

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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**Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
July 2024**



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

**Newsletter
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NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

"The Kingdom of God is like...."

During the long season between Pentecost and Advent, many of the Gospel readings tell us about life in God's Kingdom. When I was in seminary, this was sometimes referred to as "the sovereignty of God."

"Sovereignty." A big word not often used these days. Perhaps that's why it jumped off the page as I was reading a piece by columnist George Will. "The sovereignty of wants becomes the imperialism of whims," he wrote.

Will is talking about the relatively young people who are newly rich and completely caught up in the electronic culture. "With their cell phones, tablets, laptops, and other high-tech toys....wherever they are, they are the center of the universe, served by gadgets that—like their stock market windfalls—tell them...they can have whatever they want when they want it."

When Jesus suggested that you must become like a child to enter God's Kingdom, this wasn't the childlike trait he had in mind! And yet, haven't we all been affected by the fast-food, "have it your way" culture of our day?

As you enjoy another summer of God's wonderful creation, give yourself time—and permission—to smell the roses. Watch for signs of God's activity in your world—little nudges from the Spirit dwelling within you. Listen for the sounds of the Kingdom in laughter and in tears. Feel the gentle breeze of God's presence wafting over you as you continue on your journey.

How will *you* complete Jesus' intriguing sentence: "The Kingdom of God is like...?"

Pastor Paul

STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Paul Braden	610-442-1389
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COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2024

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Jack Helm, Council Vice President	610-258-5779
Terri Hine, Council Secretary	610-258-4283
Jackie Eagle	610-253-3443
Lil Glovas	610-253-6082
John Kichline	610-751-0368
Bonny Pfister	610-253-2385
Larry Pfister	610-253-2385
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REPORTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christian Education –	
Church Property – Jim Van Horn	610-258-5779
Evangelism –	
Finance – Terri Hine	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 -	

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 7	7th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and Sunday school
July 14	8th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
July 21	9th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school
July 28	10th Sunday of Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Food Pantry offering

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

July 15	6:00 p.m. Council meeting
July 17	10:40 a.m. meet at church for Ladies' Luncheon at Alburtis Tavern
July 28	Food Pantry offering



DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!

We continue to lock the church doors Sunday mornings at
10:15 a.m.

LESSONS FOR JULY

7/7	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	7/21	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	
7/14	Amos 7:7-15 85:8-13 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29	7/28	2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21	Psalm

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
7/7	Ron Hinline	Ron Hinline
7/14	Lou Mammana	Lou Mammana
7/21	Marilyn Strawn	Marilyn Strawn
7/28	Bev Ribando	Bev Ribando

Communion Assistant:

7/7 Ron Hinline

Altar Guild: Bonny Pfister and Nancy Buttner

Door locker: Terri Hinline

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- July 7** **F** In loving memory of Shirlee Schuler Cantrell by daughter, Deanna Cantrell.
F In loving memory of Dolores & Lester Race, on their wedding anniversary, by Bonny & Larry and family.
B OPEN
- July 14** **(2) F** In loving memory of Ellerslie W.R. Helm & Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.
B OPEN
- July 21** **F** In loving memory of my mother, Bella Jane Smith, by Gale Kichline.
F In loving memory of Lorraine Diehl by Mike and family.
B OPEN
- July 28** **(2) F** In loving memory of Ellerslie W.R. Helm & Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.
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: _____



LADIES' LUNCHEON

At our next Ladies' Luncheon, **Wednesday, July 17**, we will join Rose Fretz at **the Alburtis Tavern**. We will carpool from the church at 10:40 a.m. Any questions, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, August 6**, at Judy Molder's home at noon.

The book we are reading is *The High Tide Club* by Mary Kay Andrews. Please let Kathy Mathews know if you will be attending at 610-533-8133. Hope to see you then.



BIBLE STUDY

Join us again in September.



GATHER YOUR RECIPES

We still need your recipes. Please use the form on the back page of this newsletter to send in your favorite recipe as early as you can. Send as many as you like using the same format as the form enclosed to the church to the attention of Jane Patriarca or Terri Hinline. If you prefer, you can photocopy or email your recipes to Terri (bertandterri@hotmail.com) as well. We would like to get this ready to print in July, so don't miss out!



NAME OUR COOKBOOK CONTEST

Submit your suggestion to Jane or Terri. We will list all the submissions anonymously for members to pick their favorite. Surprise for the winner!!!



AUGUST RUMMAGE SALE

Start gathering your unwanted treasures for our first Rummage Sale. Tables will be rented for \$10 each (non-St. John's people are welcome) or donations may be made for the church's tables. PLEASE, only items in good condition. You may start bringing your items to church any time. The event will be Saturday, August 17, in the fellowship hall. More details to follow. Questions, please see or call Meg Patriarca. 484-597-1163



EMPTY COFFEE CANS AND LIDS

The Altar Guild is asking for empty one pound coffee cans and lids. We use them to deliver flowers to shut-ins and we are running low. If you have any for us, please leave in the kitchen or give to Bonny Pfister. You may call Terri Hine, at 610-258-4283, if you would like us to pick them up. Thank you.

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 AUGUST 2024
NEWSLETTER IS JULY 15.**

OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY

PROJECT OF EASTON FOOD PANTRY



The biggest needs are **pasta, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, 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.

Their updated needs are: canned soup, canned pasta, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups and diapers (size 1 to 5, especially 3 & 5).

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 May 31 we have donated 11 pints of blood.

Thank you to Terri Hineline, Darlene Howey, Tina McAuliffe, Denise Weaver and Chelsa Gerould for donating in May.

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 (next to Redner's)
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.



Valor is a non-profit organization that helps homeless Veterans. There is a box in the fellowship hall, marked for Valor donations. We are collecting toiletries to take to Safe Harbor when Valor visits there the 4th Saturday of each month.

Please see valorclinic.org or the posters in the fellowship hall for more information or ask Terri. Monetary donations may be given to Terri and she will do the shopping for you.



Darlene Cumberland
C/O Easton Skilled Nursing
& Rehab
2600 Northampton St
Rm 111B
Easton PA 18045

Chris Hineline
C/O The Gardens for Memory Care
500 Washington St
Rm 309
Easton PA 18042

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

Josie Yeisley
C/O Wayne Yeisley
823 Roosevelt Ave
Roseto PA 18013

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.**



July

1	Hunter Ruschman	15	Charlotte Farrell
1	Gregory Stetler, Jr.	16	Olivia Vinson
2	Alec Buttner	17	Sheldon Hickman
2	Virginia Melchor	18	Jack Helm
3	Genevieve Dennard	18	Claire Ruschman
3	Kevin Roth	18	Shawna Berry
3	Kyle McAuliffe	18	Sally Warman
3	Russell Steckel	19	Chris Hineline
6	Shea Craft	20	Jason Brick
6	Natalie Ruschman	20	Alexandrea Diehl
6	Aaron Diehl	21	Erica McAuliffe
7	Dawn Hartman	21	Emma Camarena
8	Jillian Buttner	22	Carlos Camarena
8	Alexis Mickey	23	Skye Hunter
8	Stella Howey	24	Joy Maczko
9	Sandra Strawn	25	Ryan Breckon
9	Patrick Kichline	26	Donald Kerbaugh IV
10	Joshua Smith	26	Ryan Stull
10	Troy Hagenbuch	26	Terry Hagenbuch
11	Benjamin Kerbaugh	28	Alison Elphick
11	Paul Jacoby	28	Jeffrey Kichline
11	Michael Glovas, Jr.	28	Scott Strahler
12	Christopher Trabold	28	Martha Kush
12	Tracy Mickey	29	Lisa Adams
12	Krystal Marshall	29	Eric Stull
12	Alesha Hartman	29	Parker Strahler
13	Nicole Bracken	29	Justin Smith
13	Patrick Henninger	29	Cole Gerould
13	Zachary Young	30	Dillin Rodriguez
14	Richard Cantrell, Sr.	30	Michael Haney
14	Diana Rennig	30	Tess Ruschman
14	Michael Farrell	31	Stephen Warner

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

Recipe: _____

From: _____

Ingredients:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Directions: _____

