



St. John News

November 5, 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, 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

Sunday, November 12 – Reception of New Members

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

Wednesday, November 15

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 18

- Vendor Fair – 10 AM



All Saints Day

Sunday, November 5 at 9:00 AM

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



Operation Christmas Child has begun.

Pick up your boxes and information in the narthex and return them by November 15th.

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| Liturgist/Preacher: | Rev. Michael Borgstede | Organist: | Doreen Sutherland |
| Elders for November: | Dennis Gauda, John Rosebrock | Acolyte: | Adelaide Willis |
| Reader for Sunday: | Herb Meissner | Next Sunday: | Jim Oliver |
| Counting Team: | Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir, Donna House | | |
| Next Week: | Chad Cornell, Frank Cornell, Donna Cornell, Diane Milne | | |
| Altar Guild 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

November 5-11, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received: Thank you!

October 8: \$3,614.00

October 15: \$2,866.21

October 22: \$3,215.00

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? Through November 6th, 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.



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

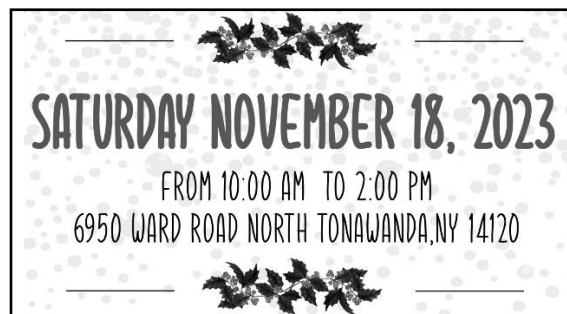
Missed last week? Start today!

✝ **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.

St. John Ladies' Group will meet briefly today after worship to discuss the recent rummage sale.

It's time to order your poinsettias for Christmas! Order forms can be found at the Information Center and are due November 27.

ST. JOHN'S VENDOR FAIR



\$2 entry fee at the door. You can contact Lynn at 716-523-8589 or STJ_PTL@stjohnnt.com for questions. VENDORS WELCOME!



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,

Welcome to November! Our Bible reading is from Matthew 25:4, "But the wise took flasks of

oil with their lamps." When reading Matthew 25, Jesus tells a parable about preparing for a nighttime walk to a wedding celebration. Being prepared with oil for the lamps would help ensure that you wouldn't miss out on the festivities. In this parable, Jesus is encouraging all of his people to prepare for His return. God fuels our faith through His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit so that we will be ready for His coming.



Did you know?

- Our Little Lambs choir, preschool-1st grade students, will be singing during the church service on Sunday, November 12th.
- We are gearing up for the PTL Vendor Fair, November 18th, 10 AM-2 PM. Mark your calendar and plan to do some Christmas shopping.

Blessings,

Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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

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.

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.

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

St. Mark Lutheran Church, NY: CHOSEN TV SERIES BIBLE STUDY Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm. Watch the show and enjoy Biblical discussion. Sue Clark 716-425-4431.

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.

First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda: CONCERT "MERRY AND BRIGHT" Saturday, December 9th, 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15. See Peggy Meyer for more information.

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.