



St. John News

February 11, 2024

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
North Tonawanda, New York

School founded 1846
Church founded 1853

St. John is a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**,
welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

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



Sunday, February 11

- Handbell practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- No In-class Confirmation

Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday Worship – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 17

- Solid Men of God – 7:00 AM

Sunday, February 18

- Handbell practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship with Holy Communion – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School/Bible Study – 10:15 AM
- No Confirmation

Tuesday, February 20

- Family Paint Night – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 21

- Worship with Holy Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 24

- Solid Men of God – 7:00 AM

Scan QR code when you are attending worship
to fill out our *online* Connection Card.



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’S CONFIRMATION Check your email for information on today’s alternative class.

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for February:	Dennis Gauda & John Rosebrock	Acolyte:	Addie Willis
Reader for Sunday:	Frank Wendt	Next Week:	Bruce Sutherland
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 February:	Sandy Dworzanski and Kathy Wendt		
Hospitality Team:	Peggy & Doug Meyer, Lorrie Weir, Suzette Drenko, Theresa Werth		
Next Week:	Kathy & 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

6950 Ward Road, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-9677

(option 1-School, 2-Church, 6-Principal, 7-Pastor)
churchoffice@stjohnnt.com • office@stjohnnt.com

www.stjohnnt.com • www.facebook.com/stjohnnt

ABOUT THE CHURCH

GIVING REPORT:

December 31: \$1775.00
January 7: \$4,410.00
January 15: \$1,183.00
January 21: \$4,216.00
January 28: \$3,626.04

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can **give online**. Go to 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.

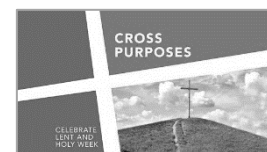
SOLID MEN OF GOD Join with your brothers and dive into God's Word. Led by Pastor Mike, meet at 7:00 am at church through February 24th. Optional: bring your own Bible.

THE NEXT SIP AND SWING is March 16th at 9:00 am. Mark your calendar. Contact Lynn Willis for more information: lynnie081814@gmail.com.

Cross Purposes - 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

**Denotes communion services*

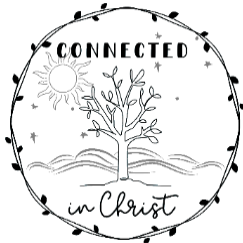


ST. JOHN AND GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES are partnering to present ***Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience***. Come to St. John on **Saturday, March 30 at 5:30 pm** as a representative from Jews for Jesus presents a Passover meal with Christological understanding. Each attendee will participate with their own samples. Register online at www.stjohnnt.com/j4j.

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,

We had our 2nd Open House this winter for the 2024-2025 school year. It is so exciting to meet the families in our community. Our prayer is that each child has the opportunity to receive a Christian education. What greater gift can we offer our children than the message God gives us through His Word as we build a relationship with our Savior? "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. Keep sending families our way to learn more about St. John Lutheran School.

Did you know?

- We have a family paint night scheduled on February 20th. There is paperwork in the Information Center. Reach out to office@stjohnnt.com for more information. All families are welcome to participate.
- Basketball/Cheer season is underway. Our next HOME games are on Friday, February 16th, beginning at 4 PM. GO EAGLES! A select group of basketball players in 4th-6th grade will be performing ball-handling skills during half time at a UB Bulls basketball game on March 6th. Discounted \$7 tickets are available to St. John church/school members. Reach out to the school office for more information.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell



*****FUNDRAISER ENDS!*** Fowler's Easter Chocolate Sale** To order chocolate for your Easter Basket, find a St. John School student. Orders will be taken through **February 14th**.

TOP RANKED

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

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

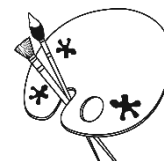


FINAL
2024 - 2025
OPEN HOUSE
March 12 / 6-7:30 pm

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

Family Paint Night - Spring Chicken Canvas Painting

- Date: Tuesday, February 20, 2024
- 6:30 – 8:00pm in the gym
- Cost: \$15 for 1st canvas, \$10 for each additional
- Includes paints, brushes, 11x14 canvas & snack



Sign up forms available at the information center at St. John. Form must be submitted with payment (St. John Lutheran PTL) to guarantee your spot by **Wednesday, February 14** (Limited to 65)

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 square are on their 4th and final week.*

- Betty Brown – Cancer treatments soon
- Tim Runyan (friend of Estella Bullwinkle) – Cancer treatment
- Dennis Gaston – Cancer treatments
- Frank Cornell – In recovery
- Matthew Helf – Hospitalized
- John Rosebrock – Ongoing medical issues
- Karin Rogers – Ongoing medical issues
- Pastor Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Cancer treatments
- Pastor Blaine Jorg (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) – Upcoming surgery
- Phil Dury – Ongoing health issues
- Allison Moore (daughter of Valerie Nicholas) – Health issues; pray for diagnosis
- Richard & Carolynn Sharpe – Ongoing health issues
- Karen Herman (wife of Jeff Herman) – Ongoing medical issues
- Larry Damba (father of Terrie Licht) – Medical issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- Teri Young – Ongoing health issues
- Kimberly Decker – Seeking God's providence
- Doug Ellman – Cancer remission
- Bill Nelson – Upcoming surgery
- April Smith – Recovering from surgery
- ◻ Mark Rogers – Recovering from a heart attack



- ✚ 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

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

Please note:

- Short-Term prayers are 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.