

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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**Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
June 2026**



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

**Newsletter
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Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Friends,

It is sometimes tempting to see church as a community-within-a-community, as an island of faith that is separate and distinct from the surrounding world. We remember that Jesus told his disciples, "You do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world" (John 15:19), and the apostle James wrote, "Whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God" (James 4:4). It is tempting to believe that we are in the world but not of the world, and therefore remain within our comfort zone, within the four walls of our church, and not touch the messiness of the world "out there."

However, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are not called to be a cloistered community, one that is set apart and secluded from the rest of the world. Yes, we come together on the Sabbath as a community of faith. Yes, we come together for worship, fellowship, and renewal. Yes, we have been called and set apart as a people of God. We have been called and set apart, but not to sequester ourselves within the church but to welcome and to serve our neighbors and our community.

Each week we gather together in a place where all are welcome, St. John's Lutheran Church. We come together to worship, and then to be sent out into the world as ambassadors for Christ. We are sent out into the world to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. We are sent out to proclaim the Good News that Christ is Risen. We are sent out to share the good news that through faith in Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we are given the promise of eternal life with our Lord. That news is simply too good to keep to ourselves ... it must be shared!

So go in peace. Serve the Lord. Share the Good News.

God Bless You,

Pastor Jeff

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jeff Carstens	484-544-9403
Secretary	Jill Kerbaugh	610-417-3576
Treasurer (interim)	Terri Himeline	610-258-4283
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COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2026

Jane Patriarca, Council President	610-838-1359
Larry Pfister, Council Vice President	610-253-2385
Terri Himeline, Council Secretary	610-258-4283
Sharon Casciole	610-554-9269
Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
Jack Helm	610-258-5779
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Bonny 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 – Jane Patriarca	610-838-1359
Church Property – Larry Pfister	610-253-2385
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 – Megan Patriarca	484-597-1163

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 7	Second Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion Sunday school program
June 14	Third Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
June 21	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
June 28	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Food Pantry offering

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2	11:00 a.m. Bible study
June 7	Sunday school program
June 9	11:00 a.m. Bible study
June 15	Deadline for Newsletter articles 6:00 p.m. Council meeting
June 16	11:00 a.m. Bible study
June 17	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch Casa Italia
June 23	11:00 a.m. Bible study
June 28	Food Pantry offering
June 30	11:00 a.m. Bible study



SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Please join us as the children share their 2025-2026 Sunday school experience with us during worship Sunday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m.

LESSONS FOR JUNE

June 7	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Psalm 50:7-15 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	June 21	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15]16-18 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39
June 14	Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]	June 28	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
June 7	Ron Hinline	Ron Hinline
June 14	Kathy Mathews	Kathy Mathews
June 21	Sandy Eckroth	Sandy Eckroth
June 28	Lou Mammana	Lou Mammana

Communion Assistants:

June 7: Gina Serafini

Altar Guild: Sharon Klinger & Jane Patriarca

Door locker: Bert Hinline



DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!

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

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.

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- June 7** **F** In loving memory of Angelina Bauchspies, on her birthday, by son, James, and daughter, Janet Buttner
F OPEN
B OPEN
- June 14** **F** In loving memory of Ethel Burnell by daughter, Nancy Buttner
F OPEN
B OPEN
- June 21** **F** In loving memory of our father and grandfather, Burton Hineline, on Father's Day and his birthday by Bert & Terri and family
F In loving memory of my father, Bernard P. Smith, by Gale Kichline
B OPEN
- June 28** **F** In honor of Virginia Melchor, on her 93rd birthday
F In loving memory of Paul and Angelina Bauchspies, on their anniversary, by son, James, and daughter, Janet Buttner
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 make arrangements with you.



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE JULY 2026
NEWSLETTER IS JUNE 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: _____



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to all our high school and college graduates. May God be with you as you pursue your future endeavors. Your church family is proud of your accomplishments.



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.



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday, June 17, at 11:30 a.m.** at Casa Italia, 2149 Bushkill Dr, Easton, PA 18040. We will carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.



BOOK CLUB

We will meet **Tuesday, July 7, at noon** at St. Luke's. Our book is *Strangers in Time* by David

Baldacci.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Thanks, Kathy (610-533-8133)



3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Start gathering your unwanted treasures for our third annual Rummage Sale, (non-St. John's people are welcome).

PLEASE, only items in good condition. Have your donations to the church by August 2. We will have lunch and yummys for sale. Questions, please see or call Jane Patriarca at 484-894-3414.



OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY

PROJECT OF EASTON FOOD PANTRY

The updated wish list is: Tuna & Crackers Kits, Granola Bars, Apples in bags, Grape or Apple Juice, Canned Stew/Pasta, Toilet Paper, Diapers (all sizes), Feminine Care, Grocery Tote bags, Hand Warmers.

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 from 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 Val Piacentini
@ vpiancentini@projecteaston.org
or call 610-258-4361, ext. 18.



LINCS FAMILY CENTER

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

Their updated needs are: canned soup, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese and fruit cups. Pull top lids are preferred.
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 Hinline.

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK



Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of April 30, we have donated 40 pints of blood.

Thanks to Nancy Ackerman, Lynne Allen, Jennifer Batdorf, Joni Brobst, Barbara & Tim Campbell, Jeff Carstens, Sharon Casciole, Peter Cochran, Nancy

Collett, Matt Coyle, Wende Fazio, Tim Gadwell, Zion Harstine, Bert & Terri Hineline, Kathy Hlavaty, Debbie Kunsman, Fallon Maggio, Ron Olsen, Jane Patriarca, Debbie Patterson, Judy Pektor, Shyann Repsher, Bev Ribando, Art Sauerwine, Susan Stametz, Stacie Torkos and Steve Warner for donating in April.

Due to the low quantities of blood at this time, **the blood bank is in dire need of donors.** Please consider donating, now more than ever. **They may take walk-ins, but you're assured of a slot when you 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 June.



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

Chris Hinline
C/O The Gardens for Easton
Memory Care
500 Washington St Rm 310
Easton PA 18042

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.**



JUNE

1	Kristin Hughes	15	Conner Diehl
1	Austin Miller	16	Marie Mammana
2	Rachel Kichline	16	Philip Klinger
2	Alexis Vitko	16	Karen Poulter
3	Dawn Brown	17	Charles Hunter, Jr.
4	Tyler Davis	17	Kevin Berry
4	Gloria Hagenbuch	17	Olivia Grace Love
5	Tiffany Vinson	18	Alli Hicks
5	Penny Nicholas	18	Eric Bloss
6	Jeff Carstens	21	Will Hughes
6	Kole Bloshuk	21	Edward Servaty
6	Paul Kurtz	22	Kyle Strawn
6	Joelle Strahler	23	Darlene Howey
7	Adriana Vinson	23	Bev Ribando
7	Garey Davis	24	Sarah Petrundo
7	Jane Patriarca	24	Ronald Walters
7	Sherri Helm	24	Katie Hartman
9	Michael Mattes	25	Paula Herron Braden
11	Alex Trabold	26	Donna Heiser
12	Susan Wolfe	26	Paisley Kerbaugh
13	Katie Rausch	27	Dawn Kichline
14	Alyssa Amadore	28	Rob Weidner
14	Nicholas Santaniello	29	Logan Cleaver
14	Rhonda Weidner	30	Wes Beers
14	Lenny Behler	30	Adrienne Klinger

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



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MISSION SUPPORT 2025

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for Mission Support beyond the congregation for synod and
churchwide ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Thank you for your support, partnership, and leadership in the name of Christ! God is doing a new thing through you. And we are congregations together, we are synod together, we are church together – all blessed to be a blessing. With the good news of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are growing young, gaining strength, and going beyond death to life – so we can love like Jesus, healing like Jesus, and engage like Jesus, more and more each day. Thank you for your bold and joyous giving and sharing! To God be the glory!

Synod Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America