



St. John News

December 24, 2023-January 5, 2024

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.



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. *Children* (PreK to 5th grade) will continue their study on "The Heart of God" in the cafeteria. *Adults* (6th grade and up) will study the Gospel of Matthew; led by Pastor Mike in the Meeting Room.

THANK YOU Last month we supported a family who lost all their possessions in a house fire. This family sent a note of appreciation for both our monetary support and our support through prayer.

MEN'S GROUP Join with your brothers around God's Word for eight weeks and learn to become "Solid Men of God". Led by Pastor Mike, beginning Saturday, January 5th at 7:00 am at church. Optional: bring your own Bible.

ORGAN RENOVATIONS are around the corner! Find out more about this project in the Information Center.



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.

Giving Reports:

November 26: \$3,484.00
December 3: \$4,979.00
December 10: \$5,107.00

For tithes and offerings to count for your 2023 year, they must be post-marked by Dec 31st.



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 – 10:00 AM

Wednesday, December 27

- NO Worship

Sunday, December 31

- Worship – 9:00 AM

Tuesday, January 2

- Elder's Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 3

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 6

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, January 7

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

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!

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 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 or 716-693-9677 option 7

Short-Term Prayers

- Matthew Helf – Hospitalized
- Rosemary Siegmann – Upcoming procedure (end of December)
- The family of Barbara Manning at the passing of her sister, Marilyn Britton
- Jenny Hubacher – Recovering from surgery
- Mary Schlegl – 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 Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Beginning cancer treatments
- 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
- 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 Gadomski – 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.