

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Friends,

Last month my family and I spent several days visiting Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, which played a pivotal role in the American Revolution and in the crafting of our Declaration of Independence. During our visit, we saw many of the preparations being made to commemorate the 250th birthday of our nation. American flags and red, white & blue 250th birthday banners were flying everywhere. Colonial re-enactors dressed in period costume were on hand to explain what life was like in the early colonies. The Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center proudly displayed an enormous Great American Birthday Quilt, made up of commemorative panels from all over the nation as “a lasting tribute to America’s story.” I was reminded of the celebrations, parades, and parties that captured the country’s imagination during our Bicentennial in 1976.

I was also reminded of our weekly worship service in the church, which is also a weekly commemoration and celebration. Each Sunday we gather to worship our Triune God and to commemorate and celebrate Christ’s resurrection from the dead. We worship and celebrate through our liturgy and our music, our prayers and our quiet reverence, our praise and our intercessions. Each Sunday we remember and celebrate Christ’s triumph over death itself. Death could not hold him; the grave could not contain him. As the contemporary Christian vocal group NewSong sang, “You Can’t Keep a Good Man Down.” We remember and celebrate this every week in worship, giving thanks and praise to God for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, which offers the promise of new and eternal life with him in heaven to those who believe.

Each year on the Fourth of July we celebrate the birth of our nation 250 years ago. Each week on Sunday we celebrate Jesus and his sacrifice for our salvation. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Jeff

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jeff Carstens	484-544-9403
Secretary	Jill Kerbaugh	610-417-3576
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COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2026

Jane Patriarca, Council President	610-838-1359
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Terri Hinline, Council Secretary	610-258-4283
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John Kichline	610-751-0368
Megan Patriarca	484-597-1163
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 Hinline	610-258-4283
Mutual Ministry – Jack Helm	610-258-5779
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Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
Worship & Music – Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
Youth & Family – Megan Patriarca	484-597-1163

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 5	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
July 12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship
July 19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Freely Given Special offering for Freely Given
July 26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Baptism Food Pantry offering

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 7	11:00 a.m. Bible study
July 14	11:00 a.m. Bible study
July 15	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch at Key City Diner Deadline for Newsletter articles
July 19	Freely Given
July 20	6:00 p.m. Council meeting
July 21	11:00 a.m. Bible study
July 26	Baptism of Arthur Philip Klinger Food Pantry offering
July 28	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.***

LESSONS FOR JULY

July 5	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	July 19 N/A
July 12	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	July 26 1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
July 5	Phil Klinger	Phil Klinger
July 12	Jim Pfister	Marilyn Starwn
July 19	Kathy Mathews	N/A
July 26	Sue Rutan	Sue Rutan

Communion Assistants:

July 5: Gina Serafini

Altar Guild: Bonny Pfister & Nancy Buttner

Door locker: Bert Hinline



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

**FOR THE AUGUST 2026
NEWSLETTER IS JULY 15.**

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- July 5** **F** In loving memory of Charles Buttner, Sr., by sons, Charles and Kenneth
 F In loving memory of Paul Bauchspies, on his birthday, by son, James, and daughter, Janet Buttner
 B OPEN
- July 12** **F(2)** In loving memory of our brother and your friend, David Pfister, by Jim and Karen
 B OPEN
- July 19** **F** In loving memory of my mother, Bella Jane Smith, by Gale Kichline
 F OPEN
 B OPEN
- July 26** **F** In loving memory of Jeffrey P. Kichline by John L. Kichline
 F In loving memory of Jeffrey P. Kichline by Gladys Eckhart
 Special Flowers in honor of Alison Klinger Elphick's birthday and Arthur Philip Klinger's Baptism.
 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.

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: _____

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.



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.

We are meeting all summer.



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)



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday, July 15, at 11:30 a.m.** at Key City Diner, 985 US 22,

P'Burg, NJ 08865.

We will carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m.

If you plan to attend, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.



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. PLEASE, only items in good condition. Have your donations to the church by August 2. We will have lunch and yummies for sale.

Questions, please see or call Jane Patriarca at 484-894-3414.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2026

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

Time to start thinking about this year's Bazaar!

We are looking for about 4-5 more ticket prizes. Examples: gift cards, homemade or new Christmas items, cash to be put toward gift cards.

Please see Peachie (610-252-8090) or Terri (610-258-4283) if you would like to donate. Thank you!!

More information coming soon. Stay tuned!



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
@ vpiacentini@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 Hineline.

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK



Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of May 31, we have donated 40 pints of blood. Thanks to Fallon Maggio and Tina McAuliffe for donating in May.

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

#0461

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 July.



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.**



July

1	Hunter Ruschman	15	Charlotte Farrell
1	Gregory Stetler, Jr.	16	Olivia Vinson
2	Alec Buttner	17	Sheldon Hickman
2	Virginia Melchor	18	Jack Helm
3	Genevieve Dennard	18	Claire Ruschman
3	Kevin Roth	18	Shawna Berry
3	Kyle McAuliffe	18	Sally Warman
3	Russell Steckel	19	Chris Hine
6	Shea Craft	20	Jason Brick
6	Natalie Ruschman	20	Alexandrea Diehl
6	Aaron Diehl	21	Erica McAuliffe
7	Dawn Hartman	21	Emma Camarena
8	Jillian Buttner	22	Carlos Camarena
8	Alexis Dzion	23	Skye Hunter
8	Stella Howey	24	Joy Maczko
9	Sandra Strawn	25	Ryan Breckon
9	Patrick Kichline	26	Donald Kerbaugh IV
10	Joshua Smith	26	Ryan Stull
10	Troy Hagenbuch	26	Terry Hagenbuch
11	Benjamin Kerbaugh	28	Alison Elphick
11	Paul Jacoby	28	Scott Strahler
11	Michael Glovas, Jr.	28	Martha Kush
12	Christopher Trabold	29	Lisa Adams
12	Tracy Mickey	29	Eric Stull
12	Krystal Marshall	29	Parker Strahler
12	Alesha Hartman	29	Justin Smith
13	Nicole Bracken	29	Cole Gerould
13	Patrick Henninger	30	Dillin Rodriquez
13	Zachary Young	30	Michael Haney
14	Richard Cantrell, Sr.	30	Tess Ruschman
14	Diana Rennig	31	Stephen Warner
14	Michael Farrell		

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

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF WORSHIP THROUGH
SONG WITH**

FREELY GIVEN

July 19



***"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit of God, that we might know the things
God has Freely Given us." – I Corinthians 2:12***

**WE WILL TAKE A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR
FREELY GIVEN.**

Thank you for supporting their mission.