ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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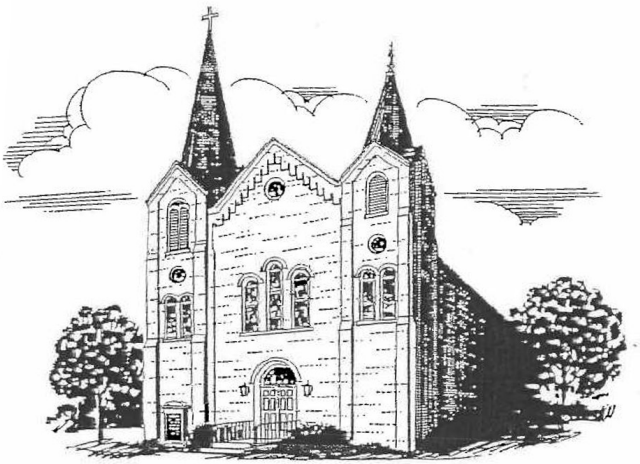
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour 11:00 a.m.
March 2020



St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Williams Township

Newsletter
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This newsletter is presented to the glory of God by Sandra Brown and family.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

How do you prepare for worship?

I doubt that very many of us have given this much thought. Some of you may rightfully feel that you deserve credit for at least showing up most of the time—never mind how you prepare for the actual experience.

An article I read some time ago in the *Alban Weekly* suggested that preparing for worship entails three steps:

- Slowing down,
- Making a transition, and
- Warming up.

Although this advice is appropriate for any worship service, I think it is especially helpful during Lent.

The disciplines of Lent are meant to help us in the ***slowing down*** part. The invitation to prayer, fasting, and scripture is designed to interrupt the hectic pace of our daily life and encourage us to make room for spiritual discernment and growth. I have found silence and deep breathing the most effective way to ***transition*** from the activities of my daily routine to meeting God in worship. These practices help me to get rid of the countless thoughts and concerns buzzing around in my brain, and to listen for the voice of God.

Warming up can take many forms. Ritually, we warm up by remembering our baptism: by confessing our sin and our need for God's love and forgiveness, and by hearing again God's promise of forgiveness and of the possibility for new life. Only then are we truly prepared to offer our prayers and praise and thanksgiving, and to receive the assurance of God's promise in the words of scripture and in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper.

I invite you to use the remaining weeks of Lent, and especially Holy Week and the deeply moving Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, to worship and to prepare for the great Feast of Easter.

Pastor Paul

COUNCIL MEMBERS – 2020

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Pastor	Rev. Paul Braden	610-442-1389
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MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 1 **First Sunday in Lent**
10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion

March 4 **Mid-week Lenten service at St. John's Lutheran**
6:00 p.m. Soup and sandwiches
7:00 p.m. Worship

March 8 **Second Sunday in Lent**
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday school

March 11 **Mid-week Lenten service at St. John's on Morgan Hill**
6:00 p.m. Soup and sandwiches
7:00 p.m. Worship

March 15 **Third Sunday in Lent**
Praise Service
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday school

March 18 **Mid-week Lenten service at St. John's on Morgan Hill**
6:00 p.m. Soup and sandwiches
7:00 p.m. Worship

March 22 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday school

March 25 **Mid-week Lenten service at St. John's Lutheran**
6:00 p.m. Soup and sandwiches
7:00 p.m. Worship

March 29 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
Service of Healing
10:00 a.m. Worship & Sunday school
ProJeCt Food Pantry Offering

DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!

Unfortunately, due to recent attacks on churches, for security reasons, Council has decided to lock the church doors 15 minutes after the beginning of worship services.

LESSONS FOR MARCH

March 1
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

March 8
Genesis 2:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 15
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 22
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 29
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

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.

MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3	11:00 a.m. Bible study
March 10	11:00 a.m. Bible study
March 11	1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Senior citizens
March 12	7:00 p.m. WELCA
March 14	4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Maggie & Jiggs Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
March 16	6:30 p.m. Council meeting
March 17	11:00 a.m. Bible study
March 18	11:30 a.m. Ladies' luncheon at The Iron Mule
March 24	11:00 a.m. Bible study
March 31	11:00 a.m. Bible study

MARCH FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

March 1	2 F	ILM of our parents by Rose and John Fretz.
	B	ILM of our parents by Rose and John Fretz.
March 8	2F	ILM of Thomas and Arlene Hoffman by Judy and Les Pektor and family.
	B	**OPEN**
March 15	F	ILM of Aunt Arlene Helm by Sandra Brown and family.
	F	ILM of Naomi Vivian by Jack Helm and family.
	B	**OPEN**
March 22	F	ILM of loved ones by Kathy, Russ and Bill.
	F	**OPEN**
	B	**OPEN**
March 29	F	ILM of Paul H.T. Dornblaser by daughters, Bonnie, Nancy, Judy, and families.
	F	**OPEN**
	B	**OPEN**

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: _____

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MARCH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Greeters & Ushers	Lector
3/1	Jane & Megan Patriarca (also communion ushers)	Jill Kerbaugh
3/8	Kathy Mathews & Jill Kerbaugh	Lou Mammana
3/15	Peanut & Nancy Buttner	Praise Team
3/22	Lil Glovas & Bev Ribando	Fran Eagle
3/29	Marilyn & Arnie Strawn	Larry Pfister

Communion Assistants: March 1 — Megan Patriarca, Rose Fretz

March Altar Guild: — Sharon Klinger, Jane Partriarca

March Counter: — Jack Helm

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.

THEME COLOR SUNDAYS

Hello, all! Thanks for all the red in February!!! See our pictures in the fellowship hall.
Our color Sundays will continue with GREEN as our color for March 8.
Any questions, see Megan Patriarca.

SENIOR CITIZENS

We will be meeting March 11, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., weather permitting.
Hope to see you then.

Thank you,
Jeanne E. Gugliuzza

Women of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

WELCA will meet Thursday, March 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, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. at The Iron Mule, 831 S. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611), Easton. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m.
If you need a ride, please call Terri Hineline at 610-258-4283.
All ladies are welcome.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL®

Connecting faith & finances for good.™

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 Hineline at 610-258-4283 or call your Thrivent representative.
Your 2019 Choice Dollars will expire March 31, 2020 so please act now.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL NEWSLETTER IS MARCH 15th

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.

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD BANK

Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. Two pints were donated in January.

Let the Blood Bank know that you are donating to account

 # 0461

Thanks to Michael Bennett and Terri Hineline for donating in January. 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 2020.

OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY:

DONATIONS TO EASTON FOOD PANTRY

We collect the last Sunday of every month for the ProJeCt of Easton Food Pantry. You may leave donations any time during the month in the box in the Sunday School Room.

The Food Pantry also welcomes drop-offs at the rear of St. John's Lutheran Church parking lot at 4th & Ferry Sts., Easton. Their hours for drop-off are Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

Personal Care items:

Shampoo/Conditioner/ Body Wash (not travel sizes)
Dish/laundry detergent
Toilet paper/paper towels
Razors – men and women
Diapers – baby and adult, all sizes
Baby wipes

Canned cat & dog food

Food items:

Pasta/pasta sauce
Cereals, instant oatmeal
Instant Potatoes
Hamburger Helper
Canned: spinach, peas, beets, mixed fruit, oranges, pineapple

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 Hineline.
Thank you for your continued support.

Darlene Cumberland
535 Avona Ave #214
Easton Pa 18042-6188

Chris Hineline
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

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.

MARCH

1	Mary Lloyd
2	Briar Breckon
3	Marilyn Strawn
4	Hannah Steele
4	Patrick Gilluly
4	Lexie Billman
5	Cindy Unangst
6	Stephanie Hicks
7	Kory Sandt
8	Marcel Beers
9	Kristen Olsen
9	Brietta Ruschman
9	Morgan Casciole
9	Dennis Amadore III
10	Kenneth Young
11	Robin Patriarca
12	Logan Comstock
12	Kenneth Buttner
13	Adriana Haney
13	Brielle Haney
14	Owen Beers
15	Rylan Elphick
15	Amanda Wolfe
15	Charles Buttner, Jr.
16	Misty Diehl
16	Terry Hammonds
16	Joshua Vitko
17	Linda Comstock
18	Arron Wallace
18	James Van Horn, Sr.
19	James Santaniello
19	Elijah Glovas-Kurtz
19	Dennis Rozzi
20	Trica Julo
21	Bert Hineline
21	Natalie Blocker
21	Sarah Reeve
22	Larry Pfister
25	Emma Beers
26	Alan Mohr
27	Katherine Lewis
27	Jessica McAuliffe
28	Devin Mohr
28	Avery Hagenbuch
28	Karli Breckon
30	William McAuliffe
30	Andrew Mikesell
30	Lynette Gross
30	Ryan Buttner
31	Jennifer Batdorf

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

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

We continue to fundraise to repair the parking lot but wanted to update you on the status of the project. On January 20, 2020, Council approved hiring **Hicks Paving** to resurface and extend the parking lot by 10'. The project cost will be $19,750.00.

If you plan to support this project, please try to have your donation or pledge in by March.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 _____

Saturday, March 14, 2020
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Annual
Maggie & Jiggs
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

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Adults $12.50	**Children $5.50** **5 – 12 years**	**Children free** **under 5**

Sponsored by Thrivent Action Team
10% of proceeds go to Angel 34
Questions, please call 610-253-2385

2020 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

The Altar Guild offers Easter flowers, provided by Raub's Florist,
to decorate our church during the Easter Service.
Please use this order form to order your flowers.
Order forms and money are due at the church
by Sunday, April 5, 2020.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
and mark envelopes "Attention: Bonny Pfister".

Number of blooms are represented by (1), (4), (6)
Colors: Red=R, Pink=P, Yellow=Y, Blue=B, White=W
Please enter the number on the
blank and circle the letter of the color you want.

Lily
$7.25 _____

Tulip
(4) $4.00 _____ R P Y (6) $6.00 _____ R P Y

Hyacinth
(1) $2.00 _____ P B W (4) $8.00 _____ P B W

Azalea
$11.00 _____ R P

Mums
$7.25 _____ Y W P

Please specify:

Flowers ILM or IH of _____

By _____

Flowers ILM or IH of _____

By _____

Flowers Presented by _____