



# St. John News

November 12, 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 12 – Reception of New Members

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM

### Wednesday, November 15

- Worship – 7:00 PM

### Saturday, November 18

- Vendor Fair – 10 AM

### Sunday, November 19

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

### Wednesday, November 22

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 7:00 PM

### Sunday, December 10

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting – 10:15 AM



### Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 PM

### Advent 2023 - Savior of the Nations, Come

9:00 AM - Sundays December 3, 10

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

### Sunday School Christmas Program

December 17 at 9:00 AM – *“Just a Little Christmas”*

### Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM – Lessons & Carols

6:00 PM – Candlelight Worship

### Christmas Day – Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Worship with Communion



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



### Operation Christmas Child

has begun!

Bring boxes back by THIS

Wednesday, November 15.

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for November:</b>	Dennis Gauda, John Rosebrock	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Charles Weir
<b>Reader for Sunday:</b>	Jim Oliver	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Bruce Sutherland
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Chad Cornell, Frank Cornell, Donna Cornell, Diane Milne		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier		
<b>Altar Guild for Nov.:</b>	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 12-18, 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](http://stjohnnt.com) and click "Give Online".

Church office hours: This week's office hours are Wednesday 8 am to 3 pm, and Thursday and Friday 8 am to 11:30 am.

FUNDRAISERS

- **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.



Shop children's books THIS Wednesday and Thursday, 9 am to 2 pm. Part of your purchase goes back to the school.



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".

Grade 6 through adult  
Missed last week? Start today!

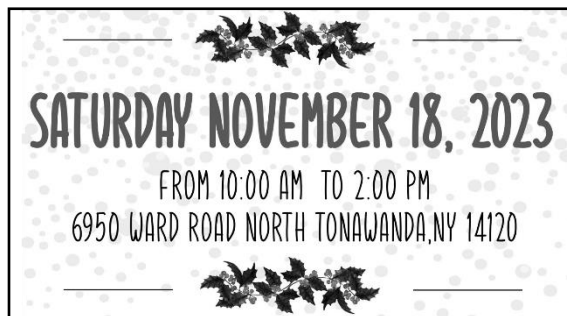
- ✚ The Journey from Unbelief to Faith - Video with discussion. Gathering in the Meeting Room until Nov. 19.
- ✚ Who is St. Nicholas? Learn about the man behind the myth of Santa Clause. December 3 in Meeting Room.

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](http://stjohnnt.com/bylaws-update), or follow the QR code to the right.



ST. JOHN'S VENDOR FAIR



Shop for family, friends, and neighbors with unique gifts!

\$2 entry fee at the door. You can contact Lynn at 716-523-8589 or [STJ\\_PTL@stjohnnt.com](mailto:STJ_PTL@stjohnnt.com) for questions.



Principal's Note

From Principal Katie Gundell

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,

Our Bible reading is from Matthew 25:23, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." We pray that God would have us see the opportunities He provides to serve Him and serve others. What a joy it is to use the talents He has given us for His purpose and His glory!



Did you know?

- Our first quarter ended. Parent/Teacher Conferences are taking place this week Thursday and Friday.
- We are gearing up for the PTL Vendor Fair on Sat., Nov. 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.



**HELP FOR A FAMILY IN NEED:** Last week one of our 2019 school alumni and his mom (also an alumnus of our school) lost everything in a house fire. We are taking a collection through THIS Wednesday to help them rebuild their lives and replace what was lost. TODAY you can place your donation in the black box as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you for your help.

**ADVENT** begins Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year's Advent devotion, *What Child Is This?*, is available on our website ([www.stjohnnt.com](http://www.stjohnnt.com)). Limited printed copies are available at the Information Center.

From Lutheran Hour Ministries: In Jesus' birth, God came down to earth for us. In *What Child Is This?* we see how Jesus, foretold by the prophets and confirmed by God as His own Beloved Son, is the Father's ancient promise fulfilled. Born to save us from our sins, this lowly Child triumphed over sin and death to become our Savior.

**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.

**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"**. Thank you for your support!

**ORGAN RENOVATION** For more information on making the renovation possible, see the Information Center.



**THE WOMEN OF ST. JOHN** are having a Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 2 at Joey's Restaurant in Tonawanda. Sign up on the sheet in the Information Center. Hope to see you there!

## OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please take a moment to update your prayer request with the office. [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto: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](mailto: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
  - Pastor Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Ongoing health concerns
  - Rick Hamilton (friend of Donna Carr) – Ongoing medical treatments
  - 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 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.