



# St. John News

December 17, 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.



## HOLIDAY



### Schedule

#### Sunday, December 17

- Worship with Children's Program – 9:00 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

#### Wednesday, December 20

- Worship – 7:00 PM

#### Sunday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

- Lessons and Carols – 9:00 AM
- Candlelight worship with special music – 5:45 PM

#### Monday, December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

- Worship with Communion – 10:00 AM

#### Wednesday, December 27

- Worship – 7:00 PM

#### Sunday, December 31

- Worship – 9:00 AM



Your **2024 offering envelopes** are in your Flock Box. If you are not able to find your envelopes, please contact the church office at [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com).



**AND MORE! Help us better communicate with you by making sure your information is up to date.** Find your Household Packet at the table in the narthex and make sure all your information is correct. Please only check your family packet and do so here at the church. We will be doing this for multiple weeks in December and January. Clipboards and pens are available. Thank you for your help!



**Portals of Prayer** for January-March are now available in the stand in the glass entryway.

**Sunday School will resume January 7** at 10:15 am for both children and adults.

**THE NEXT NEWSLETTER** will run December 24 through January 6. Please have all submissions in by **Thursday, December 21.**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** – In the rare event that we would not be able to have in-person worship (Wednesday or Sunday) due to safety concerns, we will announce it:

- through an email alert. You need to be signed up through our website to receive regular news from St. John.
- through Channels 7 (WKBW) and 2 (WGRZ) closing lists.

Please be safe during these winter months and stay home if you don't feel safe traveling – you can join us online for worship – as long as Pastor can make it safely to St. John!

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for December:</b>	Jim Oliver, Roger Carr	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Camryn Fontana
<b>Reader for Sunday:</b>	Ben Willis	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dennis Gauda
<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 for December:</b>	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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## 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** of the person for whom you'd like to pray before submitting requests to the office.
- **Private prayers** – [pastormike@stjohnnt.com](mailto:pastormike@stjohnnt.com) or 716-693-9677 option 7

### Short-Term Prayers

- The family of Barbara Manning at the passing of her sister, Marilyn Britton
- Jenny Hubacher – Recovering from surgery
- Mary Schlegel – Continuing recovery at home
- 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
- Jaycee Schmitz (Relative of Doug and Peggy Meyer) – Medical procedure
- Angela Clancy – Upcoming surgery
- Pastor Blaine Jorg (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) – Upcoming surgery
- Matthew – Recovering from surgery
- Judy Dawson – Recovering from surgery
- Aria (niece of Frank and Kathy Wendt) – Ongoing health concerns
- Pastor Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Cancer treatments
- 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 & Carolyn 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
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues



- ✝ 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, 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

**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.