

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Williams Township

Newsletter
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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

As the son of a professional pilot, I developed map reading skills at an early age. When I was about 12, I can remember sitting up front in the airplane, poring over the charts and announcing to my father the next navigational fix or tower frequency.

Today, with global positioning systems and computer databases, finding your way in the air (or on the ground) is a snap. You just say "Google, take me home" and off you go!

The stories in scripture provide for us something of a "moral" positioning system. They provide a view of life from God's all-seeing point of reference, and they help us find the way on our journey into the future God has planned for us.

We may not have a divine version of Google Maps, but we do have the witness of countless saints who have trod the path before us. And as we journey together through another church year, we listen also to the witness of Jesus, the pioneer of our faith.

We can choose to be like the "man" in so many jokes who refuses to stop and ask for directions. We can insist that we are not lost and that we know where we are headed. We can continue to cling to outdated maps and illegible notes.

Or... we can journey in faith, following the witness of others who have traveled ahead of us; trusting in Jesus' promise that he is the way, the truth, and the life, and that he waits for us at the road's end.

May God bless you and encourage you on your own journey this year.

Pastor Paul

STAFF

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

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COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2025

James Van Horn, Sr., Council President	610-258-5779
Jack Helm, Council Vice President	610-258-5779
Terri Himeline, Council Secretary	610-258-4283
Jackie Eagle	610-253-3443
Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
John Kichline	610-751-0368
Megan Patriarca	484-597-1163
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 Himeline	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 –	

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- February 2** **Presentation of Our Lord**
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
and Sunday school
Worship and Music mtg.
- February 9** **5th Sunday after Epiphany**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
“Souper” Bowl Sunday offering
- February 16** **6th Sunday after Epiphany**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
Food Pantry offering
- February 23** **7th Sunday after Epiphany**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
Women & Children in Crisis offering

FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 2** Worship and Music mtg.
- February 4** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
- February 9** “Souper” Bowl Sunday offering
- February 11** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
- February 15** Deadline for February newsletter
- February 16** Food Pantry offering
- February 17** 6:30 p.m. Council meeting
- February 18** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
- February 19** 11:30 a.m. Ladies’ Lunch
- February 23** Bold Women Sunday Thank offering
- February 25** 11:00 a.m. Bible study



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



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., except Ash

Wednesday.

March 5 – Ash Wednesday Communion Service at
St. John’s Lutheran

March 12 - St. John’s on Morgan Hill

March 19 – St. John’s Lutheran

March 26 – St. John’s on Morgan Hill

April 2 - St. John’s Lutheran

April 9 - Blue Church

LESSONS FOR FEBRUARY

2/2	Malachi 3:1-4 Psalm 84 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	2/16	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26
2/9	Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11	2/23	Genesis 18:9-14 Ruth 1:7-16 Esther 2:15-18, 4:13-14 John 12: 1-8 Acts 16:11-15

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
2/2	Ron Hinline	Ron Hinline
2/9	Phil Klinger	Phil Klinger
2/16	Lou Mammana	Fran Eagle
2/23	Marie Mammana	Bonny, Marie, Marilyn, Sue, Bev

Communion Assistant:

2/2

Altar Guild: Judy Pektor & Terri Hinline

Door locker: Bert Hinline

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- Feb 2** **F (2)** In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm
 by Jane Yobe
 B OPEN
- Feb 9** **F (2)** In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm
 by Jane Yobe
 B OPEN
- Feb 16** **F (2)** In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm
 by Jane Yobe
 B OPEN
- Feb 23** **F (2)** In honor of Harold Melchor's 92nd birthday
 by Virginia
 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 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.

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: _____



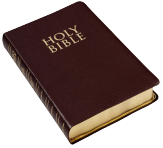
SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION

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.



“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9

Here comes Super Bowl Sunday, February 9, 2025. We will be taking a special collection to support **Super Bowl of Caring**. This event is an annual rally using the excitement of the Big Game and empowers communities to host their own donation drives to benefit a local food charity and inspiring a nationwide movement to make a difference!

We will have decorated pots with the teams' logos and see who we predict will win as we count the money during fellowship. Please come prepared to 'vote' for your team, wearing your favorite Jersey and support our local community.



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next Ladies' Luncheon will be **Wednesday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m.** at Frank's Restaurant, by Walmart. We will carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m. Any questions, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 4**, at noon at St. Luke's. We will enjoy a Taco Bar lunch. The book we are reading is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. Please let Kathy Mathews know if you will be attending at 610-533-8133. Hope to see you then.



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 8, 2025
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL MAGGIE & JIGGS CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER



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!



Thank you for directing Choice Dollars® to St. John's Lutheran Church in 2024.

At Thrivent you are a part of something even bigger. Through our generosity programs you help support the congregations, communities and causes you care about.

So far this year, through the Thrivent Choice® program, St. John's Lutheran Church has received \$325.

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

To find out how, please log onto 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.



***NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE MARCH 2025
NEWSLETTER IS FEBRUARY 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/. There will be printed copies in the back of the church for those who do not have access to the Internet.

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:

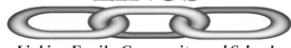
<https://www.projecteaston.org/foodpantry>

If you have any questions about donations, contact Morgan McKay

@ **mmckay@projecteaston.org**

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 December 30, we have donated 26 pints of blood. This is the first time in many years that we reached or surpassed our goal. Congratulations to all who donated!!

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

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 February.

We are having a Community Blood Drive at St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

If you can donate, please contact Terri Hinline at 610-258-4283 or 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 25th 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.

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



*Birthdays
of the Month*
FEBRUARY

1	Philip Salazar	17	Kayla Davis
4	Marie Kraus	17	William Adams, Jr.
4	Braydon Diehl	18	Tricia Adams
4	Dawn Brown	18	Adora Ruschman
4	Jacob Patriarca	18	Krystina Frei
4	Jody Nordeen	19	Tyler Batdorf
5	Lauren Roth	19	Setheny Kuliga
5	Mark Adams	19	James Hartman
5	Jacquelyn Farrell	20	Donald Kerbaugh V
6	Matthew Berry	21	Matthew Unangst
7	Kendra Young	21	Ryan Pektor
7	Cecile Patriarca	21	Mason Bloss
7	David Hosler, Sr.	22	Pr Paul Braden
7	Angela Smith	22	Stacey Kluska
8	Heather Buttner	23	Salvatore Gugliuzza
8	Scott Silfies	25	Harold Melchor
8	Andrea Walters	25	Kenneth Warman III
9	Alan Ruschman	26	Alan Howard
10	Jill Kerbaugh	26	Jessica Buttner
10	Joy Jacoby	26	Lisa Howard
11	Nolan Unangst	26	Gilbert Strawn
11	Alexia Cantrell	28	Kelsey Mikesell
11	Lanette Gilluly	28	Karen Schocko
12	Williard Buttner	29	Linda Mattes
15	Cayden Davis	29	Donald Wenner, Jr.
15	Scarlett Ruschman	29	Jordan Adams
16	Lacey Sovik	29	Larry Hoffman

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