

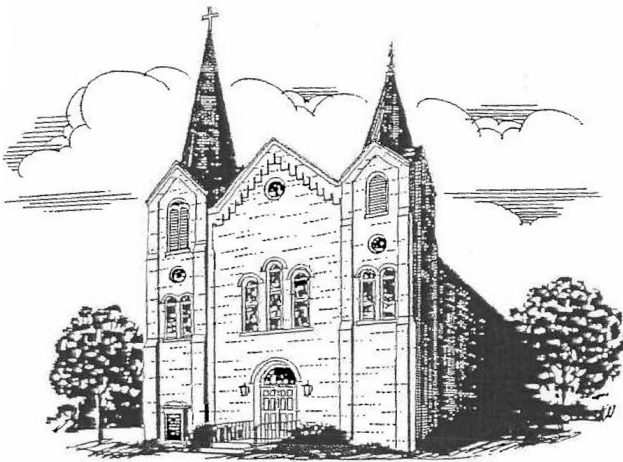
ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

**2745 Morgan Hill Road, Easton, Pa 18042
610-252-3571**

E-mail: stjohnswilliams@rcn.com

Website: www.stjohnswilliams.com

**Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.
December 2019**



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

**Newsletter
Monthly Publication**

Volume 12 - 2019

This newsletter is presented to the glory of God.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

For most people this season of the year is one of the busiest. There are Christmas cards to address, gifts to buy, holiday parties to attend, and a host of other “to do’s that need to be taken care of. Perhaps this year we could learn from the ancient monastic discipline of *statio*. *Statio* is the practice of stopping one thing before you begin another. What a concept for our hectic, multi-tasking life-styles!

Joan Chittester in her book entitled *Wisdom Distilled from the Daily*, writes: “The practice of *statio* is meant to center us and make us conscious of what we’re about to do, and make us present to the God who is present to us. *Statio* is the desire to do **consciously** what I might otherwise do **mechanically**.”

This is why the season of Advent is so important. Worship during Advent offers an opportunity:

- to stop whatever you think you “have” to do for a few hours,
- to be present to God through the hymns and liturgy,
- and to allow God to be present to you through scripture and the Lord’s Supper.

Advent provides a time to stop your busy-ness and prepare for the greatest gift in the history of the universe: the Christ Child. This season try practicing *statio*. Make time to enjoy the lights and the carols and the sense of good will that is in the air. At least once in a while, stop what you are doing, take a deep breath, and allow God’s Spirit to fill you with the joy and hope that come with Christmas.

*A Blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all of you.*

Pastor Paul & Paula

COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2019

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Christian Education – Jane Patriarca	610-838-1359
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STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Paul Braden	610-442-1389
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Office hours: Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 2019 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 1 First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion

December 8 Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Freely Given

December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday school

December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Christmas Service

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 & Carols

Food Bank Sunday

LESSONS FOR DECEMBER

December 1

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

December 22

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

December 8

Freely Given

December 24

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

December 15

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

December 29

Lessons & Carols



DECEMBER 2019

Important Dates, Announcements:

- December 1 First Sunday of Advent**
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
- December 3 11:00 a.m. Bible study**
- December 7 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Christmas Bazaar**
- December 8 Second Sunday of Advent**
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Freely Given
Wear an ugly Christmas sweater
- December 10 11:00 a.m. Bible study**
- December 11 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Senior Citizens' Christmas party**
- December 12 7:00 p.m. WELCA**
- December 14 Noon - Wreath Ceremony at St. John's Union Cemetery**
- December 15 Third Sunday of Advent**
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday school
- December 16 6:30 p.m. Council meeting**
- December 17 11:00 a.m. Bible study**
- December 18 11:30 a.m. Ladies' luncheon TBA**
- December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent**
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Children's Christmas Service
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**
7:00 p.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion
- December 25 Christmas Day**
- December 29 First Sunday of Christmas**
10:00 a.m. Lessons & Carols
Food Bank Sunday

DECEMBER FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

Dec 1	F	OPEN
	F	OPEN
	B	OPEN
Dec 8	F	ILM of George Kuper by Charlotte Schuler
	F	OPEN
	B	OPEN
Dec 15	F	ILM of Kenneth Grube by Charlotte Schuler
	F	OPEN
	B	OPEN
Dec 22	F	OPEN
	F	OPEN
	B	OPEN
Dec 24	F	ILM of Uncle Roy Helm, on his Christmas birthday, by Sandra Brown and family
	F	ILM of Fay Steckel by her family, Neil, Kathy, Russ & Bill
	B	ILM of our parents by Bert & Terri
Dec 29	F	IHO Hunter by Daddy, Eric, and brother, Mason
	F	OPEN
	B	OPEN

Flower and bulletin dedications for 2020 may now be submitted.

You may still sponsor flowers and bulletins for 2019. Please mark form for the correct year.

Complete the form on the next page and place it in the offering plate, call the church office at 610-232-3571, 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.

2020 FLOWER AND BULLETIN DEDICATIONS

Please use this form to dedicate altar flowers, newsletters or bulletins. 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: _____

DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
12/1	Jane & Megan Patriarca (also Communion ushers)	Jane Patriarca
12/8	Ron Hineline & Tina McAuliffe	
12/15	Ken & Janet Buttner	Lou Mammana
12/22	Lou & Marie Mammana	Marilyn Strawn
12/24	Rose & John Fretz (also Communion ushers)	Jack Helm
12/29	Lil Glovas & Bev Ribando	Lessons & Carols

Communion Assistant: **December 1** Jane Patriarca
December 24 Megan Patriarca

December Altar Guild: Sharon Klinger & Jane Patriarca

December Counter: Megan Patriarca



BIBLE STUDY

Every Tuesday, at 11:00 a.m., members meet to discuss the lessons for the following Sunday. We have fun and, at the same time, gain insight into Sunday's theme. Join us around the St. John's kitchen table, and experience God's love over a cup of coffee and enlightening conversation.

**There will be no Bible study December 24 or December 31.
See you again January 7, 2020.**



THE 2019 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Bazaar will be held Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

We will be selling quarts of homemade soup again this year.

Please contact Marilyn Strawn, 610-252-1022, if you would like to donate soup to sell. We will provide the quart containers.

Thank you,
Peach & Jill

2019 INGATHERING COLLECTION

We will be providing the following for the 2019 Lutheran Congregational Services Ingathering on December 4, 2019:

50 pairs of children's underwear, sizes 6, 7, & 8

50 sturdy combs

150 emery boards

There will be a collection box in the fellowship hall for your donations. Questions, please see Kathy Mathews.

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.



SENIOR CITIZENS

Seniors will meet on Wednesday, December 11, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Please bring a \$1 gift to exchange for our Christmas party. Gifts and Bingo prizes may be wrapped.

We will take off the months of January and February and meet again in March, weather permitting.

We are donating \$100 to the church again this year.

Hope to see everyone then.

Thank you,

Jeanne E. Gugliuzza



WELCA will meet Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.

All ladies of St. John's are welcome to attend. Refreshments are provided.

LADIES' LUNCHEON REMINDER

Our next lunch will be Wednesday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m.

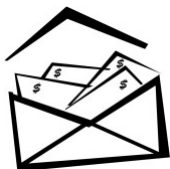
The restaurant location TBA.

Questions, please call Terri Hinline at 610-258-4283.

All ladies are welcome.



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE JANUARY
NEWSLETTER IS DECEMBER 15th**



2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes will be available by the middle of December in the fellowship hall. Please pick up your boxes and boxes of friends and neighbors.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

As required by our Constitution, the annual meeting of this congregation shall be held on the second Sunday in January. All are welcome and encouraged to attend on January 12, 2020 in the fellowship hall immediately following worship.

Committee reports for the congregational meeting are due in the church office by December 29, 2019.



SNOW CANCELLATION INFORMATION

In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made for worship cancellation by 8:00 a.m., and phone calls will be made to regular attending members.

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

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK

Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of October 31, we have donated 21 pints of blood.

**Let the Blood Bank know that you are donating to account
0461**

Thanks to Michael Bennett for donating in October. Please remember to give our account number whether you donate at a mobile blood drive or at one of the building locations.

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 in 2019.

LINCS CENTER WISH LIST


Toothbrushes/paste	Shampoo/Soap	Deodorant
Notebooks	3 ring binders	Pens
Pencils	Book covers	Colored pencils
Washable markers	Highlighters	Folders
Children's backpacks		

There is a box in the fellowship hall for donations throughout the year. Monetary donations may be given to Terri Hine. Thank you for your continued support.

FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Bring the box to church when it is full and it will be delivered to the Easton Food Bank

or drop it off any Tuesday or Wednesday morning between
8 and 11:30 a.m.

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|----------|----|---------------------------|---|
| December | 1 | - box of cereal |  |
| December | 2 | - peanut butter | |
| December | 3 | - stuffing mix | |
| December | 4 | - boxed potatoes | |
| December | 5 | - macaroni and cheese | |
| December | 6 | - canned fruit | |
| December | 7 | - canned tomatoes | |
| December | 8 | - canned tuna | |
| December | 9 | - dessert mix | |
| December | 10 | - jar of applesauce | |
| December | 11 | - canned sweet potatoes | |
| December | 12 | - cranberry sauce | |
| December | 13 | - canned beans | |
| December | 14 | - box of crackers | |
| December | 15 | - package of rice | |
| December | 16 | - package of oatmeal | |
| December | 17 | - package of pasta | |
| December | 18 | - spaghetti sauce | |
| December | 19 | - chicken noodle soup | |
| December | 20 | - tomato soup | |
| December | 21 | - can of corn | |
| December | 22 | - can of mixed vegetables | |
| December | 23 | - can of carrots | |
| December | 24 | - can of green beans | |





Darlene Cumberland
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Easton Pa 18042-6188

Chris Hinline
c/o ManorCare
2600 Northampton St Rm 304A
Easton Pa 18045

Bill & Rita Lee
350 S Cedarbrook Rd
Allentown Pa 18104
Rita – Apt 205B
Bill – Apt 304B

Neil Steckel
56 Oak Dr
Easton Pa 18042

Josephine Warner
C/o The Easton Home
1022 Northampton St
Easton Pa 18042

Josie Yeisley
Mailing address:
c/o Wayne Yeisley
823 Roosevelt Ave
Roseto PA 18013
Physical address:
Walden III
325 N Broadway Apt #129
Wind Gap PA 18091-1214
610-863-5042 (her room phone)

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.



DECEMBER

1	Michael Henninger	16	Danica Diehl
2	Mark Kreitz	16	Christian Staggs
4	John Fretz, Jr.	16	Shaun Shiner
5	Chelsa Gerould	16	Brian Strawn
5	Margaret Adams	18	George Santos
6	Donald Kerbaugh III	18	Marianne Strawn
7	Denise Steckel	19	Lucas Werner
7	Dennis Amadore	19	Nicholas Hatch
7	Charlotte Schuler	19	Julie Smith
8	Alessandra Ranella	22	Nicholas Cantrell
9	Memphis Olsen	23	Jonathon Sandt
10	Lauren Santos	26	Mikel Brown
11	Melissa Carmondy	26	Havyn Steele
11	Eileen Hartman	26	Sandra Love
12	Terri Hineline	27	Shaye Glovas
12	Abby Bradbury	27	John Kichline
12	Gwenivere Bradbury	27	Kevin Strawn
14	Brynn Gerould	29	Hunter Worthington
		30	Makayla Rausch
		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, 2019
10 A.M. – 2 P.M.**



Come for lunch

Shop for Christmas gifts – homemade crafts

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

Soup to go

Shop “Lil’s Table”

Sponsored by Thrivent Action Team

10% of proceeds go to support Wilson Borough Elementary School to benefit unprivileged children.

Questions, please call 610-252-8090

POINSETTIAS

The Altar Guild will decorate the church with poinsettias for Christmas Eve. If you would like to order any, please fill out the form below and return to the Church office **no later** than Sunday, December 15. Please make checks payable to **“St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church”** and mark the envelope: **Attention: Bonny Pfister**

You may take your plants after the Christmas Eve service. Plants not taken will be delivered to the homebound after January 1.

Poinsettias

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

By: _____

_____ Red poinsettia plants at \$7.25 each

_____ White poinsettia plants at \$7.25 each

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By: _____

_____ Red poinsettia plants at \$7.25 each

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FREELY GIVEN



"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of God, that we might know the things God has Freely Given us." - 1 Corinthians 2:12

Date: Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church

Time: 10:00 AM

Please join us for a time of worship through song.

Contact: freelygivengospel@gmail.com

Website: www.freelygivengospel.com

Facebook: fb.me/freelygivengospel

YouTube: bit.ly/freelygivenyoutube

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

At the Congregational meeting on October 13, 2019, repair to the church parking lot was approved based on the amount of funds raised. Listed below are the amounts needed for different levels of repair:

- 1) \$8,500 raised we will contract Cook Contracting LLC to Tar and Chip
- 2) \$12,000 raised we will contract Hick's Paving to double Tar and Chip
- 3) \$15,000 to \$20,000 raised we will have the lot resurfaced, contractor TBD

We would like to schedule work on this project for early spring. That means we will be fundraising through the end of February. We are asking you to help support this work by a onetime donation or a pledge to be paid over time. Gifts may be given as a memorial or in honor of someone.

Depending on the Congregation's support, Council will determine how to proceed with the project.

Please complete the bottom of this form and return your payment/pledge to the church by mail or place in the offering plate.

St. John's Council

☐ I/We have enclosed a check for \$_____ for the Parking Lot Project.

☐ I/We wish to pledge \$_____ to be paid over the next _____ months for the Parking Lot Project.

Please make this gift:

☐ In Loving Memory of _____

by _____

☐ In Honor of _____

by _____

☐ Given by _____