day Worship

Saturday, December 25 – 10:00 am

Post-Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 26 – 9:00 am

New Year Worship

Wednesday, December 29 – 7:00 pm

Happy New Year ♥ Happy New Year ♥ Happy New Year

Voters' Meeting TODAY

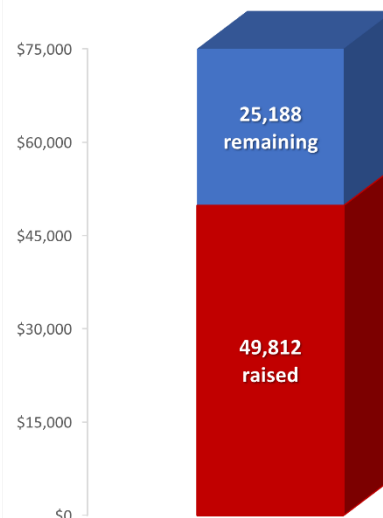
Sunday, December 19 - 10:15 am
Year End Review

Laying the Foundation

Year-end appeal to replace, expand & modernize our parking lot.
Please prayerfully consider a monetary gift to help us reach our
goal of \$75,000 by the end of the year.

Give online or by check to
St. John, attn. "Laying the Foundation"

LAYING THE FOUNDATION GOAL: \$75,000



Serving This Week

Liturgist/Preacher:	Reverend Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Diane Stoelting
Elders for December:	Paul Salefske, Bruce Sutherland		
Reader:	Bruce Sutherland	Next Sunday:	Roger Carr
Counting Team:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier, Bill Nelson		
Next Week:	Lori Argo, Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder		
Altar Guild for December:	Donna Carr, Annie Kelly, Mary Salefske, Bev Harder		

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

December 19-25, 2021

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received:

Thank you for your contribution!

October 31-November 14: \$13,449

November 21: \$2,876

November 28-December 12: \$13,784

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can **give online**. It is simple, convenient and safe. Go to 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.

2022 Offering Envelopes have arrived and are in the flock boxes. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.



December

Sunday the 19th; Wednesday the 29th

Saturday the 25th (Christmas Day)

Healthy Habits:

When we gather in person remember that each person has a variety of needs or conditions that may warrant caution and care.

- Use **hand sanitizer** and wash hands regularly.
- **Ask before** you shake hands.
- If you are **sick** or feeling sick, **please stay home**. You can join us online and in person when you are feeling better.
- **Masks** are recommended for those not fully vaccinated or with weakened immune system.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

SCHOOL: When school is in session we ask that you **call ahead** if you need to visit St. John, **practice good hygiene** to prevent the spread of illness (including *wearing a mask*) and if you’re **sick, please stay home**.



Masks recommended for indoor activities

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.

GENESIS Bible Study – Sunday morning at 10:15 am – We will restart January 2

We are studying the book of Genesis and its connection with the rest of Scripture. All are welcome.

Church Readers: Please pick up the January-June 2022 schedule in your flock boxes.

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. During November, eight bags of food were donated. Thank you for your continued support.

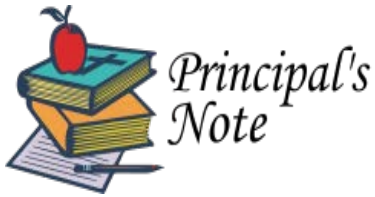


Nativity Scene: Please take a few minutes to view the nativity scene on the lawn at the front of the church. These pieces were crafted by Winston Moeller many years ago, and when he moved from his home, he donated them to the church. Several years ago, someone discovered them in the church’s garage and asked Winston if he would like to put them up in front of the church. Some repairs

were needed over the past few years and this past summer. Winston and two volunteers repainted all the pieces so that they could be set up during the Christmas season in the years to come. Thank you, Winston, for this reminder of the “reason for the season”, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to our St. John carolers who provided some Christmas joy to four of our shut-in members last Wednesday.





From Principal Katie Gundell:

Greetings! "In All Things... Christ Be Praised!"

The season of Advent, a time of preparation and waiting.
Preparing our hearts and minds for Jesus' second coming.
With joy, we can anticipate that day!

Did you know?

- Our basketball season begins in January. Our teams are preparing for that first game.
- St. John will host our first Open House on January 25, 6-7:30 PM. More information will be available to share with family and friends soon.

God bless you all!!

St. John Lutheran School

Nurturing children academically and spiritually toward a life of witness and service in Christ.



facebook.com/nfoutreach

Niagara Falls Outreach Ministry is a group of people from different ministries and churches. They bring change to the people of Niagara Falls in areas where there is gun violence. Bringing the message of forgiveness in the cross of Christ and build relationships with the people, praying with them and giving them hope, in the midst of hopeless circumstances. Social workers aid in finding permanent housing for the homeless, physicians, and access to a domestic violence shelter. They are asking for donations of non-perishable food. There is a barrel in the church lobby for donations.

Help Wanted: A St. John member is in need of a home health care aide to assist with light housekeeping, showering, laundry, etc. Please call 313-9026 for more information.

FT4Life is a **Lutherans for Life Team** that meets at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda. If you are interested in learning more about life issues and what FT4Life can do to support life from conception to natural death, join us! Register on **firsttrinity.com**, click on "Upcoming Events". Look for **FT4Life – What's New? We Need You in 2022!** (You may need to click on "More Events" as the list is in date order.)

FUNDRAISERS

- **Scrip Cards** are available by order if handed into the office by the 15th of each month.
- **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>



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

- Frank Cornell – Undergoing medical testing
- Shelly Erwin – Health issues
- Doreen Sutherland – Recovering from surgery
- Alaina Licht – Health issues
- Wayne Herman – Recovering from surgery
- Janet Herman – Ongoing medical issues
- Bill Nelson – Ongoing medical issues
- Marty Darlak – Ongoing medical issues
- Estella Bullwinkle – Ongoing health issues
- Dennis Kelly – Ongoing health issues
- Jelani Green (school parent) – Surgery and cancer treatment
- Diane Price (neighbor of June Sutherland) - Hospitalized
- Melissa Good – Health issues
- Chuck Zimmerman – Recovering from a stroke
- Cary Sutherland (brother of June Sutherland) – thanksgiving for a good recovery
- Joyce Lasch (sister-in-law of Herb Meissner and aunt of Katie Gundell) – Stage 3 cancer
- Cindy Jacobs – Battling cancer
- Art Keller, Sr. – Hospitalized
- Profé Maria - Ongoing health issues
- Sharon Sutherland (mother of June Sutherland) – Ongoing health issues
- Jessica Gauda-Lane (daughter of Dennis Gauda and sister of Estella Bullwinkle) – Being treated for cancer
- Gail Gadomski – General health



- ✝ For the lost or those who have strayed from the faith, that they may hear the Word of God.
- ✝ For St. John Lutheran School to continue to share the love of Jesus Christ to students and families.

Long Term Prayers

Dean Scirri, Rosemary Siegmann, Marion Schaffer, Bill Andrees, Jay Siegman, Menerva Calvaneso, Pat Barber, Wayne Herman, Elsbeth Kaus, Doris Wollaber, Estella and Taylor Bullwinkle, Paul Greinert, Ken Musall, Larry Siegmann, Owen Arizmendi, Kim Snell, Donald Licht, Jr., Jim Garito

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