



St. John News

February 18, 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 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

Sunday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 28

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Scan QR code when you are attending worship
to fill out our *electronic* 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.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS Find an Easter flower order form at the sanctuary
entrance or fill out the form online through the QR code. Orders due by
Sunday, February 29th.



Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for February:	Dennis Gauda & John Rosebrock	Acolyte:	Roger Carr
Reader for Sunday:	Bruce Sutherland	Next Week:	Frank Wendt
Counting Team:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir, Donna House		
Next Week:	Chad Cornell, Grank Cornell, Donna Cornell, Diane Milne		
Altar for February:	Sandy Dworzanski and Kathy Wendt		
Hospitality Team:	Kathy & 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 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".

FOOD PANTRY In January we were able to donate **6 bags of food**. They are so appreciative! Specific items they need this month are feminine hygiene products, side dishes, and canned fruit.

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



FEBRUARY

Sundays – 4 & 18
Wednesdays – 7 & 21

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!

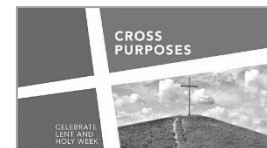
SOLID MEN OF GOD Join with your brothers and dive into God's Word. Led by Pastor Mike, meet at 7:00 am at church through February 24th. Optional: bring your own Bible.

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

*Week 1: Cross Out	Sunday, February 18 / Wednesday, February 21
Week 2: Cross Road	Sunday, February 25 / Wednesday, 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*

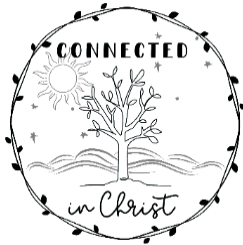


ST. JOHN AND GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCHES are partnering to present *Christ in the Passover: An Interactive Experience*. Come to St. John on **Saturday, March 30 at 5:30 pm** as a representative from Jews for Jesus presents a Passover meal with Christological understanding. Each attendee will participate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

The school students and staff meet every Wednesday morning as a school family for worship. During our Chapel service we sang this beautiful song from Twila Paris.

Here is the refrain in her song "Lamb of God"

"Oh Lamb of God, Sweet Lamb of God

I love the Holy Lamb of God

Oh wash me in His precious Blood

My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God"

MY Savior has washed me clean. He is the Holy Lamb of God. It is such a wonderful message for our students to embrace, know and share.

Chapel is certainly a favorite time for all of us to gather together and be fed by the loving words of God.

Did you know?

- Early discounted registration for 2024-2025 ends on Thursday, February 29th. Send your friends and family to visit St. John.
- Lego Club begins on Thursday, February 29. Thank you Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Ward, Pastor Mike, and Miss Bekah for leading this!
- Our 8th grade basketball and cheer students will be recognized and celebrated on March 8th. Join us. Go 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



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

Support your school while doing your normal shopping! **Scrip orders** can be placed by the 15th each month. Order forms can be found in the Information Center. You can also scrip on your phone! Get e-giftcards on the go or fill your monthly scrip order. Go to shop.shopwithscrip.com/ and sign up with Enrollment Code: 8CF1E7BL65L1.

The school children are supporting **Lutherans for Life** through their chapel offerings this quarter. You can learn more at Lutheransforlife.org and add your contribution through the school office.

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 a filled square are on their 4th and final week.*

- The family and friends of Portia, sister of Carlene Wolf and Geri Martin, upon her passing last 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



- ✝ 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.