



St. John News

February 19 - 25, 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.

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



Sunday, February 19

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

Monday, February 20

Tuesday, February 21

Wednesday, February 22

- Ash Worship – 7:00 PM

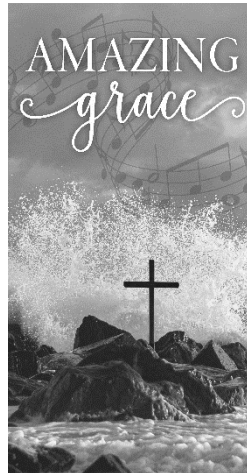
Thursday, February 23

Friday, February 24

Saturday, February 25

Sunday, February 26

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM



In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of “Amazing Grace,” this worship series for Lent by theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ’s disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God’s mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior’s death and resurrection.

Ash Wednesday • David (Psalm 51:1) – Wednesday, Feb. 22

Week 1 • Isaiah of Babylon (Isaiah 6:7) -

Week 2 • The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:32)

Week 3 • The Blind Man (John 9:24)

Week 4 • The Woman at the Well (John 4:13-14)

Week 5 • Paul (1 Timothy 1:15)



Lent
Devotions

Amazing Grace Devotions for Lent is a free booklet with daily devotions for use each day during Lent this year. Pick up a copy at St. John. St. John School families will receive a copy of *God's Grace is Great* Lenten devotions for children and families. A few copies of this devotional booklet will be available at St. John as well.

Serving This Week

Liturgist/Preacher: Reverend Keith Knupp
Elders for February: Dennis Gauda, John Rosebrock
Reader for Sunday: Herb Meissner
Counting Team: Cathy & Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt
Next Week: Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz
Altar Guild for February: Jeanne Borgstede, Donna Cornell

Organist: Doreen Sutherland

Next Sunday: Roger Carr

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

February 19 - 25, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received:

Thank you for your contribution!

December 4: \$5,967.50

December 11: \$2,463.00

December 18-January 15: \$15,488.00

January 22-February 5: \$11,674.00

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. **There is an urgent need for ketchup, mustard, and maple syrup.** Thank you for your continued support.



February 2023

Sundays - 5 & 19

Wednesdays - 8 & 22

LENT begins Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

Bible Study and Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 10:15am



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

Genesis: We will continue in our journey through Genesis through February 12 and then pick it up again after Easter in April. Led by Pastor Mike

Foundations of Faith: Beginning **March 5th** we will study the basics of our Christian faith. For 5 weeks we will explore topics like, who is God, are there rules to life, how does God speak to us and what is so special about being a Christian. Everyone is invited! Led by Pastor Mike



Coffee & Goodies being served!

Time to enjoy some treats and spend time with others after worship.

We now have teams hosting hospitality time. These teams will rotate 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 try (depending on travel conditions) to provide **online worship** if in person worship is canceled.
- **Please be safe** during these winter months and stay home if you don't feel safe traveling.



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell:

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

Greetings! 1 John 4:19, "We love because He first loved us." Let us fill our days with the love of Jesus.



Did you know?

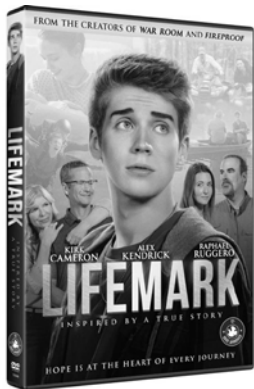
- We are hosting one more Open House for the 2023-2024 school year on March 14th from 6-7:30 p.m. Encourage friends and family to check out the quality Christian education that we offer here. Our February 7th open house featured our classrooms STREAM projects (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, Math).
- Our basketball season is underway. Come, cheer for our teams. Our next home game is February 24th!
- Our 7th/8th grade students are looking for businesses or elected officials to sponsor their trip to Washington, DC. The business will be advertised on t-shirts that our students will wear while visiting our nation's capital. If you know of a business that would be interested, please contact erica_redmond@stjohnnt.com.
- Our Little Lambs, preschool-1st grade, choir will sing during our church service on February 26. Mrs. McCormick, Kindergarten teacher, will share the children's message.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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

Prayer List: Please let the office know if you have any changes/updates for the Prayer List.



LIFEMARK movie and discussion

Sundays, February 19 & 26 at 10:15 AM

From actor Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick brothers comes a new inspirational movie called LIFEMARK. The film tells the true story of a young man named David, who was adopted as an infant and later meets his birth parents when he is 18 years old.

The film engages the subject of adoption from the perspectives of the adopted child, the adoptive parents and the biological parents — all of whom are faced with potential challenges and joys through the adoption process.

LIFEMARK is rated PG-13 due to thematic elements but there's nothing graphic or objectionable; it just has heavier themes that may not be suited for a younger audience.

Come and watch part of the movie each week and discuss the major themes depicted.

Led by Bruce Sutherland.

Holy Week 2023

- Palm Sunday – April 2, 9:00 AM
- Maundy Thursday – April 6, 7:00 PM
- Good Friday – April 7, 7:00 PM
- Easter Sunday – April 9, 9:00 AM

Confirmation 2023

- Essay Presentations – Friday, May 5 at 7:00 PM
- Rite of Confirmation – Sunday, May 7 at 9:00 AM

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

- Shelly Erwin – Ongoing medical issues
 - Donna Carr – Recovering from surgery
 - Betty Brown – Prayers for healing
 - Karin Rogers – Ongoing medical procedures
 - John Licht III
 - Wayne Herman – Ongoing medical issues
 - Bill Nelson – Ongoing medical issues
 - Estella Bullwinkle – Ongoing health issues
 - Dennis Kelly – Ongoing health issues
 - Joe Clark (friend of Barb & Jeff Manning) – Serious health issues
 - 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
 - Sharon Sutherland (mother of June Sutherland) – recovering from Covid
 - 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

Ruth Schultz, Barb Manning, Doreen Damba, 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

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