

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
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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,

What do you fear? What scares you? What keeps you awake at night with worry?

Speaking in front of a group of people is one thing that causes great fear for many. I remember a girl in my high school speech class who completely broke down in sobs of fear and dread when it was her turn to speak in front of our class. For Lutherans, I suspect praying out loud in front of a group of people might cause even greater fear and anxiety. For a certain granddaughter I know, spiders are a major source of fear. For some, the fear of dying is scary, while others fear the isolation of living alone. And I think for most of us, facing the unknown or uncertain causes at least a little anxiety if not outright fear or panic.

Many people in the Scriptures faced the unknown. God told Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth" (Genesis 6:13, NRSVUE*). [*Uh-oh ... scary!*] God said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you" (Genesis 12:1, NRSVUE). [*Um, are you sure about this, God?*] When Naomi decided to leave the land of Moab and return to Judah, her daughter-in-law, Ruth, said, "Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16, NRSVUE). And when an angel appears to anyone on earth, the first words from the angel's mouth are almost always, "do not be afraid."

In all these cases and countless others, God's people face the fear of the unknown, the fear of separation, the fear of death. And yet the phrase "do not fear" or "do not be afraid" appears more than 100 times in the Bible. Why not? Because God's got this. God knows your innermost joys and triumphs, fears and worries. God loves you and cares for you, treasures you and holds you in a loving embrace. You are precious to God. King David wrote, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1, NRSVUE).

God's got this. God's got you. Do not be afraid. God bless you.

Pastor Jeff

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Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
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Marilyn Strawn	610-252-1022

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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept 7	13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and Baptism Rally Day and picnic
Sept 14	14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
Sept 21	15th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
Sept 28	16th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Food Pantry offering

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

September 2	Noon Book Club
September 7	Rally Day and picnic
September 9	11:00 a.m. Bible study
September 15	Deadline for Newsletter articles
September 16	11:00 a.m. Bible study
September 17	11:30 a.m. Ladies' Luncheon at Longhorn Steakhouse.
September 22	6:00 p.m. Council meeting
September 23	11:00 a.m. Bible study
September 28	Food Pantry offering
September 30	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

9/7	Deut. 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33	9/21	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
9/14	Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10	9/28	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
9/7	Ron HineLine	Ron HineLine
9/14	Sue Rutan	Sue Rutan
9/21	Jill Kerbaugh	Jill Kerbaugh
9/28	Jim Pfister	Marilyn Strawn

Communion Assistant 9/7 Gina Serafini

Altar Guild Sharon Klinger and Jane Patriarca

Door locker Bert HineLine



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE OCTOBER 2025
NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 15.**

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

- Sept 7** **F** In loving memory of Grace HineLine, on her birthday, by Bert and Terri and family.
F In loving memory of our grandparents, Burton & Grace HineLine and Becky Young, on Grandparents' Day by Mike, Stacy, Nick & Lauren and Dawn & Kelly.
B In honor of Jane Patriarca for giving 100% teaching the Word of God to our St. John's children.
- Sept 14** **F** In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.
F OPEN
B In loving memory of Ellerslie and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.
- Sept 21** **F** In honor of my children, Michelle and Michael, by Gladys Eckhart.
F In loving memory of my husband, Gerald Eckhart, by Gladys Eckhart.
B OPEN
- Sept 28** **F (2)** In loving memory Wallace Young by Kendra, Kenneth and Angeline and families.
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: _____



RALLY DAY

I am happy to announce the kick-off of our 2025-2026 Sunday school at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 7. 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 hold our annual Rally Day Picnic on Sunday, September 7. 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

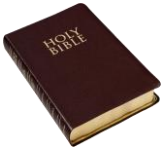
The Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 2, at noon** at St Luke's or Judy's home, depending on the weather.

The book we are reading is "**Signora da Vinci**" by **Robin Maxwell**.

We will be having an Italian themed lunch.

Please let Kathy know if you're interested in participating.

Call 610-533-8133. Hope to see you then.



BIBLE STUDY

We're back! John and Gale Kichline lead us in a Bible study that is filled with enlightening conversation. Join us starting **September 9 and 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.



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next Ladies' Luncheon will be **Wednesday, September 17, at 11:30 a.m.**, at Longhorn Steakhouse, 3784 Dryland Way, Easton, 18045.

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

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

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SAVE THE DATES



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

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

Their biggest needs are:

peanut butter jelly cereals tuna
canned meats pasta pancake mix syrup baby wipes
They also accept any canned goods.

Bags will be 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.

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ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

Join us **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, for our annual spaghetti dinner, hosted by our Boy Scouts.

More information coming soon!

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THE 2025 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas bazaar will be held on **Saturday, November 22**, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Please note the date change from December this year only.**

More details to follow.

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OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY



PROJECT OF EASTON FOOD PANTRY

The biggest needs are **pasta, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, tuna, cereals, pancake mix and syrup, and baby wipes. 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 Morgan McKay @ **mmckay@projecteaston.org** or call 610-258-4361, ext. 18.



LINCS FAMILY CENTER

The LINCS Center supplies needs for families in our school district. See the flier on the next page for more details.

Their updated needs are: canned soup, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese and fruit cups. (see next page)

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.



Year Round Food Drive

Help us fight hunger!

For too many children, the school lunch might be their last healthy meal of the day. Imagine what those kids feel like Friday afternoon, knowing they might not have another meal until Monday. LINC'S Family Center provides approximately 120 weekend meal bags to students on a weekly basis year round - over 5,000 bags per year.



Needed items:

- Mac and Cheese
- Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli
- Chicken Noodle Soup
- Tomato Soup
- Kid Friendly Granola Bars
- Ramen
- Individual Snack Bags of chips, cookies, crackers, pretzels, etc.
- Single Size Peanut Butter

Weekend mealbags are vital to our families, THANK YOU for helping.

Contact us if your group would like to help assemble bags!



For more information please contact us: lincs@wilsonareasd.org

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK



Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of July 31, we have donated 46 pints of blood, thanks to our first annual Community Blood Drive.

Thanks to Nancy Ackerman, Terri Hineline, Darlene Howey and Tina McAuliffe 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, now more than ever, to donate blood. **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 September.



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

Dorothy (Dottie) Ryerson
842 S 25th St
Easton PA 18042
610-330-2648

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.**



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.

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