



St. John News

September 3, 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

Tuesday, September 5

- School begins
- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 6

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 10

- Worship -9:00 AM
- Sunday School begins – 10:15 AM

Tuesday, September 12

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Sunday, September 24

- Christian Education Sunday Worship – 10:00 AM
- St. John Church & School Picnic – after worship

Saturday, September 30

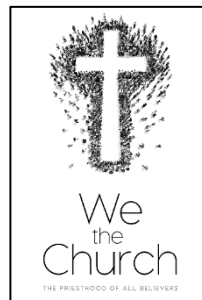
- Sip and Swing – 10:15 AM

Sunday SCHOOL

Begins NEXT WEEK Sunday, September 10



Children PreK-Grade 5 meet in the Cafeteria.



We The Church: The Priesthood of All Believers charts the 19th-century origins and growth of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Noting the principal characters and salient events shaping the LCMS, this Bible study highlights the church’s Christ-centered mission while conveying its vast potential for future outreach.

Sundays, September 10 & 17 at 10:15 am
Led by Pastor Mike in the Worship Center
Grades 6-Adult

Serving This Week

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for September:	Jim Oliver, Roger Carr		
Reader for Sunday:	Ben Willis	Next Sunday:	Dennis Gauda
Counting Team:	Frank & Donna Cornell, Diane Milne		
Next Week:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Weir, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier		
Altar Guild for Sept:	Donna Cornell and Mary Salefske		

Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

September 3, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received:

Thank you for your contribution!

June 18-25: \$8,411.00

July 2-Aug 16: \$20,988.25

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.

Church office hours: In general, Lacey Bahr will be in the church office Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:00 am-2:30 pm.

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 personal care items: shampoo, tooth brushes/paste, razors, feminine care, deodorant, and toilet paper.** Our donations for the month of July totaled 10 bags. Thank you for your continued support.



September

Sundays – 3 & 17

Wednesdays – 6 & 20

Bible Study and Sunday School

Sunday mornings at 10:15 am



Beginning September 10th

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.



Church & School Families

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Worship at 10:00 am

Picnic following worship

Sign up at Information Center



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell:

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,

We are eager to begin a new school year this week. God has provided a wonderful staff, a team I am pleased to work with each day. As we begin a new year, this Bible verse comes to mind, "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth, for you are the God of my salvation." Psalm 25:4-5. God's presence is always with us through His Word and His Son, Jesus Christ. He guides. He teaches. He loves us.



Did you know?

- We met with the families of our school this week and welcomed students. Supplies were dropped off, and teachers shared information about the new school year. Our hallways and classrooms will be busy again in just a couple of days.
- We are still seeking a part-time Spanish teacher. If you have a connection with someone who would like to learn more about the position. Please encourage them to reach out to me.
- Thank you to our paint crew and trustees for your time this summer. Our building is ready!

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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

Fall Bible Study Opportunities – We will offer several Bible studies this fall at 10:15 am, broken out into 2 sessions:

Session 1:
October 1-22

Session 2:
October 29-November 19

The SHAPE of Your Life You are a masterpiece of God's creative work (Ephesians 2). But discovering how God has "wired us" is an age-old question. We will explore **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart's desire, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality and **E**xperiences or SHAPE to help you find ways God has made you unique and how you can serve Him in the church and world.

- Offered in Session 1 and Session 2
- Led by Pastor Mike in the Worship Center

Two other video-based Bible Studies will be offered as well, gathering in the Meeting Room – **How We Got the Bible** (Session 1) and **The Journey from Unbelief to Faith** (Session 2).

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.

Sip & Swing

Join us on **Saturdays September 30 and October 21 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 - lynn081814@gmail.com



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

- Wayne Herman – Hospitalized
 - Mary Schlegl – Recovering from surgery
 - The Weir and Willis families – the passing of their grandmother, Mary Syrwus, on August 28
 - June Sutherland – Illness
 - 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
 - Bill Nelson – Ongoing medical issues
 - Estella Bullwinkle – Ongoing health issues
 - Marlena and Deanna (family of June Sutherland) – Illness
 - Richard &Carolynn Sharpe – Ongoing health issues
 - Karen Herman (wife of Jeff Herman) – Ongoing medical issues
 - Pastor Richard Blemaster (emeritus) – Recovering from car accident
 - Larry Damba (father of Terrie Licht) – Medical 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
 - Profé Maria – Ongoing health issues
 - Jessica Gauda – Lane (daughter of Dennis Gauda and sister of Estella Bullwinkle) – Cancer treatment
 - Gail Gadomski – General health
- ✝ For those affected by the Canadian fires.
✝ For those affected by the Maui fire.
✝ 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, 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, Jaycee Schmitz

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