St. John News

January 1-7, 2023

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

School founded 1846
Church founded 1853

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

Sunday, January 1, 2023
- Worship – 10:00 AM
- NO Sunday School Classes

Monday, January 2
- NO School

Tuesday, January 3

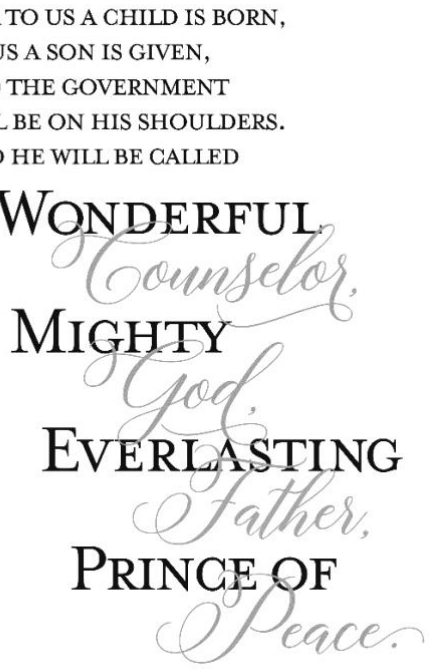
Wednesday, January 4
- Worship – 7:00 AM

Thursday, January 5

Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM



Church Readers: The reading schedule for the first six months of 2023 is in your flock box. Please pick it up as soon as possible.

Church offering envelopes are in the flock boxes. Please check your box, and thank you for your gifts.

Serving This Week

Liturgist/Preacher:	Reverend Michael Borgstede	**Organist:**	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for January:	Bruce Sutherland, Robert Borgstede		
Reader for Sunday:	Herb Meissner	**Next Sunday:**	Roger Carr
Counting Team:	Frank and Donna Cornell, Diane Milne		
Next Week:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier		
Altar Guild for January:	Donna Carr, Anita Garito		

Office Hours: 8:00AM - 3:00PM
Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM
Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN
December 18 - 24, 2022

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received:
Thank you for your contribution!

October 16-23: $7,526.00
October 30-November 6: $7,243.00
November 13-27: $8497.00
December 4: $5967.50

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 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.

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

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.

Jaunary 2023
Sundays - 1 & 15
Wednesdays - 4 & 18

Bible Study and Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 10:15am

NO classes December 25 and January 1.
Will resume January 8, 2023

Children – PreK-5th Grade
Digging Into the Heart of God brings a fresh approach to growing a lifelong relationship with God. As kids explore God's character throughout the Bible, God transforms them from the inside out.

Adult Bible Study
We will continue in our journey through Genesis as we follow Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph all the way to Egypt and how God was with them, even when they failed Him.
Led by Pastor Mike

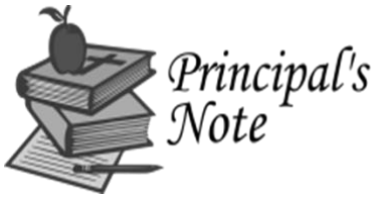
Coffee & Goodies being served!
Time to enjoy some treats and spend time with others after worship.

The sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex will no longer be used for our Hospitality program. Starting on January 8th we will now have four dedicated teams hosting hospitality duties. These teams will rotate approximately one Sunday each month. If anyone would like to participate in being on a Hospitality team, please contact Cheryl Oliver at 716-909-7938.

Inclement Weather – In the *rare event* that we would not be able to have in-person worship (Wednesday or Sunday) due to safety concerns, we will announce it:

- through an **email alert**, you need to be signed up through our website to receive regular news from St. John.
- and it will be announced through Channels 7 (WKBW) and 2 (WGRZ) closing lists.

- We will provide **online worship** whether we cancel in-person or not.
- **Please be safe** during these winter months and stay home if you don't feel safe traveling – you can join us online for worship!



From Principal Katie Gundell:

We are disciples … **Be One. Make One.**

Greetings!
"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel … God with us." Mathew 1:23. What a message! Our Savior, sent for you and me. May the joy of this season be a blessing.

Did you know?

- Our students performed our Christmas musical on Friday. It was so awesome to see our student body proclaim the message of Jesus in such a confident and joyful way.
- New floors in the entryway and main hall will be installed during the week of Christmas break.
- Our first open house and enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will be on January 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. Encourage friends and family to check out St. John.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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

Saturday, January 21, 2023

Euchre Tournament

at

St. John Lutheran Church and School

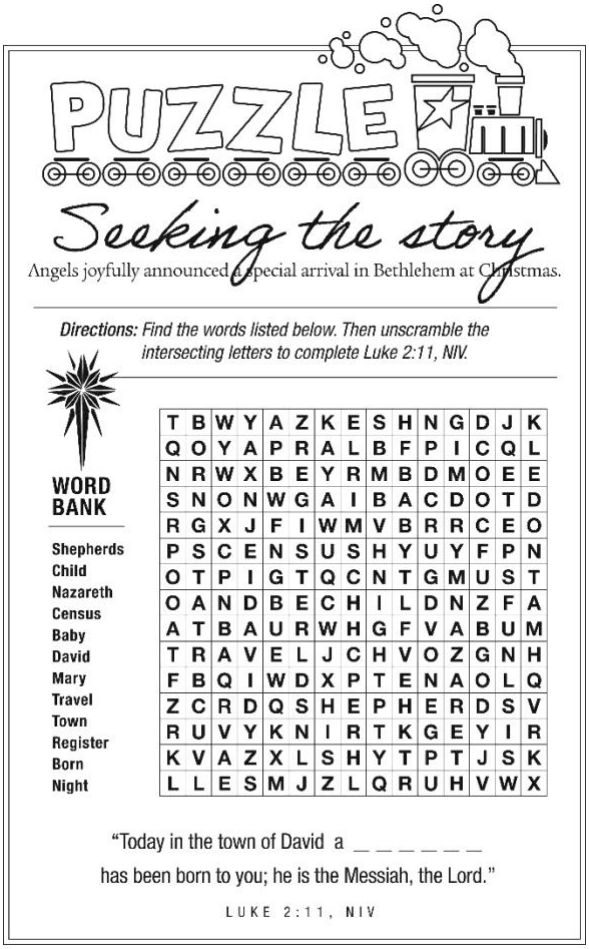
6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY
(Corner of Routes 62 and 429)

Registration and socialization start at 5:45 p.m.
Tournament Play begins at 6:15 p.m.

Cost: $10 per person and bring an appetizer or dessert to share.
Soda pop and water will be provided.

Proceeds of the Euchre Tournament go to the cost of paint and supplies for the narthex, halls, classroom, etc.

Sign up sheet in Narthex at St. John or
R.S.V.P. by text or call to Peggy: 716-417-5748
by January 14.
Include the names of all attending.



Answer: Savior

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 or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2
- 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

- Doug Meyer – Recovering from surgery
- Jennifer Reynolds – Recovering from surgery
- Karin Rogers – Upcoming surgery
- Barbara Manning – Health issues
- Ruth Schultz – Wheatfield Commons
- John Licht III
- Wayne Herman – Ongoing medical issues
- Bill Nelson – Ongoing medical issues
- Estella Bullwinkle – Ongoing health issues
- Dennis Kelly – Ongoing health issues
- Sharon Sutherland (mother of June Sutherland) – Recovering from Covid
- Ed Lilly (friend of Barb & Jeff Manning) - Hospitalized
- Roxann (sister of Kathy Wendt) – Healing after surgery
- Mark Parker – Facing cancer surgery and treatment
- Joann Meyer – Health issues
- Kim Sova (sister-in-law of Cathy Schultz) – Recovering from surgery
- April Smith – Diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer
- Sue Shultz – Upcoming surgery
- Jeff McCoy – Health issues
- Janet Mumm (mother of St. John teacher Heidi Sue McCormick) – Health issues
- Matthew Wallace (former St. John member)
- Joyce Lasch (sister-in-law of Herb Meissner and aunt of Katie Gundell) – Stage 3 cancer
- Profé Maria - 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 St. John as we re-commit ourselves to the ministry God has given to us – encourage all to be actively participating and involved in meaningful ways to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Long Term Prayers

Alaina Licht, Marty Darlak, Jason Barry, Dean Scirri, Rosemary Siegmann, 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, Marilyn Licht

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