

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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**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:

Dear Friends,

I'm sure most of you know this from experience — it's not easy, watching a parent age. Seeing them grow weaker and weaker. Watching them shrink almost before your eyes. Observing their memories (and their bodies) fade and sometimes forgetting their own families and children. Maybe even being present as they take their final breath before passing on.

A parent's death is never an easy thing. Whether your relationship with them was close or distant, their loss is difficult to bear. It often takes a long time to get over the grief. Sometimes you never get over it.

The memories of my aging parents and their subsequent dying is something I will always remember. It's something I will always treasure. They were both blessed with long lives; Dad lived to within a couple weeks of his 88th birthday and Mom died at age 90. They both showed me not only how to live well but how to die well. And what I learned about dying is this: your faith matters. More than anything. Your faith can enable you to face death with the same strength and dignity as you face life.

Faith can enable you to accept the inescapable truth: we all will die. All of us. Loved ones included. Our bodies will age and decline, eventually succumbing to disease or accident or simply old age. And through it all, faith in Christ, faith in God's promises offers tremendous comfort and peace. As the song goes, "He's got the whole world in his hands," and that "whole world" includes you and me, our very lives. God held us long before we were even born. Psalm 139:13 reads, "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb." And the author of Psalm 116 writes, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones." Our lives and our deaths are important to God.

It has been a strange few years for me. But witnessing the faith of my parents as they aged and eventually died has strengthened my faith and given me hope ... even while grieving their loss.

God Bless You

Pastor Jeff

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jeff Carstens	484-544-9403
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Sharon Casciole	610-554-9269
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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
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Worship & Music – Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
Youth & Family – Megan Patriarca	484-597-1163

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 2	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
August 9	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship
August 16	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship Food for the Poor special offering
August 23	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship
August 30	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship Service of Healing Food Pantry offering

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 4	11:00 a.m. Bible study
August 11	11:00 a.m. Bible study
August 15	Deadline for Newsletter articles
August 16	Food for the Poor special offering
August 17	6:00 p.m. Council meeting
August 18	11:00 a.m. Bible study
August 19	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch at The Coop
August 25	11:00 a.m. Bible study
August 30	Service of Healing Food Pantry offering



DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!

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

LESSONS FOR AUGUST

August 2	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21	August 23	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
August 9	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33	August 30	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28
August 16	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28		

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
August 2	Lou Mammana	Lou Mammana
August 9	Bev Ribando	Bev Ribando
August 16	Kathy Mathews	Kathy Mathews
August 23	Jane Patriarca	Jane Patriarca
August 30	Ron Hinline	Ron Hinline

Communion Assistants:

August 2: Jane Patriarca

Altar Guild: Judy Pektor & Terri Hinline

Door locker: Bert Hinline



NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE

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

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- August 2** **F** In loving memory of our mom and Gram, Becky Young, on her birthday by Bert & Terri and family
 F In loving memory of our Josh Klinger by Bert & Terri and family
 B In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe
- August 9** **F(2)** In loving memory of James Van Horn, Sr., by Barry Hagenbuch and Robert Woods
 B In loving memory of James Van Horn, Sr., by Barry Hagenbuch and Robert Woods
- August 16** **F** In loving memory of Helen Buttner by sons, Charles and Kenneth
 F In loving memory of Florence Helm by Jack Helm
 B In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe
- August 23** **F OPEN**
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 B In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe
- August 30** **F OPEN**
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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: _____

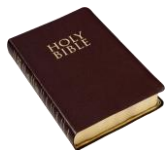
Dedication: _____

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.

We are meeting all summer.



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 LINCS 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.

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.



3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

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

Please gather your unwanted treasures for our third annual Rummage Sale and bring them to the church by August 2.

PLEASE, only items in good condition.

We will have lunch and yummies for sale.

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



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday, August 19, at 11:30 a.m.** at The Coop,

2722 Freemansburg Ave, Easton.

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

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



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)

SAVE THE DATES



FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The event will be held at all Bosco's stores on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026**, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. See Terri or any Council member for the \$5 coupon.



ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, for our annual spaghetti dinner, hosted by our Boy Scouts.
More information coming soon!



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2026

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

Time to start thinking about this year's Bazaar!

We are looking for about 2-3 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 June 30, we have donated 44 pints of blood. Thanks to Nancy Ackerman, Terri Hineline, Tina McAuliffe and Susan Stametz for donating in June.

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 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
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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.**



AUGUST

1	Megan Patriarca	16	Ronald Nicholas
1	Melissa Hester	16	Michael McAuliffe
1	Kevin Kreitz	16	Kyle Ruschman
2	Jeannie Hammonds	17	Michele Shiner
3	Kenneth Shiner	17	Judy Pektor
3	William Steckel	18	Kevin Helm
4	Hayes Steele	18	James Jones, Jr.
5	Denise Glovas	18	Ann Stetler
6	Mark Howey	19	Audrey Greene
6	Amanda Smith	20	Kadin Rausch
7	Ron Hineline	20	Morgan Adams
7	Shelly Shiner	21	John Pyatt
8	Patrishia Kichline	22	Adrienne Rozzi
10	Brittney Fucci	23	Lydia Cleaver
10	Peach Warner	23	Breanna Young
12	Alec Henninger	26	Anne Cleaver
12	Richard Unangst	27	Michael Strawn
13	Joseph Helm	27	Ronald Olsen
13	Jacob Helm	27	Peter Glovas-Kurtz
13	Tyler Gross	27	Nicholas Rennig
13	Kenneth Warman, Jr.	28	Angeline Young
14	Lisa Steckel	29	Douglas Diehl
14	Bryce Smith	29	Zachery Walter
14	Seth Klinger	30	Cindy Helm
14	Amanda Rennig	31	Brenek Strawn
14	Lauri Henninger	31	Emily Brian
16	Scot Frei		
16	Destiny Julo		

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