



St. John News

October 15, 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, October 15

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Chiavetta’s Sale – 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 18

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 19

- Handbell Practice – 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 21

- Sip and Swing, - 9:00 AM

Sunday, October 22

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM

Sunday SCHOOL

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”.

Session 1 continues

Grade 6 through adult, October 1-22

Missed last week? Come anyway!

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. *Also offered during the Oct 29th session.*
 - **Today** is self-guided to work on Spiritual Gifts & Personality Inventories. Take the time to fill these out today before the *busyness* of the next week.
- **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.

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Keith Knupp	Organist:	Janet Galvano
Elders for October:	Paul Salefske, Bruce Sutherland		
Reader for Sunday:	Paul Salefske	Next Sunday:	Dennis Gauda
Counting Team:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier		
Next Week:	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		
Altar Guild for Oct.:	Lori Argo, Lynn Kroening		

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

October 15-21, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received: Thank you!

September 17: \$3,678.00

September 24: \$4,713.25

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 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

- **UPick Apples** Like to pick apples? Buy at Freedom Run Winery and give back to the school. See the Information Center for a flyer.
- **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.



TODAY: 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.

All Saints Day – Sunday, November 5 – As part of All Saints worship we remember those who have died this past year (November 2022-October 2023) If you would like to add someone to this list please contact the office by November 1 (email churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or call 716-693-9677). Tell us your loved one's name & date they died.

Upcoming dates to note: October 11-15: Pastor Mike and Sara attending Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI)
October 23-25: Pastor Mike attending Eastern District Pastor's Conference

When Pastor Mike is out, Pastor Keith Knupp can be contacting in case of pastoral emergency: (585) 507-5249.

Membership at St. John Lutheran Church

Are you interested in becoming a member at St. John? Pastor Mike will be leading an orientation meeting Saturday, November 4 at 10:00am. This will be a great time to learn about St. John and what it means to become a member of this church. If you can't attend this meeting but still are interested in becoming a member contact Pastor Mike (pastormike@stjohnnt.com or (716) 693-9677 A formal reception of New Members will take place on Sunday, November 12 during the 9:00am worship service.

Orientation Meeting – Saturday, November 4 at 10:00am

Reception of New Members – Sunday, November 12 at 9:00am



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,

God is good. His bountiful blessings and gifts are given and received. Praise God. What a blessing it is to know Jesus, our Messiah! John 1:16-17: "For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace."



Did you know?

- A small Playmobile figure of Martin Luther is hidden somewhere different in the entryway each day in October. The students enjoy looking for him as we gear up for Reformation Day. See if you can find him. We will celebrate Reformation Day on October 31st.
- We are hosting St. Johnsburg firefighters for a special Chapel service on Wednesday. The students will visit the fire trucks afterward and learn more about fire prevention.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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

Rummage Sale

THANK YOU for the numerous people who made the rummage sale a success!

Sip & Swing

Join us **THIS Saturdays October 21.**

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

The next Sip and Swing will be November 4 at 9:00AM



Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 27, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

We need "trunks"! Go all out decorating your vehicle and bring it to St. John's parking lot Friday, October 27. We have invited School, Church, and Community families to come and let children have a fun and safe "trick or treating" time.

Sign up in the Information Center if you want to bring a decorated vehicle or contact Lorrie Weir for more information at (716)799-7390 or Lweir11909@gmail.com.

We ask that trunks are family friendly (not scary or gory) and plan treats for 150-200 children.

First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda: CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS Sunday, December 3rd, 5 am. Contact David Werth if you are interested in participating: djwerth@roadrunner.com.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, NT: LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS Contact Pastor Knupp if you are interested in helping: pastor@stmarknt.org.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Lockport: DINNER FUNDRAISER Thursday, October 26th, 3:30 pm until sold out.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, NT: HOLIDAY BIZARRE Saturday, Oct 28th, 9 am – 2 pm.

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please take a moment to update your prayer request with the office. 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

- Heidi Sue McCormick - Recovering from injuries
 - Doris Wollaber - Recently hospitalized
 - Mary Schlegl – Recovering from surgery in rehab
 - Annie Kelly – In cancer remission
 - 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
 - The family of Jessica Gauda-Lane (daughter of Dennis Gauda and sister of Estella Bullwinkle) at her passing
 - Tim Runyon (friend of Estella Bullwinkle) – Diagnosed with cancer
 - Phil Dury (brother of Sally McGinnis) – Hospitalized
 - Allison Moore (daughter of Valerie Nicholas) – Health issues; pray for diagnosis
 - Marilyn Britton (half-sister of Barbara Manning) - Receiving comfort care
 - 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
 - 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
 - Gail Gadomski – General health
- † For those seeking adoption.
- † For the lost or those who have strayed from the faith, that they may hear the Word of God.
- † For the Eastern District Pastor's Conference October 23-25 at State College, PA.
- † 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.