

# **ST. JOHN'S EAGLE**

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**Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.  
January 2025**



**St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of Williams Township**

**Newsletter  
Monthly Publication**

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

We're all familiar with the famous military recruiting poster, that depicts Uncle Sam inviting young men and women to enlist in one of the armed forces: **Uncle Sam Needs You!**

In some ways, that is the message of Epiphany:  
**Jesus needs you!**

***Jesus needs you to fulfill his mission.*** The lessons in this season reveal some things about who Jesus is and why he came; and they begin with his calling disciples who will follow him and learn from him, so that in the future they can continue his work.

***Jesus needs you to carry the cross with him.*** Jesus' way is the way of powerlessness and dependence. He was born a child of Mary and Joseph, dependent on his parents for food and nurture. He completed his earthly journey depending on his disciples to carry on the work of the gospel. Now he depends on you.

Jesus came to show you the future of God, to give you a new sense of belonging and safety. But the hard, painful work of salvation is a work in which God becomes dependent on human beings. God is full of power, glory, and majesty; but God chose to become one of us. "God's Work. Our Hands."

***Now Jesus waits—on you***



*We hope you had a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.*

***Pastor Paul & Paula***

## **STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Paul Braden	610-442-1389
Secretary	Jill Kerbaugh	610-417-3576
Treasurer (interim)	Terri Hinline	610-258-4283
Financial Secretary	Terri Hinline	610-258-4283
Cleaning person/Sexton	Gina Serafini	1-804-614-5247

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## **COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2024**

James Van Horn, Sr., Council President	610-258-5779
Jack Helm, Council Vice President	610-258-5779
Terri Hinline, Council Secretary	610-258-4283
Jackie Eagle	610-253-3443
Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
John Kichline	610-751-0368
Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
Larry Pfister	610-253-2385
Sue Rutan	610-554-0875
Gina Serafini	1-804-614-5247
Marilyn Strawn	610-252-1022

## **REPORTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Christian Education –	
Church Property – Jim Van Horn	610-258-5779
Evangelism –	
Finance – Terri Hinline	610-258-4283
Mutual Ministry – Jack Helm	610-258-5779
Social Ministry- Marilyn Strawn	610-252-1022
Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
Worship & Music – Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
Youth & Family –	

## ***JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

- January 5**                    **Epiphany of Our Lord**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion  
and Sunday school  
**Worship and Music mtg.**
- January 12**                **Baptism of Our Lord**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion,  
Holy Baptism and Sunday school  
**Annual Congregational Mtg.**
- January 19**                **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
- January 26**                **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school  
**Food Pantry offering**

## ***JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER***

- January 5**                    **Worship and Music mtg.**
- January 7**                    11:00 a.m. Bible study
- January 12**                Holy Baptism  
**Annual Congregational Mtg.**
- January 14**                11:00 a.m. Bible study
- January 15**                Deadline for February newsletter  
11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch
- January 20**                6:30 p.m. Council meeting
- January 21**                11:00 a.m. Bible study
- January 26**                **Food Pantry offering**
- January 28**                11:00 a.m. Bible study

## **LESSONS FOR JANUARY**

<b>1/5</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	<b>1/19</b>	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
<b>1/12</b>	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	<b>1/26</b>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>1/5</b>	Lou Mammana	Lou Mammana
<b>1/12</b>	Kathy Mathews	Kathy Mathews
<b>1/19</b>	Marie Mammana	Marie Mammana
<b>1/26</b>	Bev Ribando	Bev Ribando

### **Communion Assistant:**

<b>1/5</b>	Bonny Pfister
<b>1/12</b>	Bonny Pfister

**Altar Guild:** Bonny Pfister & Nancy Buttner

**Door locker:** Bert Himeline



***DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!***  
**WE CONTINUE TO LOCK THE CHURCH DOORS**  
**SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:15 A.M.**

## **FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS**

- Jan 5**            **F(2)** In loving memory of Dot Gesler by Terri & Bert  
**B OPEN**
- Jan 12**            **F OPEN**  
**F OPEN**  
**B OPEN**
- Jan 19**            **F OPEN**  
**F OPEN**  
**B OPEN**
- Jan 26**            **F** In loving memory of Naomi R. Dornblaser by  
                         daughters, Bonnie, Nancy, Judy and families  
**F 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.**



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE  
FOR THE FEBRUARY 2025  
NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15.**

## **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"

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

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

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

## **2025 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately following service on Sunday, **January 12, 2025**.

Please plan to attend.

**If you haven't turned in your committee reports for the congregational meeting, please do so a.s.a.p. Thank you.**

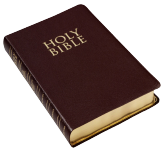


## **SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

**In the event of inclement weather**, a decision will be made for worship cancellation by 8:00 a.m.

Any cancellations will be posted at that time on WFMZ, Channel 69, and on their website, WFMZ.com.

Phone calls will be made to regular attending members.



## **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.

**NOTE: We will not meet Tuesday, December 31. Please join us in the New Year, starting January 7, 2025.**

## **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.





## **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 7**, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's. The book we are reading is

*The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci.

Please let Kathy Mathews know if you will be attending at 610-533-8133. Hope to see you then.



## **LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Our next Ladies' Luncheon will be **Wednesday, January 15, at 11:30 a.m.** Destination TBD.

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!



## **2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Your offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours, your family members' and neighbors. Thank you, Terri



**Just a reminder:** It's time to designate your Choice Dollars.

To find out how, please log onto [Thrivent.com](https://www.thrivent.com) and follow directions for designating Choice Dollars or call 1-800-847-4836.

There are many St. John's, so be sure to choose us at 2745 Morgan Hill Rd.

**Your 2024 Choice Dollars will expire March 31, 2025, so please act now.**

## **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:

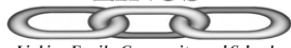
**<https://www.projecteaston.org/foodpantry>**

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 November 30, we have donated 23 pints of blood.

Thank you to Mike Bennett (twice), Chelsa Gerould, Tina McAuliffe and Terri Hineline for donating in November.

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 December.**

**More information coming for a Community Blood Drive at St. John's Lutheran Church. Hoping to schedule for May 28, 2025. If you can donate, please contact Terri Hineline at 610-258-4283 or [bertandterri@hotmail.com](mailto:bertandterri@hotmail.com).**



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

Chris Hineline  
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.**



## JANUARY

2	Kara Stetler	18	Zach Jones
4	Michael Walters	18	Shelly Santaniello
4	Jennifer Allem	20	Sharon Klinger
4	Nancy Buttner	20	Sonya Hagenbuch
5	Barbara Nattress	20	Mary Ellen Searles
6	Joley Olsen	20	Charles Gugliuzza
7	Elysha Cortez	21	Alexander Race
7	Benjamin Ruschman	22	Timothy Farrell
7	Timothy Kichline	22	Ronald Ruschman
8	Richard Henninger	22	Jay Rutan
9	Chase Strahler	23	Jaimi Hartman
9	Thomas Rennig	23	Julie Seifert
9	Jesse D'Angelo	24	Mike HineLine
10	Jocelyn Lauer	25	Glen Howard
10	Emilia Gugliuzza	25	Ethan Ruschman
10	Gary Ruschman	26	Mike Stull
11	Sandra Hulbert	26	Glenn Coon
11	David Strawn	26	Thomas Vitko, Jr.
13	Walter Diehl	27	Kayla Strawn
14	Kaden Davis	27	Dorothy Hagenbuch
15	Chase Bracken	29	Mikel Brown
15	Ryan Love	29	Ava Nace
16	Paige Gilluly	29	Maryann Buttner
16	Kelly Diehl	29	Denise Weaver
16	Thomas Buttner	29	Nathan Strawn
17	Anderson Silfies	29	Linda Huff
17	Levi Nace	30	Sue Rutan
18	Louis Mammana III	31	Debra Vitko
18	Brooke Buttner		