



# St. John News

January 2, 2022

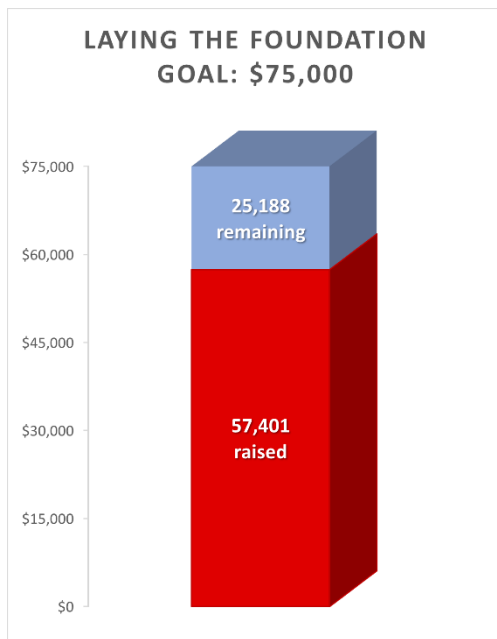
St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School  
North Tonawanda, New York

School founded 1846  
Church founded 1853

## 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"



As of December 30, 2021



**COMMUNION**  
SCHEDULE

**January**

Sundays the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays the 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

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**GENESIS Bible Study**

Sunday morning at 10:15 am

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

## Serving This Week

**Liturgist/Preacher:** Reverend Michael Borgstede

**Organist:** Doreen Sutherland

**Elders for January:**

**Reader for Sunday:** Paul Salefske

**Next Sunday:** Herb Meissner

**Counting Team:** Cathy & Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt

**Next Week:** Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir

**Altar Guild for January:** Sandy Dworzanski, Kathy Wendt

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

6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Worship:** Sundays at 9:00 AM

(716) 693-9677

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

(option 1-School, 2-Church, 6-Principal, 7-Pastor)

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

January 2 - 8, 2022

### 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](http://stjohnnt.com) and click “**Give Online**,” follow the directions to set up your account TODAY. You can also use the app on Apple or Android phones.

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



**Masks recommended for indoor activities**

#### 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**.

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.

**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.** In addition to food donations, personal care items such as shampoo, tooth brushes, toothpaste, razors are also needed. Thank you for your continued support.

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**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.

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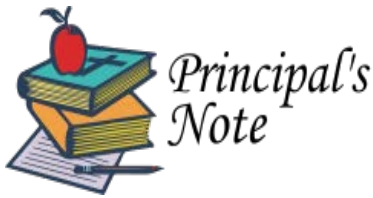
FT4Life is a **Lutherans for Life Team** that meets at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 1570 Niagara Falls Blvd., Tonawanda. If you are interested in learning more about life issues and what FT4Life can do to support life from conception to natural death, join us! Register on [firsttrinity.com](http://firsttrinity.com), 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.)

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#### “Blue Monday”???

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about “Blue Monday,” supposedly the year’s most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year’s resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as “the best day to book a summer holiday,” and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn’t have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn’t! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God’s promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, *“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”* (ESV).



## 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](https://www.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.

## 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>



**HAND OF GOD**—This symbolizes God the Father, as well as his ownership and care of all creation. During the Christian church's first 800 years, the hand was about the only symbol used for God. Many Bible verses speak of God's loving, protective hand (Psalm 138:7; Ecclesiastes 2:24; 1 Peter 5:6). In heaven, Jesus sits at God's right hand (Mark 16:19).



## A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

**Directions:** Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek re\_\_\_\_ or bear a grudge against anyone among your \_\_\_\_ple, but love your neig\_\_\_\_ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do right; seek jus\_\_\_\_. Defend the \_\_\_\_pressed. Take up the cause of the \_\_\_\_less; plead the \_\_\_\_e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown you, O mortal, what is go\_\_\_\_.

To act justly and to love me\_\_\_\_ and to walk \_\_\_\_ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

So in \_\_\_\_ything, do to ot \_\_\_\_ what you would \_\_\_\_ve them d \_\_\_\_ to you, for this s \_\_\_\_ms up the \_\_\_\_w and the Proph \_\_\_\_s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

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Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets

## 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

- 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
- Family of Bruce Sutherland (of Lewiston, Uncle of June Sutherland) – comfort at his death.
- 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

