

We no longer believe because of your word;
for we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.

- John 4:42

~~~TUESDAY NEWSDAY~~~ March 3, 2026



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 18TH
12 PM & 630 PM

MIDWEEK DINNER & DEVOTIONAL
FEBRUARY 25TH, MARCH 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH
545 PM MEAL TIME, 630-7 PM WORSHIP & DEVOTIONAL

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
MARCH 29TH
8 AM, 930 AM, 11 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 2ND
630 PM

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 3RD
12 PM & 630 PM

HOLY SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 4TH
4 PM

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 5TH
8 AM, 930 AM, 11 AM



*There will be Palm Saturday service on Saturday, March 28 at 4:00 PM.

Lent Midweek Gatherings

Join us Wednesday evenings throughout Lent as we spend time reflecting upon Christ's great sacrifice and preparing our hearts for Easter.

We will be having meal time weekly in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45-6:30 PM and worship/devotion in the sanctuary at 6:30 PM.

We will be alternating between potlucks and provided meals.

Sign up to help plan for headcount. <https://tinyurl.com/3xbwd2aj>

We hope to see you there!

- Potlucks on **March 11 & 25**. Feel free to bring a salad, side, dessert or beverage to share.
- Provided meal with free will offering on **March 4 & 18**.

Commitment Cards

Thank you for coming together and praying for the ministry of St. John's on commitment weekend. You can still submit your commitment cards in the office or visit [our website](#) to submit it electronically.

~Upcoming Events~



Senior Day Trip

Join us on **Friday, March 27** for a visit to the Broadway Market. Sign up at Sign-Up Central. We will meet at church to carpool at 10:15 AM.

Sight & Sound Theater "Joshua" Bus Trip

August 26-28 Trip includes "Pretty Woman" at Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, tour of the Wheatland Estate, dinner at an Amish home, Hershey Chocolate World and much more. Complete details and registration forms at Sign-up Central.

~Community Events~

Concordia Preparatory High School

Presents an Enchanting Evening of Instrumental and Choral Music

Concordia Preparatory High School and First Trinity Lutheran Church invite you to an inspiring evening of

music and fellowship, showcasing the remarkable talents of Concordia's student musicians and vocalists.

The concert will take place on **Friday, March 6 at 7:00 PM** in First Trinity's sanctuary. The concert will feature a diverse selection of instrumental and choral works — from classical masterworks to contemporary favorites. Audiences can expect stirring harmonies, intricate instrumental textures, and heartfelt performances that reflect the students' dedication and joy for music-making.

"Our students have worked tirelessly to prepare a program that reflects both their technical skill and passion for the arts," said Mr. Schweyer, Director of Music at Concordia Preparatory School. "This concert is a celebration of their growth and a testament to what young people can achieve through teamwork and creativity."

The event is free and open to the public, though donations to support Concordia's music and arts initiatives will be gratefully accepted at the door.

Join us for an evening that promises to uplift and inspire — a moving celebration of the power of music to bring people together.

First Trinity Lutheran Church

1570 Niagara Falls Blvd, Tonawanda, NY 14150

Admission: Free - donations accepted

~Education & Ministry~

**** ADULT EDUCATION & MINISTRY ****

Adult Education

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Join Abby Baack for 5 sessions as we spend the season of Lent focusing upon Jesus' resurrection. We will be using a series guided by pastor J.D. Greear and taking a deeper look at Jesus's life, death, and resurrection in the Gospel of Matthew, revealing the ways we should see ourselves in Jesus's story. Jesus died for us so that he could be alive in us today. Easter changes everything.

Women's Discipleship Group

We meet the ***first Sunday of every month*** at 11:00 AM in the Community Room. For more information or questions contact Diane Hagelin 716-374-5219.

Pastor Mike's Bible Class

We meet ***Monday's at 12:00 PM.***

Tuesday Night Men's Group

We will meet on ***March 3 & 17*** at 7:00 PM. Anyone who is interested in joining the group is more than welcome! Questions? Please contact Sean Clifford at sean@stjohnsop.com

Women's Bible Study

"Praying the Names of God for 52 Weeks"

March 14 & 28 at 9:30 AM

Questions? Contact Andrea Smith at 716-983-9169 or andrea@stjohnsop.com



Gospel Moms

EVERY OTHER
THURSDAY MORNING
10:00AM
ST. JOHN'S NURSERY

Join us for prayer,
fellowship, and Gospel
focused discussion.
Children are welcome!

UPCOMING DATES:
3/5/2026
3/19/2026
4/2/2026
4/16/2026
4/30/2026

Questions?
Contact Brenna Ames
brennakz.ames@gmail.com
716.397.9452

Laurie's Knitting & Sewing

We will meet on **March 10** at 6:00 PM.

Children's Ministry



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28th, 10AM

Egg hunt for children through 5th grade.

HOP-A-THON

to raise money for filling
& shipping Operation:
Christmas Child shoeboxes



**SIGN UP HERE
TO HELP!**



**** MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY ****

Middle School:



Wyldlife Dates 2026			
Date	What	Time	Location
28-Feb	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
14-Mar	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
28-Mar	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
18-Apr	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
2-May	Wyldlife Club	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	St. John's
26-30 July	Wyldlife Summer Camp	Depart from OP at 6:30 AM	Lake Campion - Glen Spey, NY

\$10 per person if you sign up before March 6. After that, it will be \$20.

Please use this link to make your payment:

<https://stjohnsop.com/connect/youth-ministry-payment>

Check-in starts at 6:30 PM on Friday.

Pick up will be from 6:40 AM - 7:10 AM on Saturday.

Food, fun games, and Bible study will be provided!

High School:

Young Life "Club"

Every Tuesday at 7:30 PM. This is a time of fellowship, games, and learning more about who Jesus is. Locations vary. Please contact Young Life leader, Jack Rosen (716)-547-5078 for more information.

Young Life "Campaigners"

Every Friday at 6:21 AM. This is a time devoted to studying God's Word, engaging in discussions, and praying together, led by one of the Young Life leaders. Please contact Young Life leader, Grace Shaw (276)-768-0849 for more information.

ORCHARD PARK HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

HADESTOWN

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH @ 2:00 PM

PLEASE CONTACT ABBY **BY MARCH 13TH** IF YOUR HIGH SCHOOLER WOULD LIKE TO GO SO SHE CAN PURCHASE TICKETS. **ABBY@STJOHNSOP.COM**

~Prayer List~

Our Church Family

Karl Haeussler: injuries from accident

Bob Davis: upcoming surgery

John Prestia: cancer

Greg F., Christie, & T.C.: continued peace & healing

Our Family and Friends

K. Carrier: sudden loss of spouse

Marilyn Mausteller: upcoming knee replacement surgery

Roger: recovering from fall off roof

Those with Health Concerns: Shirley, Vinnie, Andrea Timmons

Those with Cancer: Becky McKeon, Henry Fieldsa, Denise Crane, Pam, Joey, Bob, Dennis Burgwardt, Wade Y., Steve G., Pat Fournier, Danielle, Heather, Ann R., Sarah

Military: Ethan, Benjamin Geblein, Alec Hoch, Tyler Vargo, Justin Snyder

**Prayer requests will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise noted in the prayer request.*

**Please resubmit names to Dawn Sauda as needed if they have been removed.*



Worship Attendance Report

February 28, 4:00 PM ~ 26 people

March 1, 8:00 AM ~ 47 people

March 1, 9:30 AM ~ 146 people

March 1, 11:00 AM ~ 134 people

Sunday School ~ 52 children

Middle/High School ~ 13 youth



2026 Ministry Budget Giving Toward Goal of \$924,746

Week	Received*	YTD actual	YTD budget*	Over/(Under)
2/1/2026	\$ 15,469	\$ 68,170	\$ 88,918	\$ (20,748)
2/8/2026	\$ 16,283	\$ 84,453	\$ 106,701	\$ (22,248)
2/15/2026	\$ 15,374	\$ 99,827	\$ 124,485	\$ (24,658)
2/22/2026	\$ 11,957	\$ 111,784	\$ 142,269	\$ (30,484)
3/1/2026	\$ 18,085	\$ 129,869	\$ 160,052	\$ (30,183)

*Weekly Budget of \$17,784 based on approved Budget of \$924,746 divided by 52 weeks





MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March

- 2 - Chris Gartenman, Sue Grisanti
- 3 - Elizabeth Burgwardt, Jesse Burgwardt, Dawn Sauda
- 4 - Kristin Beckett, Dianne Buyer
- 5 - Brenden Von Kramer
- 6 - Dennis Burgwardt, Lisa Derrisaw, Dave Meissner, Austin Tatar
- 7 - Linda Dutkiewicz
- 9 - John Beecher, Kelly Buckley
- 10 - Darlene Holmes, Margo Luniewski
- 11 - Nate Clinard
- 13 - Mark Radominski, Russ Schroeder
- 14 - Elaine Przewozny, Maureen Roth, Richard Streicher
- 15 - Gabriella Bogoevski, Sydney Bogoevski, Nicholas Kempinski Jr.
- 16 - Wayne Bieler, Rick Heaton, Stacy Wilczak
- 18 - Katheryn Dehlinger, Lawson Palowski
- 19 - Ernie Matthews
- 20 - Bob McMaster, Ellanorah Struckmann
- 21 - Ruthie Reynolds, Grace Thelen
- 22 - Abby Hartke, Mike Reynolds, Janice Rickard
- 23 - Cindy Diehl, Patty Gotro
- 24 - Stephen Aldstadt
- 25 - Abby Francis, Bob Glace
- 27 - Michelle Faust
- 28 - Diane Hagelin, Hayley Rogers
- 29 - Sharon Fulton, Mike Pici
- 30 - Lynette Benzinger, Bette Chapman, Jackie Clinard, Joyce Persons
- 31 - Al Bielecki, Timothy Collins Jr., Anita Meissner, Anne Menard,

Karen Sievenpiper

~On-Going Information~

Green Bins

Due to lack of storage and a warm place to sort, the green bins will be **on hold until March/April**. Thanks for your understanding.
Call June with questions. 716-648-4062.

Coupons

Please continue to bring in your coupons from the newspaper and BJ's booklets. Place them in the basket hanging on the wall near the coffee counter.

****I am unable to accept any expired coupons.****

Flowers on the Altar

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, to celebrate an anniversary, etc. you can do so by signing up at Sign-up Central in the Lobby or emailing Dawn Sauda

at dawn@stjohnsop.com. **The cost is \$15.00.**

Praise Reports

If you have any praises that you would like to share with the church please feel free to send them to Dawn at dawn@stjohnsop.com

****Weddings, births, Dean's list, anything that brings joy and you'd like to share.**

Shut-in/Unable to attend worship

If you are aware of anyone who is unable to attend worship and would appreciate a pastoral visit and at-home Holy Communion please contact Pastor Mike (mike@stjohnsop.com or 716-713-7305) or June Meissner (716-648-4062). Please make sure we have up-to-date information on how to contact them.

House Blessing

Have you recently moved into a new home or simply desire to have your home blessed? Pastor Mike is happy to come to your house and bless each room with you or your family. Contact Pastor Mike at Mike@stjohnsop.com if you are interested or would like more information.

Need to talk to a Pastor?

If you would like to have a phone conversation and prayers with Pastor Mike about family illness, isolation, employment concerns, fear of the future or any other issues, send a message using the Pastoral Care Request link on the St. John's website. Please include the best phone number at which you can be reached and any days or times that are best for you.