



St. John News

July 30 – August 31, 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.

UPCOMING *Events*

Sunday SCHOOL

Sunday, July 30

- “Sip & Swing” Fellowship Event – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, August 1

- Board of Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 6

- Town of Wheatfield Picnic

Monday, August 7

- Board of Christian Education Meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 8

- Church Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Sunday, August 20

- “Sip & Swing” Fellowship Event – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, August 22-Thursday, August 24

- Teacher/Staff Meetings – 8:00-2:00 PM

Sunday, August 27

- St. John Ladies Luncheon – 11:00 AM

Tuesday, August 29

- Meet the Teacher Night – 6:00 PM

Thursday, August 31

- Student Orientation – 6:00 PM

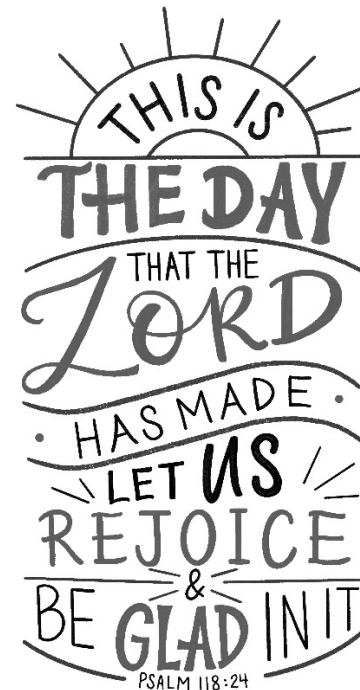
Sunday, September 10

- Sunday School begins – 10:15 AM

Sunday, September 24

- Christian Education Sunday Worship – 9:00 AM
- St. John Church & School Picnic – after worship

Begins Sunday, September 10



Sip & Swing

Join us **July 30th & August 20th** at **10:15AM**

Fun and fellowship intended for both parents and children.

Enjoy coffee/tea and/or juice (sip) as we gather at the playground (swing), beginning with a brief devotional and then time together for play and conversation.

Questions contact Lynn Willis - lynnie081814@gmail.com



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

July 30 – August 31, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received:

Thank you for your contribution!

May 28: \$1,872.00

June 4-11: \$5,580.26

June 18-25: \$8,411.00

July 9: \$3,315.00

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.

Please note: During the **Summer, the church & school secretaries** are only in office limited hours. Please call ahead or leave a message.

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.

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.



August

Sundays – 6 & 20
Wednesdays – 9 & 23

September

Sundays – 3 & 17
Wednesdays – 6 & 20

Bible Study and Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 10:15am



**Now off for the Summer
Will resume in September**

Road Construction



The Department of Transportation (DOT) **road construction at Ward Rd and Niagara Falls Blvd** has moved into "high-gear" so expect some slow-downs, delays and even difficulty getting into our parking. *Please plan ahead, take your time and be aware changes may happen on a daily basis.*

We know this will be inconvenient but are hoping the final project will create a safer intersection on Ward Rd and Niagara Falls Blvd, which is proposed to be completed December 2023.

Serving in August

	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Worship Leader	Pastor Keith Knapp	Pastor Keith Knapp	Pastor Keith Knapp	Pastor Mike Borgstede
Organist	Doreen Sutherland			
Elders	Dennis Gauda, John Rosebrock			
Altar Care	Sharon Muir, Linda Sonnen			
Readers	Bruce Sutherland	Paul Salefske	Herb Meissner	Roger Carr
Counting Teams	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz	Cathy & Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir, Donna House



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell:

Greetings! I hope and pray that you are all enjoying summer! We are already gearing up for the new school year. We are so pleased to begin our 178th school year and be the hands and feet of the Church as we proclaim the Gospel daily to the students at St. John Lutheran School.

Did you know?

- Our summer camp meets Monday – Friday. Our director, Valerie Nicholas, and the staff are offering a wonderful program for the children enrolled.
- Floors are getting waxed and ready for August/September.
- We are in the process of reviewing resumes and conducting interviews for the preschool position. We pray for God's guidance in providing a nurturing and talented teacher for that position.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



He is the Vine
WE ARE THE BRANCHES
JOHN 15



St. John Lutheran
2023-2024

St. John Lutheran School

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

All ladies who are members of St. John are invited to lunch on **Sunday, August 27 at 11:00 a.m.** at the New York Beer Project, 6933 Transit Road, Lockport. A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex.

To facilitate the weekly cemetery lawn mowing, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that spring/summer potted plants and decorations be placed **at the side of the headstones**. The cemetery guidelines are available at the church office. Volunteers are needed to help maintain the cemetery from time to time. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the church office.

Pioneer on the Lake has begun a "Raise the Roof" campaign to replace the deteriorating roofs on all their buildings. If you would like to help, you can donate online (www.pioneeronthelake.org), by mail at 9324 Lake Shore Road, Angola, NY 14006, or call the office at 283-6157.

The Bereavement Department at Niagara Hospice provides grief support groups in Lewiston, Sanborn, and North Tonawanda. Please see the posting on the bulletin board for locations and times.

National News of the LCMS: The 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be held from **July 29 to Aug. 3, 2023**, at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee. The Synod will gather under the convention theme, "**We Preach Christ Crucified**," based on 1 Cor. 1:18–25. In a world of uncertainty, the church's proclamation, mission, and identity remain the same. We preach Christ crucified. www.lcms.org/convention/national



Church & School Families Sunday, September 24, 2023

Volunteers needed!
Sign up at St. John

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please **email** or **call** St. John with prayer requests or updates:
churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2
- Please **ask permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.
- **Private prayers** – pastormike@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677 option 7

Short-Term Prayers

- Annie Kelly – Ongoing cancer treatment
 - Doug Ellman – Ongoing cancer treatments
 - John Rosebrock – Recovering from surgery
 - Shelly Erwin – Ongoing medical issues
 - Betty Brown – Prayers for healing
 - Karin Rogers – Ongoing medical procedures
 - Wayne Herman – Ongoing medical issues
 - Bill Nelson – Ongoing medical issues
 - Estella Bullwinkle – Ongoing health issues
 - Karen Herman (wife of Jeff Herman) – Ongoing medical issues
 - Pastor Richard Blemaster (emeritus) – Recovering from car accident.
 - Matthew Kroening (St. Peter's) – Recovering from car accident.
 - Larry Damba (father of Terrie Licht) – Medical issues
 - Jaycee Schmitz (infant relative of Doug & Peggy Meyer) – Serious heart issues.
 - Sharon Sutherland (mother of June Sutherland) – Health concerns
 - Roxann (sister of Kathy Wendt) – Healing after surgery
 - Mark Parker – Facing cancer surgery and treatment
 - Joann Meyer – Health issues
 - April Smith – Receiving treatment for cancer
 - Janet Mumm (mother of St. John teacher Heidi Sue McCormick) – Health issues
 - Profé Maria - Ongoing health issues
 - Jessica Gauda-Lane (daughter of Dennis Gauda and sister of Estella Bullwinkle) – Cancer treatment
 - Gail Gadowski – General health
- ✠ For those affected by the Canadian fires.
✠ For the lost or those who have strayed from the faith, that they may hear the Word of God.
✠ For St. John Church and School ministry to grow and thrive.



Long Term Prayers

Frank Cornell, Ruth Schultz, Barb Manning, Doreen Damba, Marty Darlak, Kim Sova, 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, Matthew Wallace, Doug Ellman

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