



St. John News

January 7, 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.



RESUMES TODAY 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.

TODAY

Update your database information. Find your household packet in the narthex and make sure your information is correct. Return it to the black wire rack

SATURDAY

Join with your brothers around God’s Word for eight weeks and learn to become “Solid Men of God”. Led by Pastor Mike, meet at 7:00 am at church. Optional: bring your own Bible.



Sunday, January 7

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

Monday, January 8

- Board of Christian Education meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 9

- Council meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 10

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 13

- Men’s Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 17

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for January:	Robert Borgstede & Bruce Sutherland	Acolyte:	Charles Weir
Reader for Sunday:	Frank Wendt	Next Sunday:	Herb Meissner
Counting Team:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, Kathy Wendt		
Next Week:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir, Donna House		
Altar for January:	Jeanne Borgstede, Donna Cornell		
Hospitality Team:	Donna and Roger Carr, Anne Kelly, Bev Harder, Liz Schultz		
Next Week:	Peggy and Doug Meyer, Lorrie Weir, Suzette Drenko, Theresa Werth		

Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Worship: Sundays at 9:00 AM

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

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ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

November 26: \$3,484.00

December 3: \$4,979.00

December 10: \$5,107.00

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can **give online**. Go to stjohnnt.com and click "Give Online".

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Office hours are Wednesday and Friday, 8 am – 3 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.
- and it will be announced 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!



JANUARY

Sundays – 7 & 21

Wednesdays – 10 & 24

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March are now available in the stand in the glass entryway.

FOOD PANTRY In November we were able to support the North Tonawanda Inter-Church Food Pantry with **12 bags of food!** They are so appreciative! Specific items they need this month are personal care items, canned fruits, and cereal.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS If you have a service through Thrivent financial, you can direct your "Choice dollars" to St. John Lutheran Church or School.

Funeral information for James Garito:

Visitation: TODAY, Sunday, January 7, 3-7 pm at Otto Redanz Funeral Home: 2215 Military Rd, 14304

Funeral Service: Monday, January 8, 11 am at Otto Redanz Funeral Home.



See the Information Center for more information on some of these events.

SCAM PREVENTION WORKSHOP St. Paul Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda, Saturday, January 20, 9 am – 11 am. FREE. Must register by January 18. See the Information Center bulletin board for more 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.

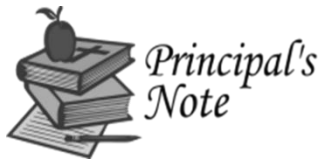
LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS St. Mark Lutheran Church, NT; Contact Pastor Knupp if you are interested in helping: pastor@stmarknt.org.

"RAISE THE ROOF" Pioneer on the Lake, Angola continues its campaign raising money to replace the aging roofs on the facility buildings. PioneerOnTheLake.com

ABOUT THE SCHOOL



He is the vine...
...we are the branches



St. John Lutheran School

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

Greetings,

You can find this Bible verse displayed on a banner in our gymnasium, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31. It is an awesome blessing that we can rely fully on God to provide all we need. We trust God's presence and can be confident in His promises in this new year. God bless you all in 2024.

Did you know?

- We have three OPEN HOUSES scheduled for enrollment in the 2024-2025 school year: January 23, February 6, and March 12 from 6-7:30 PM. Share information with your family and friends.
- Our basketball/cheerleading season is underway. Our first home game is Friday, January 19th beginning at 4 PM. Come cheer on the eagles!

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



TOP RANKED

8TH of all 252 Public and Private
Elementary Schools in WNY

10th of all 191 Public and Private
Middle Schools in WNY

2024 - 2025 OPEN HOUSES

January 23 / 6-7:30 pm

February 6 / 6-7:30 pm

(STEM/STREAM)

March 12 / 6-7:30 pm

PreK-8th grade • God's Word Shared Daily • Instruments, Choir, Drama, Art • Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball • Therapy Dog • Algebra 1, Living Environment, Spanish • Faith, Character, and Academic Excellence

**Our first open house of the year is Tuesday, January 23, 6-7:30 pm.
Share a flyer with family and friends. Find the flyers at the Information Center.**

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Please **ask permission** to publish prayers that are not for yourself.
- **Private prayers** – pastormike@stjohnnt.com or 716-693-9677 option 7
- Contact the church office: churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2

Short-Term Prayers

- Anito Garito and family at the passing of James Garito (pg. 2)
- Frank Cornell – Hospitalized
- Matthew Helf – Hospitalized
- Rosemary Siegmann – Recovering from procedure
- Jenny Hubacher – Recovering from surgery
- Mary Schlegl – Continuing recovery at home
- Donna Martin – Recovering from procedure
- Doug Ellman – Ongoing cancer treatments
- John Rosebrock – Ongoing medical issues
- Shelly Erwin – Ongoing medical issues
- Betty Brown – Prayers for healing
- Karin Rogers – Ongoing medical procedures
- Angela Clancy – Upcoming surgery
- Jaycee Schmitz (Relative of Doug and Peggy Meyer) – Medical procedure
- Pastor Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – 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
- 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 – Cancer treatment
- Joann Meyer – Health issues
- Gail Gadomski – General health
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues

Please note:

Beginning this week, Short-Term prayers will be kept on the prayer list for 4 weeks.

Updated prayer requests will be considered renewed.

If you would like your prayer request to be moved to the Long-Term Prayers, please contact the office.

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., Matthew Wallace

In the U.S. Military: David Hoppe, Stephen Marshall, Chaplain Ben Bahr

- ✝ For places of conflict: Ukraine & Israel
- ✝ 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.

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.