

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. (starting 9/13)

September 2026



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

**Newsletter
Monthly Publication**

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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Friends,

Each time January 1st rolls around, I feel a renewed sense of hope. It's the start of a new year, a time for a fresh start, a chance to do some things differently. And I feel the same way when September rolls around. For kids, it's the start of a new school year, time for a new start with a new teacher, new school supplies, new subjects, new textbooks, new friends, new activities.

In the world of sports, September also brings renewed sense of excitement as a new season of football, professional and collegiate, is underway and with it another chance for our team to go all the way.

In the church, new programs are getting started — a new Sunday school year, new adult classes, new outreach opportunities to pursue, new Christmas choir anthems to start learning.

But in terms of faith, we don't have to wait for January or September to experience the new hope that comes from God. With the Lord, everything that was old has become new. Every day is fresh and alive with hope, bursting with divine creativity. The examples in Scripture are far too numerous to mention them all. To share just a few:

Lamentations 3:21-23 "But this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Psalms 96:1 "O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth."

Isaiah 43:19 "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?"

Romans 6:4 "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life."

Ephesians 4:24 "... clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness."

Sisters and brothers, may your faith, your hope, your lives be refreshed and made new every day of the year.

God Bless You

Pastor Jeff

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jeff Carstens	484-544-9403
Secretary	Jill Kerbaugh	610-417-3576
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Cleaning person/Sexton	Gina Serafini	1-804-614-5247

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COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2026

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

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- September 6** **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
- September 13** **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
Rally Day
- September 20** **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
- September 27** **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
Food Pantry offering

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 1** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
Noon Book Club
- September 8** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
- September 13** **Rally Day and picnic**
- September 15** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
Deadline for Newsletter articles
- September 16** 11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch at Marblehead
- September 21** 6:30 p.m. Council meeting
- September 22** 11:00 a.m. Bible study
- September 27** **Food Pantry offering**
- September 29** 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 SEPTEMBER

Sept 6	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm 119:33-40 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20	Sept 20	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm 145:1-8 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16
Sept 13	Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35	Sept 27	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25:1-9 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
September 6	Sandy Eckroth	Sandy Eckroth
September 13	Lou Mammana	Lou Mammana
September 20	Jim Pfister	Marilyn Strawn
September 27	Marie Mammana	Marie Mammana

Communion Assistants:

September 6: Ron Hinline

Altar Guild: Sharon Klinger & Jane Patriarca

Door locker: Bert Hinline

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

- September 6** **F** In loving memory of Grace Hine, on her birthday, by Bert and Terri and family
F In loving memory of our grandparents, Burton & Grace Hine and Becky Young, on Grandparent's Day by Mike, Stacy, Nick & Lauren and Dawn & Kelly
B In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe
- September 13** **F(2) OPEN**
B In loving memory of William E. Kraus by Marie and family
- September 20** **F** In loving memory of Charles & Ruthann Buttner by sons, Charles and Kenneth
F OPEN
B In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe
- September 27** **F** In loving memory of Wallace Young, on his birthday, by Kendra, Kenneth and Angeline
F OPEN
B In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe

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: _____



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.



RALLY DAY

I am happy to announce the kick-off of our 2026-2027 Sunday school at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 13. This day, we know as Rally Day and is a day that all congregations of the ELCA join together for the annual service of "God's Work. Our Hands". This day continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. This year we are collecting supplies for the Wilson Area School District LINC'S Center. Sunday school class is open to children turning 4 in the school year to 12 years of age. For the benefit of parents and caregivers, our Sunday school lessons take place during the Sunday worship starting at 10:00 a.m. The children will join the congregation for prayers and a children's sermon with our pastor, then we will leave to go to the Sunday school room for our lessons.

Please call Jane Patriarca at 610-838-1359 or 484-597-1163 if you have any questions.



RALLY DAY PICNIC

We will be having our annual Rally Day Picnic on Sunday, September 13. Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great event with the new Sunday school children and our congregation to celebrate the great work our church does through the year.

Come celebrate with worship and a tasty lunch.



BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting of the Book Club will be held on **Tuesday, September 1**, at noon at Judy Molders house. The book is *Educated* by Tara Westover. Anyone interested in coming should please contact me. Thanks, Kathy (610-533-8133)



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday, September 16, at 11:30 a.m.** at Marblehead Chowder House, 4101 William Penn Hwy, Easton 18045. We will carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.



ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us **Saturday, November 7, 2026, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**, for our annual spaghetti dinner, hosted by our Boy Scouts. More information coming soon!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2026

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

More information coming soon. Stay tuned!
Sponsored by Thrivent Action Team



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

**FOR THE OCTOBER 2026
NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 15.**



OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY

PROJECT OF EASTON FOOD PANTRY

The **September updated** wish list is: Cereal, Canned Chick Peas (Garbanzo), Canned Sweet Corn, Canned Peas, Jelly, Toilet Paper, Reusable Shopping bags/Grocery tote bags, Med and Lg Adult Diapers.

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 Hine.

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK



Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of June 30, we have donated 48 pints of blood. Thanks to Terri Hineline, Jane Patriarca, Debbie Patterson and Shyann Repsher for donating in July.

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. **Walk-ins may be accepted, 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 September.

ST. JOHN'S OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive is Wednesday, October 28. If you donate regularly, and want to donate at the church, please watch your scheduling. You need 8 weeks between whole blood donations. Hope to see you then!



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.**



SEPTEMBER

1	Allison Pektor	15	David Hagenbuch
3	Richard George	16	Scott Strawn
3	Norman Cochran, Jr.	17	Ryan Buttner
4	Stacy Hineline	17	Michael Febbo
4	Michele Mohr	17	Pamela Rozzi
4	Tracy Ruschman	17	Kimberly Glovas-Kurtz
5	Mark Weaver	18	Danaliz Rodriguez
6	Haley Allem	20	Tina Amadore
6	Cynthia Ruschman	21	Patrick Gilluly
9	Ava Pektor	21	Cody Jennings
10	Jean Leidy	21	Robert Hester III
11	David Wolfe	22	Emberly Hagenbuch
12	Logan Gerould	22	Wendy Young
12	Dorothy Ryerson	24	Gladys Eckhart
13	Diane Pyatt	26	Wallace Young
13	Scarlett Templeton	28	Joanne Haring
13	Gloria Farrell	28	Lauren Strawn
14	Lorrene Walters	28	Brian Hagenbuch
14	Todd Unangst	29	Matthew Glovas
15	Guy Young	29	Patrick Weaver

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



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2026

Our Harvest Home Collection will benefit the Easton Food Pantry again this year.

Their biggest needs are:

Cereal Canned Chick Peas (Garbanzo)
Canned Sweet Corn Canned Peas
Toilet Paper Med and Lg Adult Diapers
Reusable Shopping bags/Grocery tote bags
Jelly

They also accept any canned goods.

Bags are available in the back of the church. Place your filled bags inside the Fellowship Hall with the other Food Pantry donations.

Items must be new and unopened.

Checks may be made payable to and mailed to the church, marked "Harvest Home."

Thank you for your support.

Sponsored by Thrivent Action Team

St. John's Lutheran Church

(Non-Profit Organization)



**ONE DAY ONLY - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

DONATE \$5 AND ENJOY:

- **25% OFF** DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS*
- **REGISTER TO WIN** A \$100 BOSCOV'S GIFT CARD
One Winner at every Boscov's store

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR ORGANIZATION

For Shopping Passes or information, contact:

Council members
or Terri

*Exclusions apply. For more details visit [boscovs.com/category/friends-helping-friends-event](https://www.boscovs.com/category/friends-helping-friends-event)



Wilson Area LINCS
Coalition for Families and Youth

Dear Community Partner,

On behalf of Wilson Area LINCS Coalition for Families and Youth, thank you for your generous support and partnership over the past year. Because of community partners like you, LINCS has been able to continue strengthening families, supporting youth, and connecting individuals to critical services throughout the Wilson Area School District community.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find:

- A Certificate of Appreciation recognizing your support and commitment to our mission
- An Impact Report highlighting how your contribution helped make a difference in the lives of local children, youth, and families
- A list of sponsorship and giving opportunities for the upcoming year
- Information about LINCS committees and volunteer leadership opportunities for those interested in becoming more involved in our work

Your support has allowed LINCS to expand and sustain evidence-based prevention programming, mental health supports, family engagement initiatives, and community partnerships that directly benefit local families. Through programs focused on youth development, family strengthening, and prevention, we continue to work toward building a healthier, safer, and more connected community.

As we look ahead, we invite you to continue partnering with us. Whether through sponsorship, donations, volunteering, or committee participation, your involvement helps ensure that LINCS can continue providing accessible, high-quality services at no cost to families in our community.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss partnership opportunities further, please contact us at LINCS@wilsonareasd.org.

Thank you again for your generosity, partnership, and commitment to our mission.

Sincerely,

Trina Johnson-Brady
Executive Director
Wilson Area LINCS Coalition for Families and Youth
Linking Individual Needs to Community Services

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