

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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



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

**Newsletter
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Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Friends,

Time marches on. The year 2025 is now in the history books (good riddance?) and 2026 stretches out in front of us. So how does this new year look to you? Is it bright and shiny with promise? Or is it already tarnished and dulled with the struggles and sorrows that may have carried over from last year? Do you look forward to experiencing new challenges and their rewards? Or do new obstacles and setbacks await? Will you experience familiar happenings or unpredictable events? Looking into the future there is much that we do not know. As the Star Wars Jedi Master Yoda might have said, "Always shrouded in mystery the future is."

But in spite of all the uncertainties, this much I do know. I know that God is with you. That is God's promise. Whatever you face, you do not face it alone. Jesus is called Emmanuel meaning, "God is with us." Not, "God was with us in the distant past." Not, "God will be with us again one day in the distant future." God is with you, right where you are, right here, right now. Although 2026 may begin with some uncertainty, you can be certain that God will continue to walk with you, wherever your path leads. And so, receive this blessing for the coming year and always:

May God go before you to lead you,
Behind you to encourage you,
Above you to watch over you,
Beside you to befriend you,
And inside you to give you peace. Amen.

God bless you.

Pastor Jeff

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Jeff Carstens	484-544-9403
Secretary	Jill Kerbaugh	610-417-3576
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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 – 2025

James Van Horn, Sr., Council President	610-258-5779
Jack Helm, Council Vice President	610-258-5779
Terri Hinline, Council Secretary	610-258-4283
Jackie Eagle	610-253-3443
Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
John Kichline	610-751-0368
Megan Patriarca	484-597-1163
Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
Larry 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 –	
Church Property – Jim Van Horn	610-258-5779
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

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

January 4	2nd Sunday of Christmas 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and Sunday school
January 11	Baptism of our Lord 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and Sunday school
January 18	2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
January 25	3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Food Pantry offering

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6	11:00 a.m. Bible study
January 11	Congregation Meeting immediately after service
January 13	11:00 a.m. Bible study
January 15	Deadline for Newsletter articles
January 19	6:30 p.m. Council meeting
January 20	11:00 a.m. Bible study
January 21	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch TBD
January 25	Food Pantry offering
January 27	11:00 a.m. Bible study

LESSONS FOR JANUARY

1/4	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:1-18	1/18	Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42
1/11	Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17	1/25	Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
1/4	Phil Klinger	Phil Klinger
1/11	Sandy Eckroth	Sandy Eckroth
1/18	Arnie Strawn	Marilyn Strawn
1/25	Marie Mammana	Marie Mammana

Communion Assistants:

2nd Sunday of Christmas, 1/4: Meg Patriarca

Baptism of our Lord, 1/11: Gina Serafini

Altar Guild: Bonny Pfister and Nancy Buttner

Door locker: Bert Hinline

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

Jan 4	(2) F In loving memory of Dot Gesler by Bert & Terri and family B OPEN
Jan 11	F OPEN F OPEN B OPEN
Jan 18	F OPEN F OPEN B OPEN
Jan 25	F In loving memory of Naomi R. Dornblaser by daughters, Bonnie, Nancy, Judy and families. F B

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: _____

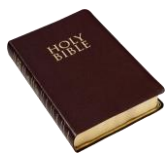
Dedication: _____

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.



BOOK CLUB

In January, we will be meeting on Tuesday, January 6 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's. Our book is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend.
Kathy (610-533-8133)



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be **Wednesday, January 21, at 11:30 a.m.** Location TBD. We will carpool from the church at 11:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.

2026 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately following service on Sunday, **January 11, 2026**. A light lunch will be served. Please plan to attend.

Committee reports for the congregational meeting are due in the church office no later than December 23, 2025.



DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!

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

Just a reminder: If you have a Thrivent account, you may designate your Choice Dollars to St. John's.

This does not take money away from your account balance.

To find out how, please log onto Thrivent.com and follow directions for designating Choice Dollars or call 1-800-847-4836, Option #1. There are many St. John's, so be sure to choose us at 2745 Morgan Hill Rd.

If you have questions, please call Terri Hine at 610-258-4283 or call your Thrivent representative.

Your 2025 Choice Dollars will expire March 31, 2026 so please act now.



2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours, your

family members and neighbors.

Thank you, Terri

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.



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE FEBRUARY 2026
NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 15.**



SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION

In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made for worship cancellation by 8:00 a.m.

Any cancellations will be posted at that time on WFMZ, Channel 69, and on their website, WFMZ.com.

Phone calls will be made to regular attending members.



OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY

PROJECT OF EASTON FOOD PANTRY

The biggest needs are **pasta, cereals and pancake mix. However, all canned goods are welcome.**

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 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 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 Hinline.

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK



Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of November 30, we have donated 55 pints of blood, thanks to our first annual Community Blood Drive.

Thanks to Darlene Howey for donating in October.

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 are not taking walk-ins; you must 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 January.

2026 St. John's Blood Drive dates:

Save these dates and please schedule your other donation dates around these!!

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Wednesday, October 28, 2026



Eugene (Gene) Hagenbuch
525 Cider Press Rd
Easton PA 18042

Chris Hinline
C/O The Gardens for Easton
Memory Care
500 Washington St Rm 309
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.**



JANUARY

2	Kara Stetler	18	Zach Jones
4	Michael Walters	18	Shelly Santaniello
4	Jennifer Allem	20	Sharon Klinger
4	Nancy Buttner	20	Sonya Hagenbuch
5	Barbara Nattress	20	Mary Ellen Searles
6	Joley Olsen	20	Charles Gugliuzza
7	Elysha Cortez	21	Alexander Race
7	Benjamin Ruschman	22	Timothy Farrell
7	Timothy Kichline	22	Ronald Ruschman
8	Richard Henninger	22	Jay Rutan
9	Chase Strahler	23	Jaimi Hartman
9	Thomas Rennig	23	Julie Seifert
9	Jesse D'Angelo	24	Mike Hineline
10	Jocelyn Lauer	25	Glen Howard
10	Emilia Gugliuzza	25	Ethan Ruschman
10	Gary Ruschman	26	Mike Stull
11	Sandra Hulbert	26	Glenn Coon
11	David Strawn	26	Thomas Vitko, Jr.
13	Walter Diehl	27	Kayla Strawn
14	Kaden Davis	27	Dorothy Hagenbuch
15	Chase Bracken	29	Mikel Brown
15	Ryan Love	29	Ava Nace
16	Paige Gilluly	29	Maryann Buttner
16	Kelly Diehl	29	Denise Weaver
16	Thomas Buttner	29	Nathan Strawn
17	Anderson Silfies	29	Linda Huff
17	Levi Nace	30	Sue Rutan
18	Louis Mammana III	31	Debra Vitko
18	Brooke Buttner		

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