



# St. John News

January 14, 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.



**TODAY** at 10:15 am

*Children* (PreK to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will continue their study on “The Heart of God” in the cafeteria.

*Adults* (6<sup>th</sup> grade and up) will study the Gospel of Matthew; led by Pastor Mike in the Meeting Room.

## 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 14

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

### Wednesday, January 17

- Worship – 7:00 PM

### Saturday, January 20

- Men’s Group – 7:00 AM

### Sunday, January 21

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

### Wednesday, January 24

- Worship – 7:00 PM

**LOST AND FOUND:** A basket of lost and found items is located on the Information Center counter.  
Please claim what is yours.

<b>Liturgist/Preacher:</b>	Rev. Michael Borgstede	<b>Organist:</b>	Doreen Sutherland
<b>Elders for January:</b>	Robert Borgstede & Bruce Sutherland	<b>Acolyte:</b>	Camryn Fontana
<b>Reader for Sunday:</b>	Herb Meissner	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Roger Carr
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir, Donna House		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Chad Cornell, Frank Cornell, Donna Cornell, Diane Milne		
<b>Altar for January:</b>	Jeanne Borgstede, Donna Cornell		
<b>Hospitality Team:</b>	Peggy and Doug Meyer, Lorrie Weir, Suzette Drenko, Theresa Werth		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Kathy and Frank Wendt, Sara Borgstede, Lynn Willis, Michelle Steiner		

**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:

**December 10:** \$5,107.00  
**December 17:** \$3,384.00  
**December 21-25:** \$12,469.00

### ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can **give online**. Go to [stjohnnt.com](http://stjohnnt.com) and click "Give Online".

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are  
Wednesday and Friday, 8 am – 3 pm.

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**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

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**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](mailto: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.



**SIP AND SWING IS BACK!** Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 3rd 9:00 am. Fun and fellowship for children and parents alike! Enjoy a short devotion, a small snack, and a craft/activity. Contact Lynn Willis for more information: [lynnie081814@gmail.com](mailto:lynnie081814@gmail.com).



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

**LIFE WEEK** St. Matthew Lutheran Church, North Tonawanda, January 14-20. See the Information Center Bulletin Board, or contact Kristen Jorg at [kjmichigoose@aol.com](mailto:kjmichigoose@aol.com).

**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](mailto: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](http://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

\*\*\***READ ALL ABOUT IT!**\*\*\* The second edition of the school newspaper *THE ST. JOHN QUARTERLY* is hot off the presses. View your copy through your emailed link, or get one of a limited copy at the Information Center.



**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** is upon us again! Beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the staff and students will enjoy fun and engaging activities that build community, and will end the week singing during worship service on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch our Facebook page for pictures of their activities!



### TOP RANKED

8<sup>th</sup> of all 252 Public and Private  
Elementary Schools in WNY

10<sup>th</sup> 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 night)

March 12 / 6-7:30 pm

PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade • God's Word Shared Daily • Instruments, Choir, Drama, Art • Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball • Therapy Dog • Algebra 1, Living Environments, 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](mailto:pastormike@stjohnnt.com) or 716-693-9677 option 7
- Contact the church office: [churchoffice@stjohnnt.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnnt.com) or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2

### Short-Term Prayers

- Jaycee Schmitz (niece of Peggy Meyer) – Ongoing medical issues
- Mark Parker (friend of June Sutherland) – Cancer treatment
- Kathleen Parker (friend of June Sutherland) – Recovering from a heart attack
- Anito Garito and family at the passing of James Garito
- 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
- 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 & 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
- Joann Meyer – Health issues
- Gail Gadowski – General health
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues

#### Please note:

Short-Term prayers will now 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.

- ✝ 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.

### 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

**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.