



St. John News

September 24, 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 24

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

Wednesday, September 23

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 30

- Sip and Swing – 9:00 AM

Sunday, October 1

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

Tuesday, October 2

- Handbell Practice – 6:00 PM
- Elders' Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 3

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Welcome Church & School Families
We're glad to gather and be reminded
that we are...



Serving This Week

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for September:	Paul Salefske, Roger Carr	Next Sunday:	Herb Meissner
Reader for Sunday:	Paul Salefske		
Counting Team:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt		
Next Week:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir, Donna House		
Altar Guild for Sept:	Donna Cornell and Mary Salefske		

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

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 24-30, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received: Thank you!

Aug 13-27: \$10,454.00

September 3: \$4,037.00

September 10: \$4,082.88

Church Offering Envelopes:

We are getting ready to order for 2024. If you do not use the envelopes and would no longer like to receive them please let the Church Office know ASAP. Leave a message with your name so we can update our list.

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 office Wednesdays & Fridays, 8:00 am-2:30 pm.

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.



October

Sundays – 1, 15, & 29

Wednesdays – 4 & 18

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 to place your order.
- **UPick Apples** Like to pick apples? Buy at Freedom Run Winery and give back to the school. See the Information Center for a flyer.
- **Bill's Basket Raffle** \$10 ticket orders are due by Oct 13th to the school office. See the posted flyer in the Information Center. Drawing happens at the Chiavetta's dinner.
- **Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Dinner** Sunday, October 15, 11 am – 2 pm. \$15 dinners include ½ chicken, sides, roll, and dessert. Tickets available after church and on Eventbrite.
- **Ongoing Fundraisers continue** Connect your Tops card to our school and purchase Scrip cards by the 15th.

Voters' Update:

At the voters' meeting on September 17, changes to the bylaws were proposed and copies handed out. The changes will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting. The proposed changes are available online at stjohnnt.com/bylaws-update, or follow the QR code to the right.

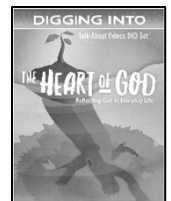


NEXT WEEK, Oct 1



The Heart of God

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 forgives when it's hard...so we forgive when it's hard.



Session 1 Begins

Grade 6 through adult, October 1-22

Choose one of two options:

- **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** Ever wonder where the Bible came from? In this video-based Bible Study, you'll discover its history and God's mysterious preservation of His Word. Gathering in the Meeting Room.



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell:

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,
Here we are approaching the end of September.
We are so pleased with the group of children that

God put in our care this school year. It is a blessing to share the love of Jesus with them. Jesus said to His disciples, "Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14.



Did you know?

- It's so good to gather this Sunday, September 24th, for Christian Education Sunday. Thank you to the church/school picnic committee and all who donated towards making the event a special day.
- Our school newspaper club meets regularly. There will be four quarterly editions this school year. Publications will be made available.
- Our soccer teams are off to a great start. Our home games are being played at Veteran's Memorial Park in the Town of Niagara, 7000 Joe Rotella Way, while our field is under construction. Come on out and cheer them on tomorrow at 4 PM on Monday. Go eagles!

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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

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



Fall Bible Study Opportunities – Beginning **next week**, 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

- **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.

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

- 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 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, 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, Chaplain Ben Bahr

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.