

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

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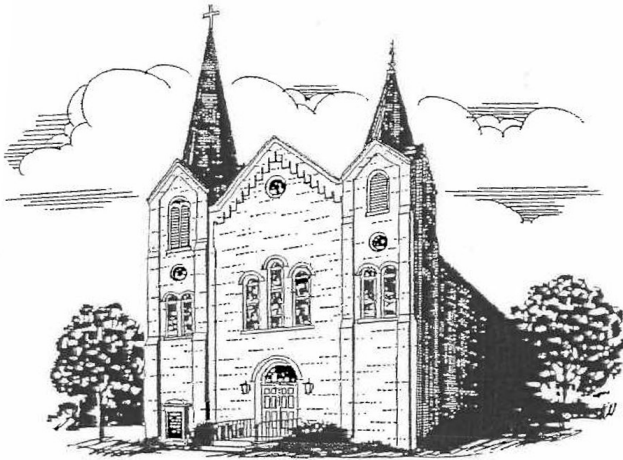
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Worship 10:00 a.m.

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

**Newsletter
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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

I love GPS! With this neat device I know exactly where I am, what direction I'm moving, how to get where I'm going, and how long it will take me to get there—whether in an airplane or in a car!

On our journey through life, often we wish for just such a device. How nice it would be to know where we are, where we're headed, and what the future holds in store. As we move through the end of our liturgical church year and prepare to begin again with the season of Advent, we reflect on these very questions. And although some answers may not be as clear as hoped for, two sure pieces of advice for the journey are given.

The first is: Be alert! Pilots need to be alert for other air traffic, for changing weather conditions, and for possible malfunctions of equipment. Drivers are cautioned to be "defensive." And Jesus warns that there will be signs for us along the road of life—if we are alert to them. A chance encounter with a stranger may hold within it a sign of God's activity in our life. An offhand comment from a friend may be the voice of God's Spirit, prodding us toward a future different from what we planned. Unless we are alert, we may miss these signs.

The second piece of advice is: Repent! Our first inclination is to associate repentance with saying, "I'm sorry"; but the biblical meaning of the word goes much deeper. Repentance has more to do with a willingness to turn around when you realize that you've taken a wrong turn. There's an old joke that asks: "Why did the Israelites wander around in the wilderness for forty years?" And the answer, of course, is: "Because Moses wouldn't stop to ask for directions!"

As a pilot, I frequently have had to alter or reverse my course because of changing or unpredictable circumstances. Drivers, too, may come upon construction or an accident that requires a detour. No matter how frustrating or embarrassing it is, a change of course sometimes is necessary.

And so, on the journey of life, there are occasions when we need to admit that we are not in a good place, that we are not headed in a positive direction; and having recognized this, we then need to turn around and change course. God promises to be with us. God promises to help us. But God does not do the driving for us.

So in this season: Be alert! Repent! No gadget can substitute for Jesus' advice on making it to your destination.

Pastor Paul

STAFF

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REPORTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christian Education – Jane Patriarca	610-838-1359
Church Property – Arnie Strawn	610-252-1022
Evangelism – Rob Weidner	610-417-0482
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Mutual Ministry – Jackie Eagle	610-253-3443
Social Ministry–Marilyn Strawn & Lil Glovas	610-252-1022
Worship & Music – Jane Patriarca	610-838-1359
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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

November 7	All Saints Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion Pianist
November 14	25th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Praise Team
November 21	Christ the King Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship w/ Holy Communion and Sunday school Organist
November 24	Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 p.m. Worship at St. John's on Morgan Hill
November 28	1st Sunday in Advent 10:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school Pianist Food Pantry offering

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 2	11:00 a.m. Bible study
Nov 6	4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner
Nov 9	9:00 a.m. Council reports due 11:00 a.m. Bible study
Nov 11	11:00 a.m. Wms. Twp. Veterans' Day Ceremony
Nov 15	6:30 p.m. Council meeting
Nov 16	11:00 a.m. Bible study
Nov 17	11:30 a.m. Ladies' luncheon Olive Garden
Nov 23	11:00 a.m. Bible study
Nov 24	7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve service at St. John's on Morgan Hill
Nov 28	Food Pantry offering
Nov 30	11:00 a.m. Bible study

LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

November 7

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 21

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 14

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14
[15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date Greeters & Ushers

11/7 Kathy Mathews

11/14 Jill Kerbaugh

11/21 Arnie & Marilyn Strawn

11/28 Lou Mammana

Lector

Eric Bloss

Jill Kerbaugh

Lou Mammana

Jack Helm

Communion Assistant: 11/7 Bonny Pfister

Communion Assistant: 11/21 Jackie Eagle

Altar Guild: Judy Pektor and Terri Hine

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.

COVID-19 POLICY UPDATE

At their meeting on Monday, May 17, Congregation Council voted to follow the latest CDC guidance regarding the use of masks. Fully vaccinated people are no longer required to wear a mask while inside the church building. However, if anyone feels more comfortable continuing to wear a mask, you are encouraged to do so. We will maintain physical distancing in our seating. Beginning **November 7** for All Saints Sunday, we will return to the standard handing out of bread for Communion, with someone pouring wine at the altar while still practicing social distancing.



**NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE
FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER
IS NOVEMBER 15.**

DON'T BE LOCKED OUT!!

For security reasons, Council has decided to lock the church doors 15 minutes after the beginning of worship services.

FLOWER & BULLETIN SPONSORS

- Nov 7** **F** ILM of Mabel B. and Ellerslie W.R. Helm by Jane Yobe.
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 B ILM of Mabel B. and Ellerslie W.R. Helm by Jane Yobe.
- Nov 14** **F OPEN**
 F Presented by the Praise Team with sincere
 gratitude to all who have faithfully served at St.
 John's over the years. May God bless you.
 B ILM of Mabel B. and Ellerslie W.R. Helm by Jane Yobe.
- Nov 21** **F** ILM of Kenneth Raub by sister, Charlotte Schuler.
 F ILM of Mabel B. and Ellerslie W.R. Helm by Jane Yobe.
 B ILM of Mabel B. and Ellerslie W.R. Helm by Jane Yobe.
- Nov 28** **F** ILM of Maude Knoble by Sandra Brown and
 family.
 F ILM of Rita Lee by her husband, William Lee.
 B ILM of Mabel B. and Ellerslie W.R. Helm by Jane Yobe.

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.

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

**2022 DEDICATIONS MAY NOT BE
SUBMITTED BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

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: _____



WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP VETERANS' PROGRAM

The Williams Township Veterans Memorial Committee invites you to share in honoring our veterans on

Thursday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Williams Township Municipal Campus, 655 Cider Press Rd.

Williams Township Elementary School students will have a special recognition to all veterans who drive along Cider Press Rd. between 10:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m., prior to the program. Michael Strawn, Director of Public Works for Williams Township, a veteran and father of an in-service son, will deliver the thoughts for the occasion.



NOVEMBER LADIES' LUNCHEON

We are having lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Olive Garden, 50 Kunkle Dr, Easton, PA 18045, on Wednesday, **November 17.**

If you need a ride, please call Bonny Pfister at 610-253-2385.

All women are welcome.

Terri

610-258-4283



THE 2021 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas bazaar will be held on **Saturday, December 4, 2021** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Prize tickets are on sale. Please see Terri or Jill to purchase tickets.

Any questions.....call:

Peach Warner at 610-252-8090 or

Jill Kerbaugh at 610-417-3576

ATTENTION BAKERS! We are having a cookie sale at our Bazaar this year and are looking for cookie bakers!!! If interested please contact Jill or Peach.

SOUP MAKERS WANTED! We are looking for volunteers to make soup by the quart to sell at the Bazaar. See or call Marilyn Strawn, 610-252-1022, to sign up. Please let her know what type and how many quarts you will make by November 28.

Quart containers are available from her.

Sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team



BOOK CLUB

The next book to begin reading is *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, December 9**, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Luke's.

Please call Kathy Mathews, at 610-533-8133, to let her know if you are going and if you have any questions.



EMPTY COFFEE CANS AND LIDS NEEDED

Altar Guild is asking for **empty one pound coffee cans and lids**. We use these to deliver the altar flowers after church. If you have any for us, please leave them in the kitchen or give them to Bonny Pfister in church. You may call Terri Hine, at 610-258-4283, if you would like us to pick them up.

Thank you!

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At Thrivent you are a part of something even bigger. Through our generosity programs you help support the congregations, communities and causes you care about. **So far this year, through the Thrivent Choice[®] program, St John Lutheran Church has received \$1,241.00.**

If you haven't already, take a minute to check out all the benefits available to you as a client with membership.

Thrivent pays the processing fees so 100% of your support goes to the organization.

Thank You

I'd like to thank everyone for your well wishes, prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and treats. I miss you all and hope to be back in church soon.

Love, Charlotte

MILLER – KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER

Our goal is to donate 24 pints of blood each year. As of September 30, 2021 we have donated 14 pints of blood.

Thank you to Darlene Howey and Gary Ruschman for donating in September.

If you received a COVID-19 vaccine, you are immediately eligible to donate all blood products, with no deferral period. Please consider, now more than ever, to donate blood.

They are not taking walk-ins; you must make an appointment.

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 in November.

OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY:

DONATIONS TO EASTON FOOD PANTRY

The biggest needs are **peanut butter, jelly, canned meats and baby wipes. However, all canned goods are welcome.**

Donations may be put in the box in the Fellowship Hall and they will be delivered to the pantry.

Drop-off hours at the pantry are Mondays and Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - noon.

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 Jamie
@ **jrszowski@projecteaston.org** or call 610-258-4361.



St. John's Lutheran Church
Pastor Paul Braden

I want to thank you so much for your recent \$561.00 gift. Generous donors like you provide thousands of people at-risk in our community with the means and support necessary to improve their station in life.

Sincerely,
Janice D. Komisor
Chief Executive Officer



Darlene Cumberland
C/o ManorCare
2600 Northampton St
Rm 111B
Easton PA 18045

Bill Lee
350 S Cedarbrook Rd
Apt 304B
Allentown PA 18104

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

Chris Himeline
C/o ManorCare
2600 Northampton St
Rm 304A
Easton PA 18045

Dorothy (Dottie) Ryerson
842 S 25th St
Easton PA 18042
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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.



NOVEMBER

1 Douglas Berry	13 Taylor Henninger
3 Hannah Hagenbuch	13 Jennifer Ruschman
5 Nathan Nace	13 Ross Ruschman
5 James Losey	16 Ashley Davis
6 Nicholas Hineline	16 Damian Walker
6 Koen Keesler	19 Macy Shipp
7 Abbie Race	20 Areanna Rodriguez
7 Sondrine Gutierrez	21 Brian Wallace
7 Elaine Berry	21 Tina McAuliffe
8 Aharon Bloshuk	23 Alesha Seifert
8 David Patriarca	23 Alice Buttner
9 Charlotte Buttner	23 Lawrence Diehl, Sr.
9 Tyler Berry	25 Erin Severud
9 Kingslee Kerbaugh	26 Scott Bradbury
9 Josephine Warner	26 Deanna Cantrell
10 Jackie Eagle	26 Lil Glovas
10 Jennifer Silfies	28 Nancy Ranella
10 Mason Coon	29 Danielle Fritz
10 Reed Coon	30 Collin Hagenbuch
12 Michael Rozzi	30 Joan Hunter
12 Bonny Pfister	30 Michael Santaniello

**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 SPAGHETTI DINNER
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021
4 - 7 P.M.**



**All you can eat Spaghetti, bread,
salad, dessert, drinks**

\$9.00 Adult

\$6.00 Child age 5-12

Free Child under 5

Sponsored by Thrivent Action Team

10% of proceeds go to WBE Nurse's office for clothing

Questions, please call 610-252-8090

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
2745 MORGAN HILL RD
EASTON PA 18042
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021
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

Homemade cookies

Shop “Lil’s Table”

Sponsored by Thrivent Action Team

10% of proceeds go to Safe Harbor

Questions, please call 610-252-8090

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

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021
NOON AT THE CEMETERY**

**2745 Morgan Hill Road
Easton, PA**



Please join us for our fifth annual wreath-laying ceremony, where we will honor the 135 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 both churches, the township municipal office and website (williamstwp.org) and the firehouse.

Order forms will be included in October, November and December's newsletters.

At this time, we are planning to have refreshments at St. John's Lutheran Church immediately following the wreath laying. However, we will follow CDC recommendations at all times; therefore, the indoor gathering is subject to change.

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
Sharon: 610-258-0865
Ron: 610-253-0672

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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. 19, 2021

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

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 19th. Sponsors may take their plant with them after the Christmas Eve service, December 24th. Plants not taken will be delivered to the home-bound after Jan. 1st.

Poinsettias

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

Ordered by: _____

_____ Red poinsettia plants at \$7.50 each

_____ White poinsettia plants at \$7.50 each

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Ordered by: _____

_____ Red poinsettia plants at \$7.50 each

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