



St. John News

October 29, 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 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
- Memorial Service: Jessica Gauda-Lane – 1:00 PM

Sunday, November 5

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Ladies' Group Meeting – after worship
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 7

- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 8

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, November 9

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM



Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 29, 9:00 AM (Today)

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

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for October:	Paul Salefske, Bruce Sutherland	Acolyte:	Roger Carr
Reader for Sunday:	Ben Willis	Next Sunday:	Herb Meissner
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 Oct.:	Lori Argo, Lynn Kroening	For Nov.:	Sandy Dworzanski, Annie Kelly

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 29-November 4, 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 Wednesday, and Friday from 8 am to 3 pm.

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!

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

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.



St. John Ladies' Group will meet briefly after worship on Sunday, November 5th to discuss the recent rummage sale.



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 2 begins!
Grade 6 through adult

✝ BEGINNING THIS WEEK – October 29
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.



Operation Christmas Child begins today. Pick up your boxes and information in the narthex and return them by November 15th.

The next Sip and Swing will be THIS SATURDAY, November 4 at 9:00 am.



A Memorial Service for Jessica Gauda-Lane will be held here at St. John this Saturday, November 4th at 1:00 pm.

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 10:00 am. 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 9:00 am 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,

Happy Reformation Day on October 31st. In Chapel this week, we read and studied the words from Psalm

46:11, "The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress." Just think about those words... "The Lord Almighty is WITH us." What a blessing it is to have our omnipotent God's presence with us at all times. His presence offers a safe, protective refuge, a fortress, for all His people.



Did you know?

- The end of our 1st quarter is on November 6th. We are so pleased with student growth and progress and appreciate the opportunity that we have with each child in our care.
- Our Little Lambs choir, preschool-1st grade students, will sing in church on November 12th.

Blessings,

Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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



THANK YOU!

To everyone who made Trunk or Treat an exciting outreach event!

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.

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!**

CEMETERY DECORATIONS, FLOWER CONTAINERS, ETC

To facilitate a year-end cleanup, the cemetery maintenance crew requests that all spring/summer potted plants and decorations that are on or in the grassy areas around headstones be removed as soon as possible but no later than November 15, 2023. In addition, all winter, Christmas wreaths/decorations should be removed by May 1, 2024. The cemetery guidelines are available at the church office.

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

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Clarence: **CONCERT BY BROTHERS OF HARMONY.** Sunday, November 5th, 3:00 pm. Free will offering taken.

First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda: **CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS** 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

- Diane Milne – Recovering from surgery
 - Mary Schlegl – Continuing recovery at home
 - Heidi Sue McCormick – Recovering from injuries
 - Doris Wollaber – In rehab from hospitalization
 - 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
 - Rick Hamilton (friend of Donna Carr) – Ongoing medical treatments
 - The family of Jessica Gauda-Lane (daughter of Dennis Gauda and sister of Estella Bullwinkle)
 - 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
 - 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 Pastors' Conference October 23-25 at State College, PA.
- ✝ For St. John Church and School ministry to grow and thrive.

Long Term Prayers

April Smith, Maria Palma-Nunez, Bill Nelson, Annie Kelly, 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, 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.