



St. John News

March 10, 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 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

Wednesday, March 13

- Worship – 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 14

- Council Meeting – 6:30 PM

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

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

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



We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**

Welcome to our Little Lambs Choir families!

TODAY at 10:15 am

Sunday School (PreK to 5th grade) will meet in the cafeteria to study “The Heart of God” as brought to us in His Word.

Lutheran Braille Workers Presentation Please stay after the service for this ministry presentation. Families with children PreK to 5th grade are welcome to bring their children to Sunday School during this time.

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for March:	Jim Oliver & Roger Carr	Acolyte:	Camryn Fontana
Reader for Sunday:	Roger Carr	Next Week:	Roger Carr
Counting Team:	Lynn Willis, Don Schroeder, Matt Schultz		
Next Week:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, and Kathy Wendt		
Altar for March:	Annie Kelly, Donna Carr, and Jeanne Borgstede		
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

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(option 1-School, 2-Church, 6-Principal, 7-Pastor)
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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 Specific items they need this month are feminine hygiene products, side dishes, and canned fruit.

THE NEXT VOTERS MEETING is next Sunday, March 17, directly after worship.

SAVE THE DATE Women of St. John will meet on Sunday, April 7, after worship.



MARCH

17th & 20th,

28th (Maundy Thursday),

30th (Christ in the Passover) &

31st (Easter)

ORGAN RENOVATIONS are coming soon! Find out more about this project in the Information Center.

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

THE CHURCH SECRETARY will be in on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and on Friday 8 am – 3 pm this week.



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



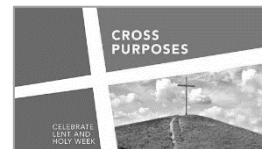
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00 pm. Bring \$5 and an appetizer or desert to share. Register by March 20th at the Information Center, or by contacting Peggy Meyer at 716-417-5748.



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 by March 23rd.

Cross Purposes - 2024 Lent and Easter Schedule

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	



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,

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?

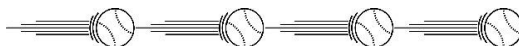
- Lego Club is underway. More than 60 kids attend. Thank you Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Ward, Pastor Mike, and Miss Bekah for leading this!
- Our 8th grade basketball and cheer students were recognized and celebrated on March 8th. Playoffs and championship games are just around the corner.
- Our final OPEN HOUSE for 2024-2025 is this Tuesday, March 12th. Send friends and family to check out St. John.

Blessings,
Katie Gundell

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.



SAVE THE DATE The school's spring musical, *Sermon on the Mound*, is on Friday, May 17th at 6:30 pm.

TOP RANKED

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

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



THIS WEEK

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

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 the filled square have 2 weeks before updating.* Please contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- For the family and friends of Phil Dury (brother of Sarah McGinnis) at his passing on Thursday
- Kimberly Decker and her family: Tina, Chantelle, Ocean, and Aubrey
- Mike Kenyon – Health issues
- Rena Israel (aunt of Cheryl Oliver, Jull Rogers, and Mark Rogers) – Health issues
- Betty Brown – Cancer treatments soon
- Tim Runyan (friend of Estella Bullwinkle) – Cancer treatment
- Karen Herman (wife of Jeff Herman) – Ongoing medical issues
- Estella Bullwinkle – In recovery
 - John Rosebrock – Ongoing medical issues
 - Pastor Ernie Green (St. Paul Lutheran Church) – Cancer treatments
 - Pastor Blaine Jorg (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) – Upcoming surgery
 - 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



We pray with Pastor Mike as he deliberates between his two calls: St. John, North Tonawanda, NY and St. Paul's, Gambrills/Crofton, MD. We also pray for both congregations – that God prepare our hearts and minds for the outcome.

- ✝ 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.