



St. John News

November 26, 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 26

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- NO Sunday School or Confirmation

Wednesday, November 29

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 2

- Lil Shoppers' Shoppe – 9 AM-11:00 AM

Sunday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 5

- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Thursday, December 7

- Church Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Sunday, December 10

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Quarterly Voter's Meeting – 10:15 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation Class – 6:30 PM



Holiday WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for November:	Dennis Gauda, John Rosebrock	Acolyte:	Roger Carr
Elders for December:	Jim Oliver, Roger Carr	Next Sunday:	Jim Oliver
Reader for Sunday:	Roger Carr		
Counting Team:	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		
Next Week:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt		
Altar Guild for Nov.:	Sandy Dworzanski, Annie Kelly	For December:	Sharon Muir, Linda Sonnen

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 26-December 2, 2023

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

GIVING REPORT

Weekly Contributions Received: Thank you!

October 22: \$3,215.00

October 29: \$3,369.00

November 5: \$7,076.00

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, 8 am – 3 pm.

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.

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, December 10. The proposed changes are available online at stjohnnt.com/bylaws-update, or follow the QR code to the right.



December

Sundays – 3 & 17

Wednesdays – 6 & 20

Christmas Day – 25

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".

Bible Study Class

Grade 6 through adult

- ✦ **Who is St. Nicholas?** Learn about the man behind the myth of Santa Clause. **December 3** in Meeting Room.
- ✦ **The Gospel of Matthew** – Beginning January 7 we will study Matthew's Gospel. Led by Pastor Mike in the Meeting Room.



St. John Christmas decorating! Beautify the church in readiness for the Christmas Season.

Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 am.



ADVENT begins next Sunday, December 3rd. This year's **Advent devotion**, *What Child Is This?*, is available on our website (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.



Order your poinsettias for Christmas!

Orders are due **TOMORROW November 27**, and can be found in 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 TODAY** on the sheet in the Information Center. Hope to see you there!



Principal's
Note

From Principal Katie Gundell

He is the vine...we are the branches

Greetings,

The abundant blessings that overflow in our lives are a reminder to praise God for His goodness. From 1

Chronicles 16:34, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."



Did you know?

- Our Christmas concert will be held in the church on Friday, December 15th at 6:30 PM. We are excited to share the music talents of our students and announce the wonderful news that a Savior is born for all people. Join us if you are able.

Blessings,

Katie Gundell

St. John Lutheran School

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



LIL SHOPPERS' SHOPPE: December 2, 9 am – 11 am. Small gifts and stocking stuffers, priced from \$3-\$8. 25% of sales go back to St. John School.

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!

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

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT VESPERS First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda; Sunday, December 3rd, 5 pm. Free will offering taken.

CONCERT "MERRY AND BRIGHT" First Trinity Lutheran Church, Tonawanda; Saturday, December 9th, 2:00 pm. Featuring Hayden's "St. Nicolas Mass". See Peggy Meyer for ticket information.

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

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

"RAISE THE ROOF" Pioneer on the Lake, Angola continues its campaign 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
 - Donna Martin – recovering from recent illness
 - 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
 - Judy Dawson – Recovering from surgery
 - Aria (niece of Frank and Kathy Wendt) – Ongoing health concerns
 - 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) – Continued healing
 - 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 Gadowski – General health
- ✝ For those traveling over Thanksgiving break.
- ✝ 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.