



St. John News

September 17, 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, September 17

- Worship with Baptism and Communion – 9:00 AM
- Voters' Meeting – 10:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 20

- Worship with Communion – 7:00 PM

Sunday, September 24

- Christian Education Sunday Worship – 10:00 AM
- St. John Church & School Picnic – after worship
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 23

- Worship – 7:00 PM

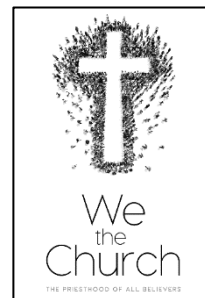
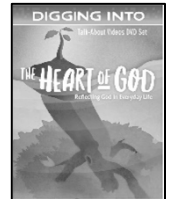
Saturday, September 30

- Sip and Swing – 9:00 AM

Sunday SCHOOL

TODAY
Explore God's Word!

Children PreK-Grade 5 meet in the Cafeteria and dig into God's Word as we explore "The Heart of God". This week we learn that Jesus does hard things...so we learn to do hard things.



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:	Paul Salefske, Roger Carr	Next Sunday:	Paul Salefske
Reader for Sunday:	Frank Wendt		
Counting Team:	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		
Next Week:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt		
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 17, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received:

Thank you for your contribution!

Aug 13-27: \$10,454.00

September 3: \$4,037.00

September 10: 4,082.88

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 is now in session! We ask that you please **call ahead** if you need to visit St. John.

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

FUNDRAISERS

- **Fall Fundraiser** Shop for Christmas, birthdays, or your own home; home goods as well as cookie dough! Find a student of the school today or next week to place your order.
- **Ongoing Fundraisers continue** Connect your Tops card to our school and purchase Scrip cards by the 15th.

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 August totaled 2 Boxes of food. Thank you for your continued support.



September

Sundays – 3 & 17

Wednesdays – 6 & 20



Church & School Families
Sunday, September 24, 2023
Worship at 10:00 am
Picnic following worship
Sign up at Information Center

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.*

Rummage Sale: Saturday, October 14 from 9 am to 2 pm

- **Drop off items** for the sale **Wednesday, October 11 and Thursday, October 12, 5-7 pm ONLY.** Please use the back kitchen door.
- **Set-up for the sale on Friday, October 13 at 3:30 pm.** Sign up to help at the Information Center.
- **Help wanted:** Help with packing up and cleaning following the rummage sale. Thank you!
Contact Bev Harder at 716-930-6248 for additional information.

Sip & Swing

Join us on **Saturdays September 30 and October 21 at 9:00AM**

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





Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell:

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,
We are underway this school year! The structure and routines of each classroom have been shared.

We have a wonderful team of dedicated workers to serve the ministry of St. John. Our theme, "Connected in Christ" is based on John 15:5-11. God, our Father, is the vinedresser, Jesus is the vine. Jesus abides in our hearts and minds through His Word and Sacraments. With Jesus, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we will confidently know Jesus as our Savior and share that good news with others.



Did you know?

- Every quarter of the school year, we designate our Chapel offerings to one **mission**. The mission will be displayed on a bulletin board in the hallway. For the first quarter, we are supporting "**Every Child.**" Their goal is to help families in the community who are unable to manage all that is necessary to provide for a child, foster care/adoption. This organization supports the family and shares the loving, merciful message of Jesus. Please let us know if you would like to support this mission as well.
- Both church and school families will gather together soon. On **Sunday, September 24th**, Christian Education Sunday, our school students will sing during the service (10 AM). Following the worship service we will be having a picnic for everyone!
- Anneliese Plyler, our 5th Grade teacher has recently completed all of the requirements to move from contracted to called teacher at St. John. She will be recognized/installed Sunday, September 24 during 10AM worship.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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

New Portals of Prayer for October through December are available in the glass entry.

Fall Bible Study Opportunities – We will offer several Bible studies this fall at 10:15 am.

	<i>Session 1</i>	<i>Session 2</i>
Dates	October 1-22	Oct 29-Nov 19
Option A	The SHAPE of Your Life	The SHAPE of Your Life
Option B	How We Got the Bible	The Journey from Unbelief to Faith

- **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 **Spiritual gifts, Heart’s desire, Abilities, Personality and Experiences** or SHAPE to help you find ways God has made you unique and how you can serve Him in the church and world. Led by Pastor Mike in the Worship Center.
- **How We Got the Bible** (Session 1) and **The Journey from Unbelief to Faith** (Session 2) are two video-based Bible Studies offered as a second option, gathering in the Meeting Room.

Confirmation Class 2023-2024

Parent & Student (7th & 8th Grader) meeting **Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 pm**. We will go over schedule and expectations for this year. Please contact Pastor Mike (pastormike@stjohnnt.com) if you have questions or if you can’t attend the meeting.

Candlelight Christmas Vespers is Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm. Like to sing? Join the choir! Rehearsals are Mondays 7:00-9:00 pm (beginning September 25th) and Thursdays 1:00-2:30 pm (beginning September 29th). Contact David Werth at djwerth@roadrunner.com or (716) 276-8263 for more information.

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

- The Family of Wayne Herman at his passing
 - Mary Schlegl – Recovering from surgery in rehab.
 - 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
 - Marilyn Britton (half-sister of Barbara Manning) - receiving comfort care
 - Pastor Ernie Green (pastor at St. Paul) – Health issues
 - Christie & Jason Kosiak (school parents of Elena, Everett and Emerson) recovering from ATV accident
 - Chris – Seeking work
 - 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 – In remission from 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 those affected by recent hurricanes and storms
- ✝ For those affected by the Maui fire.
- ✝ 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

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.