



St. John News

January 21, 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.



Sunday, January 21

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 12:00 PM

Monday, January 22

- National Lutheran Schools Week (through Friday)

Tuesday, January 23

- School Open House – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 24

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Friday, January 26

- All School Field Trip

Saturday, January 27

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, January 28 – National Lutheran Schools Sunday

- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Women of St. John meeting – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM



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.

SATURDAY

Join with your brothers around God's Word and learn to become “Solid Men of God”. Led by Pastor Mike, meet at 7:00 am at church through February 24th. Optional: bring your own Bible.

It is cold and flu season, and many people will want to avoid shaking hands or other forms of contact which can spread germs. Instead, a good smile and eye contact go a long way to making each other feel welcome as we gather for worship today. (If you really want to shake someone's hand, please ask first!)

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for January:	Robert Borgstede & Bruce Sutherland	Acolyte:	Roger Carr
Reader for Sunday:	Roger Carr	Next Sunday:	Dennis Gauda
Counting Team:	Chad Cornell, Frank Cornell, Donna Cornell, Diane Milne		
Next Week:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier		
Altar for January:	Jeanne Borgstede, Donna Cornell		
Hospitality Team:	Kathy and Frank Wendt, Sara Borgstede, Lynn Willis, Michelle Steiner		
Next Week:	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, Jeanne Borgstede, Diana Harder		

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 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.

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.

LCMS WORLD RELIEF'S "SHARING" newsletter for January is available at the Information Center.

***New* WOMEN OF ST. JOHN** will meeting Sunday, January 28th following the worship service to plan for the upcoming year.



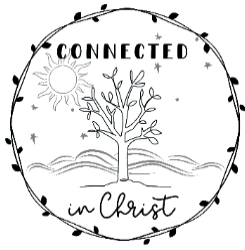
SIP AND SWING IS BACK! Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 3rd 9:00 am. Fun and fellowship for children and parents alike! Enjoy a short devotion, a small snack, and a craft/activity. Contact Lynn Willis for more information: lynnie081814@gmail.com.

Sincere thanks from the Altar Guild to our faithful members for decorating the church for Christmas and also for taking the decorations down on such short notice last weekend. Your dedication is truly appreciated!

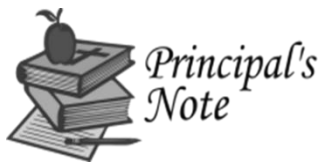
2024 Lent and Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday: Cross Examine	Wednesday Feb. 14
Week 1: Cross Out	Sunday, February 18 / Wednesday, February 21
Week 2: Cross Road	Sunday, February 25 / Wed, February 28
Week 3: Cross Walk	Sunday, March 3 / Wednesday, March 6
Week 4: Cross Word	Sunday, March 10 / Wednesday, March 13
Week 5: Cross Reference	Sunday, March 17 / Wednesday, March 20
Palm Sunday: Cross Purposes	Sunday, March 24
Maundy Thursday: Cross Hairs	Thursday, March 28
Good Friday: Cross Fire	Friday, March 29
Easter Sunday: Cross Training	Sunday, March 31

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?

- National Lutheran Schools Week begins Monday, January 22. We join with more than 1,800 schools nationwide to celebrate what God is doing through us all.
- 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 was Friday, January 19th. Watch for more opportunities to cheer on our 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 22nd, 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 28th. Watch our Facebook page for pictures of their activities!



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 night)

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 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 or 716-693-9677 option 7
- Contact the church office: churchoffice@stjohnnt.com or phone: 716-693-9677 option 2

Short-Term Prayers – *Prayers with an open circle are on their 3rd week.*

- ❖ Mark Rogers – Recovering from a heart attack
- Mark Parker (friend of June Sutherland) – Cancer treatment
- Kathleen Parker (friend of June Sutherland) – Recovering from a heart attack
- 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
- Matthew – Recovering from surgery
- Pastor Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Cancer treatments
- Pastor Blaine Jorg (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) – Upcoming 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 Gadomski – 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

Jaycee Schmitz, 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.