

# **ST. JOHN'S EAGLE**

**2745 Morgan Hill Road, Easton, PA 18042**

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



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

**Newsletter  
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The Newsletter is presented in loving memory of  
Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.

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

In 1971, former Beatle John Lennon, along with The Plastic Ono Band, released the song "Happy Xmas (War Is Over)," a protest song opposing our involvement in the Vietnam War.

In the same spirit and with Lennon's lyrics as a model, I adapted the song. Here, in its American debut release, is my version, "So This Is Easter." (Because in the church it's still the season of Easter until Pentecost on May 24.)

And so this is Easter  
Though now it is May  
No, Easter's not over  
It's here yet today

So I'll follow Jesus  
And walk in his ways  
And work for his justice  
And peace for all days

Christ rose by God's glory  
He's risen indeed  
The grave could not hold him  
From death he is freed

So go spread the Good News  
To all young and old  
The greatest of stories  
That's ever been told

For Christ is our Savior  
He reigns from on high  
New life he will give us  
No longer to die

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To you blessed Easter  
And this you must know  
That Jesus still loves you  
And won't let you go

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We celebrate Easter  
The crown of our year  
We celebrate Jesus  
Without Lenten tears

And so this is Easter  
To Christ let us sing  
A praise song to Jesus  
Our God and our King

Each Sunday is Easter  
A new day to shine  
Through faith in Lord Jesus  
Forgiveness is mine

A forgiven sinner  
Now I've been set free  
To be his disciple  
His grace welcomes me

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*Pastor Jeff*

## **STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Jeff Carstens	484-544-9403
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Financial Secretary	Terri Hinline	610-258-4283
Cleaning person/Sexton	Gina Serafini	1-804-614-5247

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## **COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2026**

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Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
Jack Helm	610-258-5779
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

## ***MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

- May 3**            **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion  
and Sunday school
- May 10**          **Rogation Sunday**  
**Mother's Day**  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
- May 17**          **Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
- May 24**          **Day of Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion  
and Sunday school
- May 31**          **The Holy Trinity**  
**Service of Healing**  
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion  
and Sunday school  
**Food Pantry offering**

## ***MAY DATES TO REMEMBER***

- May 5**            11:00 a.m. Bible study  
Noon Book Club at St. Luke's
- May 10**          **Rogation Sunday:** bring soil from your garden  
**Mother's Day**
- May 12**          11:00 a.m. Bible study
- May 15**          Deadline for Newsletter articles
- May 17**          Geranium order due
- May 18**          6:30 p.m. Council meeting
- May 19**          11:00 a.m. Bible study
- May 20**          11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch Crossroads, Hellertown
- May 24**          6:00 p.m. Memorial Service at Wms. Twp. Park
- May 25**          3:00 p.m. Taps Across America at St. John's  
Union Cemetery
- May 26**          11:00 a.m. Bible study
- May 31**          **Food Pantry offering**

## **LESSONS FOR MAY**

<b>May 3</b>	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14	<b>May 24</b>	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23
<b>May 10</b>	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21	<b>May 31</b>	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20
<b>May 17</b>	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11		

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters &amp; Ushers</b>	<b>Lector</b>
<b>May 3</b>	Marie Mammana	Marie Mammana
<b>May 10</b>	Arnie Strawn	Marilyn Strawn
<b>May 17</b>	Sue Rutan	Sue Rutan
<b>May 24</b>	Kathy Mathews	Kathy Mathews
<b>May 31</b>	Phil Klingler	Phil Klingler

### **Communion Assistants:**

**May 3:** Gina Serafini

**May 24, Pentecost:** Bonny Pfister

**May 31, Holy Trinity:** Ron Hinline

**Altar Guild:** Judy Pektor & Terri Hinline

**Door locker:** Bert Hinline



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

## **FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS**

**May 3**      **F OPEN**  
                 **F OPEN**  
                 **B OPEN**

**May 10**      **F(2)** In loving memory of our mothers and  
                 grandmothers, Grace Hineline & Becky Young, on  
                 Mother's Day by Bert & Terri and family  
                 **B OPEN**

**May 17**      **F** In loving memory of Eva F. Kichline by Gladys  
                 Eckhart  
                 **F** In loving memory of Eva F. Kichline by John L.  
                 Kichline  
                 **B OPEN**

**May 24**      **F** In loving memory of Fay Steckel, on her birthday,  
                 by Kathy, Russ and Bill  
                 **F OPEN**  
                 **B OPEN**

**May 31**      **F OPEN**  
                 **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 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## **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**

We will meet **Tuesday, May 5, at noon** at St. Luke's.

Our book is *The Frugal Wizard's Handbook for Surviving Medieval England* by Brandon Sanderson.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Thanks, Kathy (610-533-8133)



## **LADIES' LUNCHEON**

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday, May 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Hellertown Crossroads.**

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

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



## **WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP VETERANS MEMORIAL REMEMBRANCE**

**Sunday, May 24, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

**655 Cider Press Road, Easton, PA 18042**

Please join us as we honor and remember our Williams Township fallen heroes at our annual Veterans Memorial ceremony.

Once again, participants will be the Wilson Area High School Band, various youth from Williams Twp., the Northampton County Marine Corps League and Williams Twp. Scout Troop 31. Our guest speaker this year is Mr. Sid Busch, US Navy, Retired, Senior Chief Sonar Tech, 1965 - 1991. His speech is titled "250 Years of Freedom Thanks to our Armed Services."

A dove release will be held at the conclusion. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs. This is a rain or shine event.



## **TAPS ACROSS AMERICA**

Please join us on **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at 3:00 p.m.**, at the back of St. John's Union Cemetery. The short ceremony is a synchronized, nationwide sounding of Taps, uniting the country in a shared moment of honor, remembrance, and reflection.

## **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.



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE  
FOR THE JUNE 2026  
NEWSLETTER IS MAY 15.**



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Congratulations! In 2025, St. John's Lutheran Church received \$1,833 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! 🎉

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## **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](mailto:vpiacentini@projecteaston.org)

or call 610-258-4361, ext. 18.

**LINCS**



### **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 Hinehline.

## **MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK**



Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of March 31, we have donated 10 pints of blood.

Thanks to Tina McAuliffe and Alexa Torres for donating in March.

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 May.**



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](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.**



## MAY

1	Steven Lynes	17	Jeffrey Steele
2	Mary Sandt	17	David Hagenbuch, Jr.
3	Mason Ackerman	18	Lydia Frei
4	Sharon Diehl	18	Danielle DeLuca
4	Shaun Pfister	19	Mandi Hagenbuch
5	Dawn Furnas	19	Zachary Strawn
5	Mark Weaver	19	Ryann Howard
6	Brody Olsen	19	Mark Adams II
6	Vikki Scheirer	19	Nina Ruschman
6	Timothy Brick	22	John Helm
7	Susan Hester	22	Taylor Fucci
7	Robert Trinkley	22	Kyle Arcury
8	Pyper Berry	24	Kathy Behler
8	Richard Diehl, Jr.	24	Sandy Eckroth
9	Megan Kerbaugh	24	Richard Hartman
9	Kyla Cochran	24	Chris Patriarca
9	Harper Steele	25	Jacob Kichline
10	Ryan Diehl	25	Arnold Strawn
11	Hannah Santos	27	Carli Hagenbuch
12	Danny Comstock	27	Rose Seifert
12	Tina Haney	28	Kevin Love
13	Kristine Kreitz	29	Mariah Kerbaugh
14	Lauren Hineline	29	Sage Hicks
14	Skylar Kerbaugh	29	Kim Diehl
14	Jacob Brown	30	Gale Kichline
14	Kimberly Bradbury	30	Josh Brobst
15	Melanie Roth	30	Logan Diehl
15	Kyla Cochran	30	Conlin Gross
16	Tammi D'Angelo	30	Gary Ruschman
		31	Kiersten Schocko

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







## ***Geraniums for Pentecost***

Altar Guild is offering red geraniums, provided by Raub's Greenhouse, to decorate the church for Pentecost Sunday, **May 24, 2026**. Geraniums are \$3.50 per pot.

Please complete this form, put in an envelope, along with payment. Place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church, "**Attention Bonny Pfister.**"

Make checks payable to: **St. John's Lutheran Church.**

Orders and money are due by **May 17.**

Name:

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Geraniums to be left for church to plant outside: # \_\_\_\_\_

Geraniums to take home: # \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle)

In honor of:

In memory of:

Presented by:

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