

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

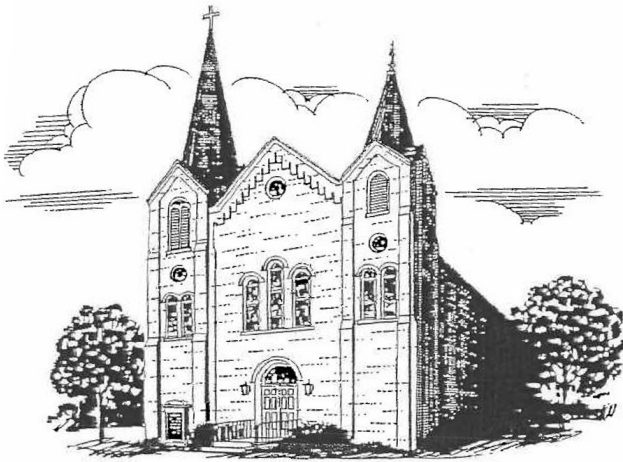
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**Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.
December 2024**



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

**Newsletter
Monthly Publication**

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*The newsletter is presented to the glory of God
by Jack Hagenbuch.*

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isaiah 40:3).

Although you would never know it from the decorations in the streets and in the malls, these weeks before Christmas are not about carols and bells and shepherds and stars. Advent proclaims the call to prepare.

Of course if you are like Paula and me, you do spend a good deal of time preparing for Christmas: carrying the advent and Christmas decorations up from the basement, erecting the tree, decorating the house, purchasing gifts, attending parties and dinners.

But the preparation which Isaiah cites is not about getting things ready for the Christmas holidays. It's about preparing **ourselves**. Isaiah implored the people of his time to prepare their lives for the coming of a King, who would lead God's people out of exile, through the wilderness, and back to their homeland.

Can you sense a desert wilderness in your heart? Maybe Advent is the time to nourish yourself with prayer and meditation and the reading of Scripture. Is your life cluttered with too many things to do, and with too much to worry about, and with the needs of too many other people? Maybe Advent is the time to clear the way for God to find a place there.

Whenever Paula and I prepare to host a gathering in our home, we look around and notice the cobwebs and the piles of magazines and general disorder that escapes us during an average hectic week in our lives. We clean and straighten up the place in order to be gracious hosts.

Maybe the best way to observe the season of Advent is to take that kind of an honest look within yourself. What changes will you want to make if you are going to host the King? You know, if you do a little bit every day, perhaps the task won't seem so impossible.

Amazing things can happen when you prepare for the coming of a special guest. May your Advent days be blessed with peace of mind and joy of spirit!

Pastor Paul

STAFF

| | | |
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| Pastor | Rev. Paul Braden | 610-442-1389 |
| Secretary | Jill Kerbaugh | 610-417-3576 |
| Treasurer (interim) | Terri Hine | 610-258-4283 |
| Financial Secretary | Terri Hine | 610-258-4283 |
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| Church website: | www.stjohnswilliams.com |
| Office hours: | Tuesday, 9 a.m. – noon |

COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2024

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| James Van Horn, Sr., Council President | 610-258-5779 |
| 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 |
| 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 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 – | |

DECEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| December 1 | First Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and Sunday school |
| December 8 | Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Worship and Music mtg. |
| December 15 | Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school |
| December 22 | Fourth Sunday of Advent 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school program |
| December 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| December 29 | First Sunday of Christmas 10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols and Sunday school Food Pantry offering |

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

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| December 3 | 11:00 a.m. Bible study |
| December 7 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Annual Christmas Bazaar |
| December 8 | Worship and Music mtg. |
| December 10 | 11:00 a.m. Bible study |
| December 14 | Noon Wreath Ceremony at the cemetery |
| December 15 | Deadline for December newsletter |
| December 16 | 6:30 p.m. Council meeting |
| December 17 | 11:00 a.m. Bible study |
| December 18 | 11:30 a.m. Ladies' Lunch at The View |
| December 24/31 | NO Bible study |
| December 29 | Food Pantry offering |

LESSONS FOR DECEMBER

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| 12/1 | Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36 | 12/22 | Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55 |
| 12/8 | Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6 | 12/29 | Lessons & Carols |
| 12/15 | Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18 | | |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| Date | Greeters & Ushers | Lector |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 12/1 | Sue Rutan | Sue Rutan |
| 12/8 | Fran Eagle | Fran Eagle |
| 12/15 | Phil Klinger | Phil Klinger |
| 12/22 | Sunday School children | |
| 12/24 | Arnie Strawn | Marilyn Strawn |
| 12/29 | TBD | Lessons readers |

Communion Assistant:

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| 12/1 | Lou Mammana |
| 12/24 | Jay Rutan |

Altar Guild: Sharon Klinger & Jane Patriarca

Door locker: Arnie Strawn

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- Dec 1** **F** In loving memory of Charlotte Schuler by Peanut & Nancy Buttner
 F In loving memory of Charlotte Schuler by Terri & Bert
- B OPEN**
- Dec 8** **F(2)** In loving memory of Paul & Olive Hagenbuch by Jack, Jane, Ryan and Layne
 B OPEN
- Dec 15** **F** In loving memory of Charles "Chot" Wm. Kichline, Jr. by Gladys Eckhart
 F In loving memory of Charles "Chot" Wm. Kichline, Jr. by John Kichline
 B In loving memory of Paul & Olive Hagenbuch by Jack, Jane, Ryan and Layne
- Dec 22** **F(2)** In loving memory of Ellerslie W.R. Helm and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.
 B OPEN
- Dec 24** **F(2)** In loving memory of Ellerslie W.R. Helm and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.
 B In loving memory of our parents by Terri & Bert
- Dec 29** **F(2)** In loving memory of Ellerslie W.R. Helm and Mabel Helm by Jane Yobe.

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 MAY NOW BE SUBMITTED FOR 2025

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.

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| 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: _____

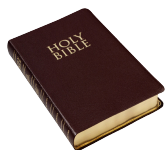
Dedication: _____

2025 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately following service on Sunday, **January 12, 2025**.

Please plan to attend.

Committee reports for the congregational meeting are due in the church office no later than December 22, 2024.



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.

NOTE: We will not meet Tuesday, December 24, or December 31. Please join us in the New Year, starting January 7, 2025.



BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on **December 3 at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Luke's. The book we are reading is *Good*

Omens by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaimen. Bring Christmas cookies and a wrapped book. Please let Kathy Mathews know if you will be attending at 610-533-8133.

Hope to see you then.



LADIES' LUNCHEON

Our next Ladies' Luncheon will be **Wednesday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m.** We're going to The View

on Morgan Hill. We will carpool from the church at 11:15 a.m.

Any questions, please call Terri @ 610-258-4283.



INGATHERING 2024

The Ingathering committee would like to thank the congregation for all their support for this year's event. This year's donations will help support the following charities: New Bethany Ministries, Safe Harbor of Easton, Hellertown Area Food Bank, Headstart, Bright Hope, Turning Point, Victory House and ProJeCt of Easton.

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.



EMPTY COFFEE CANS AND LIDS

The Altar Guild is asking for empty one pound coffee cans and lids. They are used 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 Jill Kerbaugh. You may call Terri Hineline, at 610-258-4283, if you would like us to pick them up. Thank you!



***DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!
WE CONTINUE TO LOCK THE CHURCH DOORS
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:15 A.M.***



***NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE JANURAY 2025
NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 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, 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



Linking Family, Community, and School

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 Hinelene.

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK

Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of October 30, we have donated 18 pints of blood.

Thank you to Nancy Ackerman for donating in the month of October.

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

#0461

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 December.

More information coming for a Community Blood Drive at St. John's Lutheran Church. Hoping to schedule for Spring 2025. If you can donate, please contact Terri Hineline at 610-258-4283 or bertandterri@hotmail.com.



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

Chris Hinline
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

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.**



DECEMBER

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| 1 | Karen Pfister | 16 | Christian Staggs |
| 1 | Michael Henninger | 16 | Shaun Shiner |
| 2 | Mark Kreitz | 16 | Brian Strawn |
| 4 | John Fretz, Jr. | 18 | George Santos |
| 5 | Chelsa Gerould | 18 | Marianne Strawn |
| 5 | Margaret Adams | 19 | Lucas Werner |
| 6 | Donald Kerbaugh III | 19 | Julie Smith |
| 7 | Denise Steckel | 19 | Harry N. Zinskie IV |
| 7 | Dennis Amadore | 22 | Nicholas Cantrell |
| 8 | Alessandra Ranella | 23 | Jonathon Sandt |
| 9 | Memphis Olsen | 26 | Mikel Brown |
| 10 | Lauren Santos | 26 | Havyn Steele |
| 11 | Melissa Carmondy | 26 | Sandra Love |
| 11 | Eileen Hartman | 27 | Shaye Glovas |
| 12 | Terri Hineline | 27 | John Kichline |
| 12 | Abby Bradbury | 27 | Kevin Strawn |
| 12 | Gwenivere Bradbury | 29 | Hunter Worthington |
| 14 | Brynn Gerould | 30 | Makayla Rausch |
| 16 | Danica Diehl | 30 | George Kreitz |

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

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2745 MORGAN HILL RD
EASTON PA 18042**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

10 A.M. – 2 P.M.



Come for lunch

Shop for Christmas gifts – handmade crafts

Tickets for prizes – drawing at 1:30 p.m.

Soup to go

Homemade cookies

Baked goods

St. John's 2024 Cookbook

Molasses Crumb Pies are back!!!!

Shop "Lil's Table"

Sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team

10% of proceeds go to clothes for Wilson Borough Elementary School nurse's office.

Questions, please call 610-252-8090

**HONOR OUR VETERANS
WITH WREATHS
AT ST. JOHN'S UNION CEMETERY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024
NOON AT THE CEMETERY**

**2745 Morgan Hill Road
Easton, PA**



Please join us for our eighth annual wreath-laying ceremony, where we will honor the 140 veterans who are buried in St. John's Union Cemetery.

Following a brief ceremony, each hero will be honored and remembered by having a wreath placed at their grave. Everyone is welcome to help lay wreaths.

Order forms will be available at Morgan Hill churches, the township municipal office and website (williamstwp.org) and the firehouse. Order forms will be included in October, November and December's newsletters.

The outdoor ceremony will be held regardless, but we advise guests to follow any CDC guidelines in place at that time.

Organized by the Wreath Ceremony Committee

QUESTIONS:

Terri: 610-258-4283

bertandterri@hotmail.com

Sharon: 610-258-0865

philklinger@hotmail.com

Ron: 610-253-0672

rbhinline@rcn.com

Sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team

Poinsettias

The Altar Guild invites you to help us praise God and decorate the church with poinsettias to enhance our worship and the beauty of the sanctuary with the flowers of the season. Please make checks payable to **"St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church."** Label envelope with order and money to:

ATTENTION: BONNY PFISTER

Please fill out the form below and return to the Church Office **NO LATER** than Sunday, December 15. Sponsors may take their plant with them after the Christmas Eve service December 24. Plants not taken will be delivered to the home-bound after January 1st.

Poinsettias

In Honor of / Memory of / Presented by: (Circle one)

Ordered by: _____

_____ Red poinsettia plants at \$7.75 each

_____ White poinsettia plants at \$7.75 each

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