



St. John News

March 3, 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, March 3

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

Tuesday, March 5

- Elders Meeting – 6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 6

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 9

- Men's Group – 7:00 AM

Sunday, March 10

- Handbell practice – 8:00 AM
- Worship w/ Little Lambs Choir – 9:00 AM
- Sunday School – 10:15 AM
- Lutheran Braille Workers Presentation – 10:15 AM
- Confirmation – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 12

- School Open House – 6:00 PM

Scan this QR code when you attend worship
to fill out our *electronic* Connection Card.



TODAY at 10:15 am

Children (PreK to 5th grade) will continue this week
with their study on “The Heart of God”, meeting
in the cafeteria.

Adults (6th grade and up) will meet **next** week to
continue the study of the Gospel of Matthew.



PRAYER MINISTRY

Please remember to take a look at the prayer list and **UPDATE** your requests. Items only stay on the list for 4 weeks, and can be renewed by contacting the church office. Thank you.

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for March:	Jim Oliver & Roger Carr	Acolyte:	Addie Willis
Reader for Sunday:	Herb Meissner	Next Week:	Roger Carr
Counting Team:	Lorrie Weir, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Randy DeVantier		
Next Week:	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		
Altar for March:	Annie Kelly, Donna Carr, and Jeanne Borgstede		
Hospitality Team:	Donna & Roger Carr, Anne Kelly, Bev Harder, Liz Schultz		
Next Week:	Peggy & Doug Meyer, Lorrie Weir, Suzette Drenko, Theresa Werth		

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:

January 21: \$4,216.00

January 28: \$3,626.04

February 4: \$3,814.00

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.

AFTER CHURCH NEXT WEEK, March 10, Lutheran Bible Translators will have a presentation, and the St. John Ladies Group will meet.

SOLID MEN OF GOD A new session of men's Bible study is underway. Come Sunday mornings at 7:00 AM in the cafeteria. Bring your Bible if you'd like.



MARCH

3rd & 6th,

17th & 20th,

28th (Maundy Thursday),

30th (Christ in the Passover) &

31st (Easter)

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!

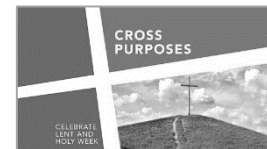
THE NEXT SIP AND SWING is March 16th at 9:00 am. Mark your calendar. Contact Lynn Willis for more information: lynnie081814@gmail.com.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT Save the date: Saturday, March 23rd. More information to come soon.

Cross Purposes - 2024 Lent and Easter Schedule

*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,

This is a special time in the church year. Although there is guilt and shame in our sins and fear from the effects of sin in this earthly life, we have a merciful Savior and loving Father who resolved this for us with Jesus' death and resurrection. We are redeemed. We celebrate the forgiveness that we receive in Jesus. Life is joy-filled because of all that He has done for us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Did you know?

- Lego Club is underway. More than 60 kids attend. 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!
- Our final OPEN HOUSE for 2024-2025 is scheduled for March 12th. Send friends and family to check out St. John.

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-gift cards 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 closed circle are on their 4th and final week.* Please contact the church office if you would like to renew these prayers.

- John Rosebrock – Ongoing medical issues
- Pastor Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Cancer treatments
- Pastor Blaine Jorg (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) – Upcoming surgery
- Karen Herman (wife of Jeff Herman) – Ongoing medical issues
- Larry Damba (father of Terrie Licht) – Medical issues
- Maria Palma-Nunez – Ongoing health issues
- Ashlie LeCaste – Health issues
- Bill Nelson – Upcoming surgery
- April Smith – Recovering from surgery
- Frank Cornell – At home in recovery
- Katie Petko (co-worker of Roger Carr) and family at the passing of her father
- Estella Bullwinkle - Hospitalized
- Betty Brown – Cancer treatments soon
- Tim Runyan (friend of Estella Bullwinkle) – Cancer treatment
- Dennis Gaston – Cancer treatments



- ✝ 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.