

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

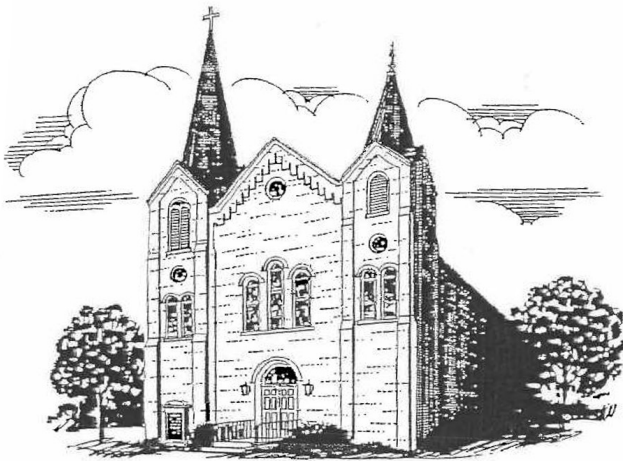
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**Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
April 2022**



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

**Newsletter
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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

We are about to embark once again on our journey through Holy Week, also called Passion Week. Interestingly, the Latin root of our English word “passion” means not only “to suffer,” but also “to endure.” Jesus had to “endure” the events of Holy Week before victory could be won.

Sue Monk Kidd, in her book *When the Heart Waits*, tells a wonderful story from her childhood.

When I was a child, a woman named Sweet worked for our family. She cared for my brothers and me as if we were her own.

One day Sweet and I started out on one of our frequent walks to the city park about four blocks from my house. That day Sweet took my hand and started in the wrong direction. “We’re taking the long way ‘round,” she told me.

The *long* way? Why would we deliberately go the long way? I made a small scene, but Sweet didn’t relent. Off we went the long way. Not four blocks, but eight!

We had walked at least six, when she stopped beside a ditch swollen with water and tadpoles. She pulled a Mason jar from her pocket, one with nail holes in the lid. “Now aren’t you glad we took the long way ‘round? Ain’t no tadpoles the short way.”

Jesus knew he had to go the long way ‘round to reach victory. There is no short cut to Easter. And likewise for us: transformation comes only as we go the long way ‘round; only as we’re willing to walk a different, longer, more difficult, more prayerful route—the way of the cross.

But when you choose to follow Jesus on that long way ‘round, you can trust God’s promise of a transforming, abundant, eternal life lying pooled along the way.

A blessed Easter to all of you.

Pastor Paul

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Youth & Family	

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 3	5th Sunday in Lent 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
April 6	Mid-week Lenten service 6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich followed by 7:00 p.m. Worship at St. John's Lutheran
April 10	Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and Sunday school
April 14	Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion at St. John's Lutheran
April 15	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. at St. John's on Morgan Hill
April 17	Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
April 24	2nd Sunday of Easter 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Food Pantry offering

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER

April 5	11:00 a.m. Bible study
April 7	1:00 p.m. Book Club at St. Luke's
April 12	11:00 a.m. Bible study
April 18	6:30 p.m. Council meeting
April 19	11:00 a.m. Bible study
April 20	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Luncheon at DiMaio's
April 26	11:00 a.m. Bible study



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER
IS APRIL 15.**

LESSONS FOR APRIL

April 3

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 17

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12

April 10

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

April 24

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
4/3	Jackie and Fran Eagle	Eric Bloss
4/10	Bonny Pfister	Jill Kerbaugh
4/14	John Kichline	Kathy Mathews
4/17	Kathy Mathews	Rob Weidner
4/24	Tina McAuliffe	Bev Ribando

Communion Assistants

4/3	Jackie Eagle
4/10	Gina Serafini
4/14	Jane Patriarca
4/17	Bonny Pfister

Altar Guild: Bonny Pfister, Nancy Buttner and Gale Kichline

Door locker: Bonny Pfister

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



PALM SUNDAY

April 10 @ 10:00 a.m.
Blessings of the Palms
Reading of the Passion
Holy Communion



MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 14 @ 7:00 p.m.
Holy Communion
Stripping of the Altar



GOOD FRIDAY

April 15 @ 7:00 p.m.
St. John's Church on Morgan Hill



EASTER SUNDAY

April 17 @ 10:00 a.m.
Special Music
Holy Communion
Alleluia!

Please join us for worship in this most holy week of the year!



LENT SCHEDULE

Mid-Week Lenten service begins with a Soup & Sandwich dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are worship only.

April 6	St. John's Lutheran
April 14	Maundy Thursday St. John's Lutheran
April 15	Good Friday Combined Service St. John's on Morgan Hill

We will host the Soup & Sandwich hour before the Mid-Week service on Wednesday, April 6.

Please see Marilyn Strawn or sign-up on the sheets in the fellowship hall.



EASTER FLOWERS

Due to social distancing restrictions, Altar Guild **will not** be offering Easter flowers for purchase and pick-up this year. Instead, we are purchasing lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter.

Raub's Florist, 105 Industrial Dr. N, Easton PA 18042, phone 610-250-8795, supplies our weekly and special occasion flowers. If you wish, you may purchase your Easter flowers from their greenhouse.



BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday, at 11:00 a.m., members meet to discuss the lessons for the following Sunday. We have fun and, at the same time, gain insight into Sunday's theme. Join us around the St. John's kitchen table, and experience God's love over a cup of coffee or tea with enlightening conversation.

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

April 3	F ILM of Dolores Race, on her birthday. Love, her family. F OPEN B OPEN
April 10	F OPEN F OPEN B OPEN
April 17	F ILM of Ruth Dunlap Buttner by sons, Charles and Kenneth. F OPEN B ILM of William F. Adams, Sr., in celebration of his birthday, by Peggy Adams.
April 24	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 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: _____

★★ THE NEED TO UPDATE THE MILITARY BULLETIN BOARD IN OUR SOCIAL HALL IS LONG OVERDUE! ★★

If you know of anyone who is a **RESIDENT OF WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP**, and **CURRENTLY** serving in our Armed Services, please let Sharon Klinger know and they will be included on an updated bulletin board in the near future. We are asking that you please only include Williams Township residents for the updated board for the Social Hall. However, if you know of a service member that is not a township resident, please feel free to include them on the “Pray for our Troops” list in the bulletin.

Also, if you have an address for **ANY DEPLOYED** service member you may know, and would like to share it, please let Sharon know. She can be reached at 610 258-0865 or email her at philklinger@hotmail.com.



DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!

We continue to lock the church doors 15 minutes after the beginning of worship services.

THANK YOU, TERESA RODGERS

Teresa Rodgers, our part-time organist for the last 15 years, is retiring. Teresa has been a faithful musician, providing us with many interesting preludes, accompanying us on the hymns, and occasionally singing for us during the distribution of communion.

Her last Sunday will be April 3. Please join us that day to say “Farewell” and to wish her God’s blessings on the next leg of her journey.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet **Thursday, April 7**, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's. The book we will be reading is *The City*

We Became by N.K. Jemisin.

Please let Kathy Mathews know if you will be attending.

610-533-8133.

Hope to see you then.



APRIL LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next Ladies' Luncheon will be **Wednesday, April 20**, at DiMaio's Italian Restaurant, 27 Main St, Hellertown PA 18055.

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

If you need a ride, please call me @ 610-258-4283.

Terri



EMPTY COFFEE CANS AND LIDS

Altar Guild is asking for empty one pound coffee cans and lids. We use these to deliver the altar flowers after church. If you have any for us, please leave them in the kitchen or give them to Bonny Pfister in church.

You may call Terri Hine, at 610-258-4283, if you would like us to pick them up. Thank you!

MESSAGE FROM THE WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Williams Township Veterans Memorial Committee needs your help with updating information for our program.

If you are aware of anything that needs to be updated, please contact Ron Hinline **by April 8** at 610-253-0672 or email rbhinline@rcn.com.

1. We are looking for names of veterans who live or have lived in Williams Township.
2. We are looking to delete names of deceased veterans.

The Williams Township Veterans Memorial Committee invites the entire community to share in honoring our fallen heroes and all our living veterans on **Sunday, May 29, 2022**, at 6 p.m. at the Williams Township Municipal Campus, 655 Cider Press Rd., in Williams Township.

Thank you for your help. We really rely on you!

Sincerely and gratefully,
Linda Heindel

Williams Township Veterans Memorial Committee member



Dear Charity Administrator,

This is to notify you that **St. John's Lutheran Church** has been issued a **\$34.74** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

Thank you to everyone who chose St. John's as their AmazonSmile charity,

Your AmazonSmile Team

OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY:

DONATIONS TO EASTON FOOD PANTRY

The biggest needs are **peanut butter, jelly, canned meats and baby wipes. However, all canned goods are welcome.**

Donations may be put in the box in the Fellowship Hall and they will be delivered to the pantry.

Drop-off hours at the **Easton Food Pantry, 320 Ferry St.**, are Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 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 Nancy
@ **ncaroprese@projecteaston.org** or call 610-258-4361.

SAFE HARBOR MISSION WITH ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ON MORGAN HILL

We would like to help St. John's with their mission to make soup and desserts on the third Wednesday of the month. We would like to volunteer a few months a year if we see enough interest. We are asking for volunteers to make soup or bake a dessert for our month.

Monetary donations are also welcome to help buy ingredients for those cooking and baking.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for April and May. Looks like we'll be doing this again, so please see Marilyn Strawn, 610-252-1022, or Terri Hine, 610-258-4283, if you would like more information on helping.

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK

Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of February 28, we have donated 3 pints of blood.

Thank you to Terri Hine and Gary Ruschman for donating in February.

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.

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 in April.



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Easton PA 18045

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C/o ProMedica
2600 Northampton St
Rm 315
Easton PA 18045

Bill Lee
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Apt 304B
Allentown PA 18104

Dorothy (Dottie) Ryerson
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Easton PA 18042
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Josephine Warner
C/o The Easton Home
1022 Northampton St
Easton PA 18042

Josie Yeisley
Mailing address:
C/o Wayne Yeisley
823 Roosevelt Ave
Roseto PA 18013
Physical address:
Walden III
325 N Broadway Apt #129
Wind Gap PA 18091-1214
610-863-5042 (her room phone)

If you know of anyone who should be on the Shut-in list,
please contact the church office, 610-252-3571, or email
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**Make the day of a shut-in by sending them a card or a note,
letting them know we're thinking of them.**



APRIL

1	Susan Brick	13	Jessica Henninger
1	Josephine Yeisley	13	Trevor Batdorf
2	Aaron Mohr	15	Alexis Judd
2	John Brown	15	Michael Trabold
4	Rachel Brobst	16	Harper Lynes
4	Robert Brown	16	Jacklyn Henninger
5	Brandy Miller	16	Dallas Febbo
5	Robert Lauer	18	Cassie Race
5	Jason Nicholas	18	Les Pektor
6	Barry Nace	18	Janet Buttner
6	Matthew Losey	19	Morgan Pektor
6	Eugene Hagenbuch	20	Kiley Ackerman
7	Alexander Wenner	21	Maxem Silva
7	Robert Patriarca	21	Suzanne Nace
7	Katie Hosler	21	Kathleen Mathews
9	Paul Nicholas	22	Shawn Berry
9	Stefen Jennings	24	Brianna Davis
10	Leigha Smith	24	Judy Hinline
11	Kristy Stoner	24	Paul Cunningham
11	Braeden Haney	26	Louis Mammana
11	Gina Serafini	27	Hunter Diehl
12	Chad Hunter	28	Lori Coon
12	Denice Ruschman	29	Jade Bloshek
		30	Dakota Altanosio
Please notify the church office of any additions, deletions or corrections. Thank you.			