



# St. John News

January 28, 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 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

## Wednesday, January 31

- Worship – 7:00 PM

## Saturday, February 3

- Solid Men of God – 7:00 AM
- Sip and Swing – 9:00 AM

## Sunday, February 4

- Handbell practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/ Holy Communion – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

## Tuesday, February 6

- School Open House – 6:00 PM
- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

## Wednesday, February 7

- Worship – 7:00 PM



**WELCOME to our school families!** It is a pleasure to see the church and school *CONNECTED* this morning! Please fill out a Connection Card and let us know if there is anything we can do to care for you.



**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.

<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>Elders for February:</b>	Dennis Gauda & John Rosebrock		
<b>Readers for Sunday:</b>	St. John students	<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Ben Willis
<b>Counting Team:</b>	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		
<b>Altar for January:</b>	Jeanne Borgstede, Donna Cornell		
<b>Altar for February:</b>	Sandy Dworzanski and Kathy Wendt		
<b>Hospitality Team:</b>	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, Jeanne Borgstede, Diana Harder		
<b>Next Week:</b>	Donna & Roger Carr, Anne Kelly, Bev Harder, Liz Schultz		

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

6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120

**Worship:** Sundays at 9:00 AM

(716) 693-9677

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

(option 1-School, 2-Church, 6-Principal, 7-Pastor)

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## ABOUT THE CHURCH

### GIVING REPORT:

December 17: \$3,384.00

December 21-25: \$12,469.00

January 7: \$4,410.00

### ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

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

**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!



### FEBRUARY

Sundays – 4 & 18

Wednesdays – 7 & 21

**FOOD PANTRY** Over the course of the 2023 year, we were able to donate **49 Bags and 19 boxes of food!**

They are so appreciative!

Specific items they need this month are personal care items, canned fruits, and cereal.

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

**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.

**THE CHURCH SECRETARY** will not be in this week, but will be checking email and voice messages. For any pastoral emergencies, please contact pastor directly.

**WOMEN OF ST. JOHN** will meeting **TODAY** following the worship service to plan for the upcoming year.



### Funeral

With a heavy heart, we say "Until we meet again" to our sister Patricia Barber, who went to her heavenly home on Thursday. Visitation is at 1 pm at Rhoney Funeral Home in Sanborn, with a 2 pm funeral following.

**SOLID MEN OF GOD** Join with your brothers and dive into God's Word. Led by Pastor Mike, meet at 7:00 am at church through February 24th. Optional: bring your own Bible.



**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).

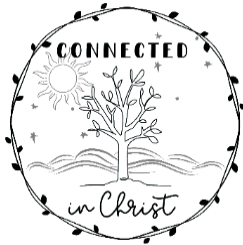


**ST. JOHN AND GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES** are partnering to present *Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience*. Come to St. John on Saturday, March 30 at 5:30 pm as a representative from Jews for Jesus presents a Passover meal with Christological understanding. Each attendee will participate with their own samples. Register online at [www.stjohnnt.com/J4J](http://www.stjohnnt.com/J4J).

## ABOUT THE SCHOOL

### St. John Lutheran School

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



*He is the vine...*

*...we are the branches*



Greetings,

It has been a busy week as we celebrated Lutheran Schools Week with over 1,900 schools across the nation, including 3 international schools. This is our 178th year at St. John and the message is the same. We are loved and blessed to be connected to Jesus, our Savior. May our schools continue to be an opportunity to share that Good News. "Remain in Me" is a song our students will sing on Sunday. The words represent John 15, our theme this school year, where the apostle John records Jesus' message, "Remain in Me, I am the vine. Remain in me; you shall have life. You are the branches: bear fruit for all to see. I am the vine. Remain in Me." I love the opportunity that our students have to hear and study God's Word, grow in their faith, and stay connected to the Vine.

Did you know?

- ✚ We completed the 2nd quarter of the school year this past Friday.
- ✚ We had our first Open House which was well-attended. Thank you for sharing information with your friends and family. Our next Open House is February 6th from 6-7:30. Space is becoming more limited in some of the classes.
- ✚ Our next home basketball games are Friday, February 2nd beginning at 4 PM. Come cheer on our teams!

Blessings,  
Katie Gundell



**NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK** was this past week. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of their activities and more!



### 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

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 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 – *Prayers with an open circle are on their 4<sup>th</sup> and final week.*

- The family of Patricia Barber at her passing on Thursday
- Tim Runyon (friend of Estella Bullwinkle) – Diagnosed with cancer
- Teri Young – Ongoing health issues
- Kimberly Decker – Seeking God's providence
- Doug Ellman – Cancer remission
- Bill Nelson – Upcoming surgery
- April Smith – Recovering from surgery
- Larry Damba – Health issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- 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 – In recovery\*
  - Matthew Helf – Hospitalized\*
  - Rosemary Siegmann – Recovering from procedure
  - Jenny Hubacher – Recovering from surgery
  - John Rosebrock – Ongoing medical issues\*
  - Karin Rogers – Ongoing medical issues\*
  - 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
  - Phil Dury – Ongoing health issues\*
  - Allison Moore (daughter of Valerie Nicholas) – Health issues; pray for diagnosis
  - 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

#### 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

Donna Martin, Betty Brown, Shelly Erwin, Mary Schlegl, Jaycee Schmitz, Bill Nelson, Annie Kelly, Barb Manning, Doreen Damba, Marty Darlak, Kim Sova, Jason Barry, Dean Scirri, Rosemary Siegmann, Menerva Calvaneso, 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.