



# St. John News

July 24 – July 30, 2022

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

School founded 1846  
Church founded 1853

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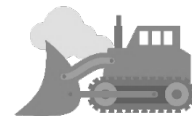
We are a Christian community called to worship and sent to serve,  
welcoming all to walk with Christ and grow in faith.

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The parking lot and sidewalk  
renovations are ongoing!

Please excuse our mess over the next  
couple weeks during construction.



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**Baptized today:** Matthew Dale Hoover, son of Ernest III and Diana Hoover, born April 26, 2022.  
Sponsors are Deborah Herman, Jeff & Karen Herman. May God keep Matthew in His baptismal  
grace.

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**God's Blessings of Comfort** to the family of Janet Herman, who passed away Friday, July 15.  
Funeral services were held at St. John last Tuesday.



## Serving This Week

**Liturgist/Preacher:** Reverend Michael Borgstede

**Organist:** Janet Galvano

**Elders for July:**

**Reader for Sunday:** Dennis Gauda

**Next Sunday:** Paul Salefske

**Counting Team:** Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder

**Next Week:** Cathy & Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt

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

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**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

July 24 – 30, 2022

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

#### GIVING REPORT

##### Weekly Contributions Received:

Thank you for your contribution!

**May 15:** \$3,340.00

**May 22:** \$2,745.00

**May 29-June 5:** \$6,489.25

**June 12:** \$8,193.00

#### 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.

**SCHOOL:** When school is in session we ask that you **call ahead** if you need to visit St. John.

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.



#### July

Sundays the 3rd & 17th

Wednesdays the 6th & 20th

#### August

Sundays the 7th & 21st

Wednesdays the 10th & 24th

#### Bible Study and Sunday School

Summer Break – resuming September 11, 2022

#### Fall Women's Bible Study

*Sip, Savor, & Drink Deeply* Bible study by Deb Burma

Led by Sara Borgstede

Sunday mornings

beginning September 11, at St. John



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**St. John Ladies** are planning a rummage sale on **Saturday, October 1.**

Start setting aside any clothes or household items you may no longer want.

Help us make our annual sale a success!

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**Food Pantry:** Remember our continuing Food Pantry project. Monetary donations are also appreciated. In addition to food donations, personal care items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors are also needed. Thank you for your continued support.

#### 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>



## Principal's Note

### From Principal Katie Gundell:

Greetings! "In All Things ... Christ Be Praised!"  
 Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."



As we enter summer and think back to the past school year, God was working ... through the celebrations and the challenges. We give Him glory for being steadfast to His promises and His goodness.

### Did you know?

- The classrooms are empty, walls are being painted, floors are being waxed and preparations are underway for the 2022-2023 school year.
- St. John continues to seek a part-time Spanish teacher. Please feel free to share the post that is currently on our Facebook page. In addition, we have another full-time teaching position to fill. Mrs. Biddle has resigned as PreK3 teacher. We wish her God's blessings. Mrs. Orłowski, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, is considering moving to the PreK3 position. If that occurs, we will seek a new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. Continue to pray for God's guidance in these decisions. We know that His plans have already been determined, and we trust the wisdom He will provide in leading St. John as we fill the positions. We welcome a new teacher to staff. Mrs. Plyler, graduate of Concordia, NE, and our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.
- Our summer camp is full. We have about 20 students enrolled in our summer camp, led by Ms. Valerie Nicholas. It's a blessing to see young people still in the building and having fun.

Blessings,  
 Katie Gundell

### St. John Lutheran School

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

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### Are you a singer looking for a chorus?

The "open to all" Lutheran Chorale invites you to come to an

### Open House on Tuesday, August 16 from 7-8:30pm

at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Union & Maryvale, Cheektowaga.

- Meet our new director, Ms. Julia Cordani, and current Chorale members.
- Sing along on several pieces typical of the Chorale's repertoire.
- Learn more about the Chorale and the plans for our 36th year.
- Enjoy some light refreshments to end the evening.

We'll be expecting you!

See our website: [www.thelutheranchoraleoftheniagarafrontier.com](http://www.thelutheranchoraleoftheniagarafrontier.com) or call 716/741-4573 for more information.



**Eastern District**  
 The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

### Rev. John Pingel elected as our new District President

The Rev. John Pingel of West Seneca, NY was elected to his first term as president of the LCMS Eastern District at the district's 100th convention, held June 17-18 in Tonawanda, NY. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Chris Wicher on Sept. 1, 2022, who is retiring after serving four

terms as district president. Pingel was elected on the second ballot.

Since 2010, Pingel has served as the pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Buffalo, NY. Since 2015, he has served as the First Vice President/Buffalo Regional Vice President, and has served on the Eastern District Board of Directors. He is married to Diane (Giddens) for 30 years. They have two sons: Bryan, who is an engineer for Chrysler, currently living in Ann Arbor, MI; and Timothy, who works for a firm in Depew, NY.

Please join us in welcoming President-elect Pingel and thanking President Wicher for his many years of service in the district.

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please **email or call** St. John with any additions or updates to our Prayer List.  
Please ask permission to publish prayers that are not for yourself.  
Our email: [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com) or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2
- 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

- The family of Janet Herman, who passed away July 15
  - Karin Rogers – Recovering from surgery
  - Jean Siegmman – Recovering from a fall
  - Carol Catlin – Recovering from surgery
  - Barbara Manning – Health issues
  - Ruth Schultz – Wheatfield Commons
  - Lynn Kroening – Health issues
  - Dennis Martin – Broken leg
  - John Licht III
  - Wayne Herman – Ongoing medical issues
  - Bill Nelson – Ongoing medical issues
  - Estella Bullwinkle – Ongoing health issues
  - Dennis Kelly – Ongoing health issues
  - Gerald Proefrock (former St. John member and brother of Jean Hein) – Seriously injured in a car accident in North Carolina
  - Jeff McCoy – Health issues
  - Janet Mumm (mother of St. John teacher Heidi Sue McCormick) – Health issues
  - Matthew Wallace (former St. John member)
  - Chuck Zimmerman – Recovering from a stroke
  - Joyce Lasch (sister-in-law of Herb Meissner and aunt of Katie Gundell) – Stage 3 cancer
  - 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) – Cancer treatment
  - Gail Gadomski – General health
- ✝ For the lost or those who have strayed from the faith, that they may hear the Word of God.
- ✝ For all those impacted by shootings and acts of violence in our community, nation and world.



### Long Term Prayers

Alaina Licht, Marty Darlak, Jason Barry, Dean Scirri, Rosemary Siegmman, Bill Andrees, Menerva Calvaneso, Pat Barber, Wayne Herman, Elsbeth Kaus, Doris Wollaber, Estella and Taylor Bullwinkle, Paul Greinert, Ken Musall, Owen Arizmendi, Kim Snell, Donald Licht, Jr., Jim Garito

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