



St. John News

March 17, 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 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

Wednesday, March 20

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 23

- Solid Men of God – 7:00 AM
- Euchre Tournament – 5:00 PM

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



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.

Voters’ Meeting Following today’s worship members please stay and make your opinion known through the power of your discussion and vote.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24

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

Maundy Thursday, March 28

- Worship w/Communion – 7:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29

- Tenebrae Worship – 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

- Christ in the Passover – 5:30 PM
- Holy Communion – following presentation

Easter Sunday, March 31

- Handbell Practice – 8:00 AM
 - Worship w/Communion – 9:00 AM
- (NO Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, or Confirmation)

THIS WEEK:

- ✓ Sign up for the *Christ in the Passover* experience by Saturday, March 23rd.
- ✓ Sign up for the Euchre Tournament by Wednesday, March 20th.
- ✓ Invite friends and neighbors to Holy Week services.

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:

February 18: \$4,631.00
February 25: \$3,391.00
March 3: \$2,973.00
March 10: \$2,976.00

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

You can **give online**. Go to stjohnnt.com, click "Worship With Us), and scroll down to 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)

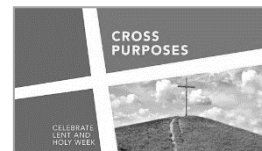
ORGAN RENOVATIONS are coming soon! Find out more about this project in the Information Center.

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 Wednesday morning, and on Friday 8 am – 3 pm this week.

Cross Purposes - 2024 Lent and Easter Schedule

*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	



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT Saturday, March 23rd. Bring \$5 and an appetizer or dessert to share. Register by March 20th at the Information Center, or by contacting Peggy Meyer at 716-417-5748. Socialization begins at 5:00 pm, card play begins at 5:45 pm.



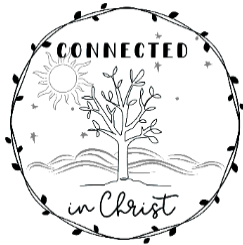
FINAL WEEK TO SIGN UP: Register online at www.stjohnnt.com/j4j by March 23rd.

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.

Blessed by their service:

Liturgist/Preacher:	Rev. Michael Borgstede	Organist:	Doreen Sutherland
Elders for March:	Dennis Gauda & Roger Carr	Acolyte:	Roger Carr
Reader for Sunday:	Roger Carr	Next Week:	Ben Willis
Counting Team:	Cathy Schultz, Dan Schultz, and Kathy Wendt		
Next Week:	Peggy Meyer, Mike Scive, Mike Scive II, Matt Scive, Sharon Muir, and Donna House		
Altar for March:	Annie Kelly, Donna Carr, and Jeanne Borgstede		
Hospitality Team:	Kathy & Frank Wendt, Sara Borgstede, Lynn Willis, Michelle Steiner		
Next Week:	Cheryl & Jim Oliver, Doreen Sutherland, Jeanne Borgstede, and Diana Harder		

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,

What a wonderful start to spring weather! Our students have already enjoyed recess on the playground. Our bulbs in the flower beds are coming up. It is a time to give thanks and celebrate God's faithfulness in all the newness of spring.

Did you know?

- Our Lego Club, with over 60 children participating, meets for the final time this school year. Thank you Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Ward, Pastor Mike, Josiah, and Miss Bekah for leading this!
- Both of our varsity basketball teams are playing in the championship games this Monday, March 18th, beginning at 5:00 PM at Cardinal O'Hara high school.
- Our Open Houses have been successful. Our PreK3 program is full and there are 1-2 spots available in PreK4. Although we don't have any more community Open Houses scheduled, I often meet with families individually. Keep encouraging friends and family to contact us at office@stjohnnt.com to set up an appointment to learn more.

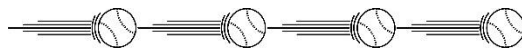
Blessings,
Katie Gundell

Scrip is a gift card that allows you to support your school while doing your normal shopping. 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.

St. John PTL Basket Raffle and Student Ninja Course. Saturday, April 27th, 9 am – 1 pm. The PTL raises money throughout the year to upgrade playground equipment, revitalize the soccer field, make security updates to the building, and so much more! You can help with this event by (1) donating a basket, (2) coming to the raffle and purchasing tickets, and (3) sponsoring a child to participate in the Ninja Course (\$25 dollars each; any amount is welcome). Contact Lynn Willis (716-523-8589) or Liz Schultz (716-957-4138) for more information.



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



**Email for a visiting
appointment.**

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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 one week remaining on the list.* Please contact the church office if you would like to submit new prayers.

- ☐ Roxann (Kathy Wendt's sister) – Healing and recovery
- ☐ For the family and friends of Judy Ann Besedin (aunt of Liz Schultz) at her passing this week
- ☐ Lindsay Waliszewski (Terri Licht's sister-in-law) – Health concerns
- 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 – Ongoing health issues
- 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.