

ST. MARK'S SEPTEMBER 2024



The sun shall be no more thy light by day;
neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:
but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
and thy God thy glory.

Isaiah 60:19

Thoughts from the Pastor:

Dear St. Mark's Family,

As we transition into the season of fall, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey together over the past few weeks, share some exciting updates, and look ahead to what's coming up in our life together as a community.

Throughout August, I had the privilege of leading us through a series of sermons on the book of Ephesians. We explored the profound message of "One New Humanity" and considered how it calls us to live out the gospel in our daily lives. I hope these reflections have inspired you to think more deeply about our life together as we navigate the challenges and opportunities in our post-pandemic world.

I am deeply grateful to those of you who have been working hard to maintain our church grounds. Your dedication to cutting the grass and keeping the property clean does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your service—it makes a difference for all who come to St. Mark's.

I'm thrilled to share that we are moving forward with a proposed landscaping project that will enhance the beauty and functionality of our outdoor spaces. A special thanks to Mark for carefully crafting this plan, which will not only improve our surroundings but also create confidence in our ability to do things together. I can't wait to see how this project unfolds and how it will bless us.

At some point after I get back from my vacation I will be leading a weekly Bible study. I am still not sure about the best day or time for it. I will be announcing the day and time at a worship service soon. This will be a time for us to come together, dive deeper into Scripture, and grow in our faith. I hope you'll join us for these sessions as we explore God's Word and what it means for our lives today.

Looking ahead to October, I'm excited to announce that we'll be celebrating Reformation Day with a special meal and a lecture about Martin Luther. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather as a church family, enjoy some good food, and deepen our understanding of our Lutheran heritage. More details will be shared as the day approaches.

I will be on vacation from September 7-14. On Sunday, September 8th Mark will read to you a sermon written by me on the Syrophoenician Woman. John Szabo will lead the liturgy. While I am absent, Pastor Walsh from Bath will be available for any pastoral care needs. Please reach out to the office if you need assistance. I appreciate your understanding and look forward to returning refreshed and ready to continue our journey together.

As I continue to explore what my role as your pastor might be, I want to express my sincere desire to learn more about how I can best serve and lead. I'm still finding my way and trying to discover how you want to be led by me. Your thoughts, feedback, and prayers are invaluable to me during this time. Together, I believe we can be a thriving community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to all that the Holy Spirit will allow us to do together in the months ahead.

Best regards,
Pastor Kleist



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www.stmarksbethlehem.com/give

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Facebook & Instagram & Twitter: [@stmarksbeth](#)

Change of Address?

Please alert the church office of any changes to your address, telephone number, or email address. You may use the pew cards/envelopes, put a note on the office door, phone the office at 610-694-0212, or email the secretary at :

office@stmarksbethlehem.com.



WORSHIP SERVICES: In– Person services are held and will continue indoors in the sanctuary. We will continue to live stream on Facebook every **Sunday at 9:30 AM.**



Pastor John D. Kleist contact information:

Email: pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com

Phone: 610-216-2970

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

You're invited to a prayer/fellowship and devotional discussion:

Date: Thursday, Sept. 19 2024

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: 1573 Siegfried Street
Bethlehem, PA 18017 610-691-2415

Hosts: Al & Carol Tullock



PRAYER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY NO PRAYER GROUP IN AUGUST

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St. Andrew's Food Bank

Thank You for your many donations of food, etc. – we are always in need of paper products [TP, Tissues, Towels & Napkins] – if you are able and willing – please place the donations in the tub that is in the Narthex.

On Wednesday, July 17th - 6 people helped serve 54 families at the St. Andrew's Food bank from 5pm to 8pm - AWESOME THANKS go out to: Pastor Lisa & Raiza from "All because He Loves Us" church, Mark Huston, Ron & Pat Richie & Jim Ebersole. THANK YOU all for your continued support for all the paper products [TP, tissues, napkins & towels] along with the food you have provided.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your FATHER jn heaven" - Matthew 5:16



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 09/01-Thomas Walters
- 09/02-Stephanie Trovato
- 09/03- Alexander Miller
- 09/16-Courtney Monahan
- 09/17-Elsie Berger
- 09/20-John Frankenfield, Jr.
- 09/23-Mark Houston
- 09/26-Clarence Hein
- 09/27-Ray Haring
- 09/29-Dana Deacon
- 09/30-Nancy Stauffer



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Donna & Bill Carter
09/09/2023



Note to all

“Servants of God”:

Please note the date you have been scheduled to serve; kindly find a replacement if you are unable to serve on your scheduled date and notify the church office. Contact the coordinator if you are unable to find someone to serve in your place. Sign up sheets are found in the narthex.

ASSIGNMENTS ARE FOR THE **9:30AM** SERVICE.

WORSHIP LEADER

REV. JOHN D. KLEIST

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

09/01-Alison Bittner
09/08-Amy Cygan
09/15-John McAtee
09/22-John Szabo
09/29-John McAtee

MONTHLY USHERS

Jim & Kari Ebersole

Greeters

09/01-The Kish’s
09/08-The Carter’s
09/15-The Kish’s
09/22-Lynne Berger
09/30-The Carter’s

PRAY-ERS

09/01-Donna Carter & Stephanie Trovato

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

09/01-Sharon Frankenfield

LECTORS

09/01-Donna Carter
09/08-Al Tullock, Jr
09/15-John McAtee
09/22-Kari Ebersole
09/28-Donna Carter

SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO SPONSOR THE ITEMS THAT FOLLOW:

ALTAR FLOWERS

09/01-Tom & Alice Walters
09/08-Open
09/15-Open
09/22-Mark Huston
09/29-Open

BULLETINS

09/01-Open
09/08-Open
09/15-Open
09/22-Open
09/29-Open

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

Open

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

CANDLE

John & Nancy McAtee

Please use the Sponsor Form found next to the sign-up book to remit your payment for any sponsored items at least a week before the date for which you have signed up.



IN OUR PRAYERS



Partners in Ministry

Rev. Christopher deForest, Bishop, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

St. Mark's Disciples

Tom Walters
Bea Craig
Maria Szabo
Fran Ramson
Martha Bean
Nancy Stauffer

Friends & Families of St. Mark's

Kevin Kromer
The family of Bill Berger
Cathy
Paul
Troy
Simone
Stephanie (Pat R. friend)



We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church as well as helping with the grass mowing. If you can help with either, see Jim Ebersole, Pastor Kleist , Tom Walters or Mark. Thank you!



In an effort to be good community members and to reach out to the community we have hosted voting at our facility for many years..

We would like to continue to be good neighbors and host this , however, we need volunteers to step up.

If you can help take a shift on Tuesday November 5th (Election Day) it will enable us to continue this tradition.

Please sign up on the bulletin board sheet.

All you have to do is to be here in the building—nothing else. The hours are 5am-8pm (9ish or so, by the time they close).

Thank you so much for prayerfully considering helping!

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