



# St. John News

January 30 – February 5, 2022

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

School founded 1846  
Church founded 1853



## Laying the Foundation

*Thank you to all who have given to this campaign!  
We have raised over \$89,000!*

God has truly blessed St. John and we look forward to the improvements to our parking and sidewalks.



### February

Sundays the 6th & 20<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays the 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>



### 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.

### Sunday School for children

Meeting:  
January 30  
February 13



**January 24-30, 2022**

**Special Worship TODAY, January 30 at 9:00 am**

National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) is the opportunity to celebrate with 1,885 schools nationwide and to give thanks for the gift of Lutheran schools to students, families and communities.

### Serving This Week

**Liturgist/Preacher:** Reverend Michael Borgstede  
**Elders for January:** Paul Salefske, Bruce Sutherland  
**Reader for Sunday:** St. John Students  
**Counting Team:** Lori Argo, Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder  
**Next Week:** Cathy & Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt  
**Altar Guild for February:** Anita Garito, Mary Salefske

**Organist:** Doreen Sutherland

**Next Sunday:** Jim Oliver

**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

January 30-February 5, 2022

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

#### GIVING REPORT

##### Weekly Contributions Received:

Thank you for your contribution!

**November 28-December 12:** \$13,784

**December 19-January 6:** \$12,467.25

**January 9:** \$2455.00

**January 16-23:** \$5,059.27

#### 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.

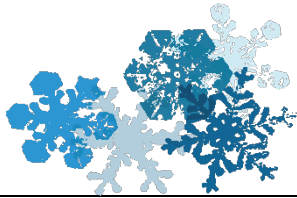
#### Healthy Habits:

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**.



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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.

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#### ◆ ◆ ◆ CHIAVETTAS’ CHICKEN BBQ

**When:** Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Where:** St John Lutheran, 6950 Ward Road North Tonawanda

**Cost:** \$13 - Includes ½ chicken, sides, roll and dessert

**Paper tickets are on sale after church every Sunday until the day of the event.**

Tickets can also be purchased at Eventbrite.com <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chiavetta-chicken-dinner-bbq-tickets-242285581697>



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**Life is Best - Saving Babies, Saving Souls, Equipping Christians** – “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.*” (Jeremiah 1:5) In Proverbs 31:8, God commands us to “*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.*” If you would like to learn how to speak up for the preborn AND how to bring the healing power of the Gospel to lives that have been devastated through abortion, join us for:

**Life is Best** course by Scott Klusendorf, Founder and President of the Life Training Institute.

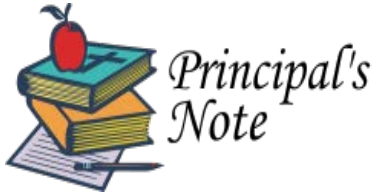
At First Trinity Lutheran Church (1570 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda),

Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:00, January 29 - March 12.

This class is intended for adults and high school students.

Please register at this link so we will have materials ready for you. <https://airtable.com/shrttxIGdwSyVo96f>

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**From Principal Katie Gundell:**

Greetings!

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

**Happy National Lutheran Schools' Sunday!**

Did you know?

- We have over 180 students who receive a quality education at St. John and are immersed in God's Word, grow in their faith, and shine with the love of Jesus every day.
- A penny war has been underway this week for the "Laying the Foundation" parking lot fund. The generosity of our school families has been outstanding!
- Our first Open House was well attended and new enrollments are coming in for the 2022-2023 school year. Our next two Open Houses are February 15 and March 15, 6-7:30 PM. Send your family and friends to check out St. John.

God bless you all!!

**St. John Lutheran School**

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



**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>

**If you have a Thrivent product** through Thrivent Financial, you can direct your Choice Dollars to St John Church or School up to March 15. Go to the Thrivent website and log in under My Account, then go to Thrivent Choice and click on Direct Choice Dollars. **You can also designate your Choice Dollars by calling 1 (800) Thrivent .**

**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.

## 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 – Recovering from surgery
- John Licht III
- Shelly Erwin – Health issues
- 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
- Olivia Black (St. John student)
- Jace Gebauer – Health issues
- Antwane Bishop
- 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