



St. John News

October 22, 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 22

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

Wednesday, October 25

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Friday, October 27

- Trunk or Treat – 5:30 PM

Sunday, October 29 - REFORMATION

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

Wednesday, November 1

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 4

- Sip & Swing – 9:00 AM
- Membership Orientation – 10:00 AM



Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 9:00 AM

All Saints Day –

Sunday, November 5 at 9:00 AM

As part of our worship service on All Saints' Day 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. Tell us your loved one's name & the date they died.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM

Advent 2023 - Savior of the Nations, Come

Sundays December 3, 10 & 17 at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays December 6, 13, 20 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24 at 6:00 PM

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25 at 10:00 AM



For shepherding us with the powerful message of the gospel;
For your patience, gentleness, and kindness no matter the time of day;
For personally caring for each of us...
THANK YOU, PASTOR MIKE!

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for October:	Paul Salefske, Bruce Sutherland	Acolyte:	Camryn Fontana
Reader for Sunday:	Dennis Gauda	Next Sunday:	Ben Willis
Counting Team:	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		
Next Week:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt		
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 22-28, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received: Thank you!

September 24: \$4,713.25

October 1: \$6,786.00

October 8: \$3,614.00

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can give online. Go to stjohnnt.com and click "Give Online".

Church office hours: This week's office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am to 3 pm.

Food Pantry: Thank you for your continued support. In addition to food donations, personal care items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors are also needed. **There is a special need for cereal and "turkey fixin's".** Our donation for the month of September was 7 boxes of food.

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.
- **Connect your Tops card** to our school and purchase Scrip cards by the 15th.
- **Scrip** Order gift cards by the 15th of each month. Order forms can be found in the Information Center. You get to shop at your favorite places, and the school benefits!

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.



November

Sundays – 5, & 19

Wednesdays – 8 & 22

Sunday **SCHOOL**

10:15 AM

The Heart of God - PreK-Grade 5 meet in the Cafeteria and dig into God's Word exploring "The Heart of God".

Session 1 concludes!

Grade 6 through adult, October 1-22

Missed previous weeks? Come anyway!

- **The SHAPE of Your Life** – TODAY is our final session. Led by Pastor Mike in the Worship Center.
- **How We Got the Bible** – Final session TODAY. Gathering in the Meeting Room.
- ✚ **BEGINNING next week** – October 29 (only Bible Study)
The Journey from Unbelief to Faith - Follow the stories of four individuals from widely dissimilar pasts that arrived at the same conviction: Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior and because He is they must tell others about it. Video with discussion. Gathering in the Meeting Room.

Upcoming dates to note: October 23-25 Pastor Mike will be attending the Eastern District Pastors' Conference.

For more information on the giving for the organ renovation, see the Information Center.

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 10:00 am
Reception of New Members – Sunday, November 12 at 9:00 am



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,

I just love the change of seasons and the beauty of fall. It's something we count on seeing every year at this time. God's faithfulness is shown in so many ways. What a blessing it is to trust that God has everything under His care!



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.
- Our varsity soccer team came in 2nd place in a highly competitive championship game. Go Eagles! Basketball and cheerleading will begin soon.

Blessings,

Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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



THIS FRIDAY

October 27, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Church Parking Lot

Bring your family! Bring your neighbors!

Sip & Swing Fun and fellowship for both **parents** and **children!**

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



Operation Christmas Child – October 29 – November 15 – Follow directions with each box and fill them with items for boys and girls in other countries. Boxes will be available beginning October 29. All boxes are due by November 15.

St. John's Vendor Fair St. John PTL will be holding a fair on **Saturday, November 18 from 10 am to 2 pm** here at St. John. \$2 entry fee at the door. You can contact Lynn at 716-523-8589 or STJ_PTL@stjohnnt.com for questions. **VENDORS WELCOME!**

IN THE AREA: See the Information Center for more information on some of these events.

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

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

First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda: **CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPER**s Sunday, December 3rd, 5 pm. 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.

Pioneer on the Lake, Angola: Continues its campaign to "Raise the Roof", raising money to replace the aging roofs on the facility buildings. PioneerOnTheLake.com

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

- Mary Schlegl – Continuing recovery at home
 - Heidi Sue McCormick – Recovering from injuries
 - Doris Wollaber – Recently hospitalized
 - 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
 - Rick Hamilton (friend of Donna Carr) – Ongoing medical 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 Gadowski – 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 Pastors' 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.