

# ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

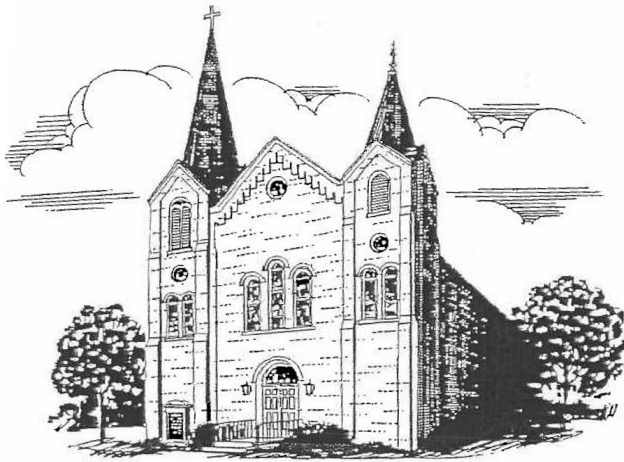
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Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.  
April 2025



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of Williams Township

Newsletter  
Monthly Publication

**Volume 4 2025**

This newsletter is presented in loving memory of Ellerslie  
and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.

## ***A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:***

"Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Some years ago Father Henri Nouwen wrote a book about pastoral care and ministry entitled "The Wounded Healer." Father Nouwen's thesis is that our own wounds in life are the basis for healing and loving service to others.

This can be helpful as we approach another Holy Week and Good Friday. It is true that we will focus on Jesus' incredible suffering and death on a Roman cross. However, our purpose is not to wallow in the bloody details of what happened to our Lord. Rather, we are reminded that in God's plan for the future, health and salvation come only through sacrifice and the giving of oneself for others.

In a Lenten meditation for Holy Saturday, found in a collection entitled "Renewed for Life," Father Nouwen dares to describe our wounds as "signs of hope." He writes:

"Once we have begun to completely offer our wounded selves to God, all our wounds become signs of hope, as the wounds of Jesus were for the doubting Thomas. Once God has touched us in the midst of our struggles and has created in us the burning desire to be forever united with him, we will find the courage and confidence to prepare his way and to invite all who share our life to wait with us during this short time for the day of complete joy."

God's healing touch is always present for those who ask, and God's promise for new life is confirmed by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Whatever wounds of life you bear in this season, remember: they can be signs of hope. And hope includes an openness to God's future, as we wait for God's loving promises to come true.

*Pastor Paul*

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Worship & Music – Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
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## ***APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

- April 2**                    **Mid-Week Lenten Service**  
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at  
St. John's Lutheran  
7:00 p.m. Worship
- April 6**                    **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion  
and Sunday school
- April 9**                    **Mid-Week Lenten Service**  
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich at  
The Blue Church  
7:00 p.m. Worship
- April 13**                  **Palm Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and  
Sunday school
- April 17**                  **Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
- April 18**                  **Good Friday Community Service**  
7:00 p.m. Worship at St. John's Lutheran
- April 20**                  **Easter Sunday**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and  
Sunday school
- April 27**                  **2nd Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school  
**Food Pantry offering**



## ***LENT SCHEDULE***

Mid-Week Lenten services begin with a soup & sandwich dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.

No dinners Maundy Thursday or Good Friday.

April 2 - St. John's Lutheran

April 9 – The Blue Church

April 17 Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran

April 18 Good Friday Community Service –  
7:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran

## ***APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER***

<b>April 1</b>	11:00 a.m. Bible study
<b>April 8</b>	11:00 a.m. Bible study
<b>April 15</b>	Deadline for April newsletter
<b>April 16</b>	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Luncheon
<b>April 21</b>	6:30 p.m. Council meeting
<b>April 22</b>	11:00 a.m. Bible study
<b>April 27</b>	<b>Food Pantry offering</b>
<b>April 29</b>	11:00 a.m. Bible study

## ***LESSONS FOR APRIL***

<b>4/6</b>	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	<b>4/18</b>	Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1 – 19:42
<b>4/13</b>	Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Gospel according to St. Luke	<b>4/20</b>	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12
<b>4/17</b>	Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	<b>4/27</b>	Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31



### ***DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!***

**WE CONTINUE TO LOCK THE CHURCH DOORS  
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:15 A.M.**

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>4/2</b>	Megan Patriarca	Megan Patriarca
<b>4/6</b>	Ron Hinline	Ron Hinline
<b>4/13</b>	Marie Mammana	Multiple readers
<b>4/17</b>	Kathy Mathews	Kathy Mathews
4/18	Arnie Strawn	N/A
<b>4/20</b>	Marie & Lou Mammana	Lou Mammana
<b>4/27</b>	Bev Ribando	Bev Ribando

Communion Assistant:

4/6: Sue Rutan

4/13 – Palm Sunday: Bonny Pfister

4/17 – Maundy Thursday: Bonny Pfister

4/20 – Easter: Ron Hinline

Altar Guild: Bonny Pfister & Nancy Buttner

Door locker: Bert Hinline



***NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE  
FOR THE MAY 2025  
NEWSLETTER IS APRIL 15.***

## **SYNOD NEWS**

If you would like to read the Synod News, formerly found in the newsletter, you may find it online at [nepasynod.org/publications/synod-news/](http://nepasynod.org/publications/synod-news/). There will be printed copies in the back of the church for those who do not have access to the Internet.

## **FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS**

- Apr 6** F In loving memory of David Pfister by Jim & Karen  
F In loving memory of Dolores Mae Race, on her birthday,  
by Bonny, Larry and family  
**B OPEN**
- Apr 13** F In loving memory of Ruth Dunlap Buttner by sons,  
Charles and Kenneth  
F In loving memory of Carroll E. Walter by John Kichline  
**B OPEN**
- Apr 20** F In loving memory of Carroll E. Walter by Gladys Eckhart  
  
F In loving memory of Ruth Ann Buttner by Kenneth and  
family  
B In loving memory of William E Kraus by Marie
- Apr 27** **F(2) OPEN**  
**B OPEN**

Complete the form on the next page and place it in the offering plate, call the church office at **610-252-3571**, or email [stjohnswilliams@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnswilliams@rcn.com) with your request.

Bulletins are \$10.00 per week.

Flowers are \$15.00 per vase.

Special Flowers are \$20.00.

Newsletters are \$25.00 per month.

**All prices are subject to change.**

**If you sponsored altar flowers, and would like to have them, please call Bonny Pfister @ 610-253-2385 and she will place them outside the kitchen door after Sunday services for pick-up.**



### **EASTER FLOWERS**

Altar Guild will be purchasing lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter again this year.

**Raub's Florist, 105 Industrial Dr. N, Easton PA 18042, phone 610-250-8795**, supplies our weekly and special occasion flowers. If you wish, you may purchase your Easter flowers from their greenhouse.

# ***FLOWER AND BULLETIN DEDICATIONS***

Please use this form to dedicate altar flowers, bulletins or newsletters. You may place the form in the offering plate or mail it to the church secretary.

Checks may be made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. Payment is due the week of sponsoring.

**Altar flowers:** \$15.00/vase (2 per Sunday)  
**Special flowers:** \$20.00/vase  
**Bulletins:** \$10.00 per service  
**Newsletter:** \$25.00 per month

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choice: "In loving memory of" or "In honor of"

Circle your choice: Altar flowers 1 or 2 vase(s)  
Special flowers  
Bulletins  
Newsletter(s)

Date requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your choice: "In loving memory of" or "In honor of"

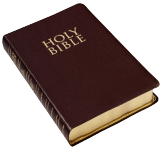
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## **BIBLE STUDY**



John and Gale Kichline lead us in a Bible study that is filled with enlightening conversation. Join us **every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m.** around the St. John's kitchen table, and experience God's love over a cup of coffee, a cup of tea or a bottle of water.



## **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 6**, at noon at St. Luke's. We will enjoy a Chinese lunch while discussing *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See. Please let Kathy Mathews know if you will be attending. Call 610-533-8133. Hope to see you then.



## **LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Our next Ladies' Luncheon will be **Wednesday, April 16, at 11:30 a.m. Location TBD.** We will carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m. Any questions, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.



## **EMPTY COFFEE CANS AND LIDS**

The Altar Guild is asking for empty one pound coffee cans and lids. They are used to deliver flowers to shut-ins and we are running low.

If you have any for us, please leave in the kitchen or give to Bonny Pfister. You may call Terri Hinline, at 610-258-4283, if you would like us to pick them up. Thank you!

**thrivent<sup>®</sup>**

Congratulations St. John's Lutheran Church! In 2024, you received \$616 in Thrivent Choice Dollars<sup>®</sup> grant funding.

## **OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY**

### **PROJECT OF EASTON FOOD PANTRY**



The biggest needs are **pasta, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, tuna, cereals, pancake mix and syrup, and baby wipes. However, all canned goods are welcome.**

Donations may be put in the box in the fellowship hall for delivery to the pantry.

Drop-off hours at the **Easton Food Pantry, 330 Ferry St.**, are Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Items may be dropped off at **St. John's** on Tuesdays, during office hours of 9 a.m. to noon. Bring items to the kitchen door and ring the doorbell.

You may mail monetary donations to:

**Interfaith Food Pantry**

**320 Ferry St.**

**Easton PA 18042**

Donations may be made on the following website:

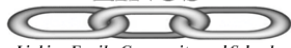
**<https://www.projecteaston.org/foodpantry>**

If you have any questions about donations, contact Morgan McKay

@ **[mmckay@projecteaston.org](mailto:mmckay@projecteaston.org)**

or call 610-258-4361, ext 18.

**LINCS**



*Linking Family, Community, and School*

### **LINCS FAMILY CENTER**

The LINCS Center supplies needs for families in our school district.

**Their updated needs are:** canned soup, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups and diapers (size 1 to 5, especially 3 & 5).

There is a box in the fellowship hall for these items.



### **SAFE HARBOR MISSION WITH ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**

We continue our joint mission to make a soup and dessert meal 6 times a year. We could use more volunteers.

If interested, please see Terri Hineline.



## **MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK**

Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of February 28, we have donated 7 pints of blood.

Thank you to Mike Bennett (twice) and Terri Hinline for donating in February.

Due to the low quantities of blood at this time, **the blood bank is in dire need of donors**. Please consider, now more than ever, to donate blood. **They are not taking walk-ins; you must make an appointment.**

3765 Nicholas St., Easton (610) 559-7100  
1465 Valley Center Parkway, Bethlehem (610) 691-5850

Please remember to give our account number whether you donate at a mobile blood drive or at one of the building locations.

**Let the Blood Bank know that you are donating to account**

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**If you do not see your name listed in the newsletter the month after you donated, please call the church secretary. You may leave a message stating your name and the date and location you donated. We will then call Miller's and correct the credit to our church. We are finding that some people have donated, but their credit did not go to St. John's.**

Thank you to everyone who gives life to others through the contribution of your blood. So many people benefit from your giving spirit. You are saving lives.

**Please help by donating blood or platelets in March.**

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**We are having a Community Blood Drive at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. We have a few slots left to fill.**

**If you can donate, please contact Terri Hinline at 610-258-4283 or [bertandterri@hotmail.com](mailto:bertandterri@hotmail.com).**



Eugene (Gene) Hagenbuch  
525 Cider Press Rd  
Easton PA 18042

Chris Hinline  
C/O The Gardens for Easton  
Memory Care  
500 Washington St Rm 309  
Easton PA 18042

Dorothy (Dottie) Ryerson  
842 S 25<sup>th</sup> St  
Easton PA 18042  
610-330-2648

If you know of anyone who should be on the Shut-in list,  
please contact the church office, 610-252-3571, or email  
[stjohnswilliams@rcn.com](mailto:stjohnswilliams@rcn.com).

**Make the day of a shut-in by sending them a card or a note,  
letting them know we're thinking of them.**



## *APRIL*

- 1 Susan Brick
- 2 Aaron Mohr
- 2 John Brown
- 4 Rachel Brobst
- 4 Robert Brown
- 5 Brandy Miller
- 5 Robert Lauer
- 5 Jason Nicholas
- 6 Barry Nace
- 6 Matthew Losey
- 6 Eugene Hagenbuch
- 7 Alexander Wenner
- 7 Robert Patriarca
- 7 Katie Hosler
- 9 Paul Nicholas
- 9 Stefen Jennings
- 11 Gina Serafini-Stull
- 10 Leigha Smith
- 11 Kristy Stoner
- 11 Braeden Haney
- 12 Chad Hunter
- 13 Jessica Henninger
- 13 Trevor Batdorf

## *BIRTHDAYS*

- 15 Alexis Judd
- 15 Michael Trabold
- 16 Harper Lynes
- 16 Jacklyn Henninger
- 16 Dallas Febbo
- 18 Cassie Race
- 18 Les Pektor
- 18 Janet Buttner
- 19 Morgan Pektor
- 20 Kiley Ackerman
- 21 Maxem Silva
- 21 Suzanne Nace
- 21 Kathleen Mathews
- 22 Shawn Berry
- 24 Brianna Davis
- 24 Judy Hinline
- 24 Paul Cunningham
- 26 Louis Mammana
- 27 Hunter Diehl
- 28 Lori Coon
- 29 Jade Dennis
- 30 Dakota Altanosio

**Please notify the church office of any additions,  
deletions or corrections. Thank you.**