

ST. MARK'S
APRIL 2025
NEWSLETTER



Thoughts from the Pastor:

Dear People of St. Mark's,

April 2025

We are moving through the season of Lent, which is an important and meaningful season that reaches its high point during Holy Week and concludes joyfully with Easter. This year, we have been celebrating Lent with special Wednesday evening events featuring delightful suppers and lectures on David, Solomon, and the Temple. It has been a wonderful time of fellowship and learning.

Please note, there will be no Wednesday night services or suppers on April 2 and April 9 due to my vacation. However, I have prepared a special sermon for Sunday, April 6, and I warmly invite you all to join together that morning for worship.

Holy Week officially begins on Palm Sunday, April 13. We will hold special worship services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at (6:30) PM, leading us to our special Easter worship celebration on Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 AM. Let us all try to be together on this great festival day.

I am pleased with our reorganization efforts which continue to evolve. The members of our council are trying diligently to make sure we work together effectively and that nothing is being ignored. Many more people are involved, which has eased the workload. Our church family continues to grow stronger through these collaborative efforts.

At our last Church Council Meeting we decided to have a monthly after-worship fellowship event on the first Sunday of each month. Also, please note that the April council meeting will be held on April 27 due to Easter.

Adult Sunday School meets regularly on the second and fourth Sundays immediately following worship. Our upcoming classes will explore the topics of "The Exile" and "Second Temple Religious Practices." Teaching this class is an immense joy for me, and I am grateful to all my students.

It is my hope that everyone in our congregation feels supported in their faith and life. If you need pastoral care, please contact me directly. By text or voice at (610-216-2970) or by email: pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com.

St. Mark's continues to operate in a hand-to-mouth financial situation. While our immediate needs are being met, there are still financial concerns that we have not yet addressed. We kindly ask you to prayerfully consider your giving and how we can continue to support our community of faith.

As we approach spring, mowing season is nearly upon us. If you are interested in joining a mowing team, please speak with Tom Walters, Mark, or myself.

Serving at St. Mark's is deeply rewarding for me, and I am grateful to each of you for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. Thank you all for giving me this opportunity to be your Pastor.

With Warmest Regards,

Pastor Kleist



Stay connected through your giving: Continue to be active in the ministry of Christ's church at St. Mark's by taking advantage of our various giving opportunities. Give via our website, mail, or through the Give+ mobile app. Each of these giving opportunities provide secure ways to ensure your contributions are safely handled.

www.stmarksbethlehem.com/give

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Bethlehem, PA 18020

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Now introducing: text to give!

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Internet Resources

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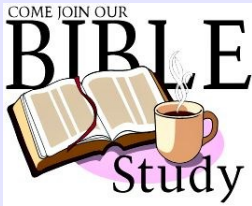
Change of Address?

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.**



BIBLE STUDY: Begins immediately following services (approx. 10:45am) every Sunday. Led by Pastor Kleist in the fellowship hall.

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, May 15th 2025

Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

Place: 3228 Reeve Drive Apt. 18

Bethlehem, PA 18020

Bethlehem, PA 18017 610-653-7527

Hosts: Donna & Bill Carter





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.

THANK YOU ALL for your continuing contributions of ALL food & paper products. The next time St. Marks has duty at the Food Bank will be on **Wednesday, May 21st ,2025 from 5pm to 8pm.** Please contact Ron Richie if you are willing and able to help out.

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

Volunteers to help cut & trim the grass needed!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to cut & trim the church grass - we are looking to make up 4 grass cutting teams to cut the grass - we have the riding mowers for you - we will show/teach you how they operate -please contact Tom Walters [610-868-5324] or Pete Kish [610-360-3416] We will start to cut grass approx. mid-April.



April Birthdays

- 04/03 - Alison
Bittner
- 04/06 - Kathryn
Miller
- 04/09 - Emma
Porter
- 04/11 - Kenneth
Monahan
- 04/24 - Kenneth
Moerschel
- Nancy
McAtee
- Deserae
Jimenez
- 04/28 - Jami
Ebersole



04/20/1963
John & Esther
Chulik



04/26/1981
Paul & Lea
Hanchick

Servants of God for APRIL 2025

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

- 4/06– JOHN SZABO
- 04/13-REV. JOHN D. KLEIST
- 04/17-REV. JOHN D. KLEIST
- 04/18-REV. JOHN D. KLEIST
- 04/20-REV. JOHN D. KLEIST
- 04/27-REV. JOHN D. KLEIST

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

- 04/06– JOHN SZABO
- 04/13-AMY CYGAN
- 04/17-VOLUNTEER
- 04/18-VOLUNTEER
- 4/20-JOHN MCATEE
- 4/28-JOHN SZABO

MONTHLY USHERS

John Szabo & Ron Ritchie

Greeters

- 04/06-Donna & Peter Kish
- 04/13-Alice & Tom Walters
- 04/17-Volunteers
- 04/18-Volunteers
- 04/20-Donna & Bill Carter
- 04/27-Donna & Peter Kish

PRAY-ERS

04/06-No Communion this week

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

- 04/06-No Communion
- 04/13-Lynne Berger
- 04/17-Cherly Gil
- 04/18-No Communion
- 04/20-Volunteer
- 04/27-Lynne Berger

LECTORS

- 04/06-John Szabo
- 04/13-Joe Craig
- 04/20-Donna Carter
- 04/27-Donna Carter

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 04/06-Open
- 04/13-Open
- 04/20-Tom & Alice Walters
- 04/27-Open

BULLETINS

- 4/06-Open
- 04/13-Open
- 04/20-Open
- 04/27- Open

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

2ND QUARTER

JOHN & NANCY MCATEE

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

CANDLE FOR APRIL

Open

[Please use the Sponsor envelopes found next to the sign-up book to remit your payment for any sponsored items.](#)



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

John McAtee
Carl Willever
Lee Koehler
Cheryl Coulter
Tom Walters
Bea Craig
Maria Szabo
Fran Ramsom
Martha Bean

Friends and Family

Rick (Pat Ritchie's brother)

For anyone wishing to reach out to Lee Koehler here is his info:

Bethlehem North Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation

Lee Koehler

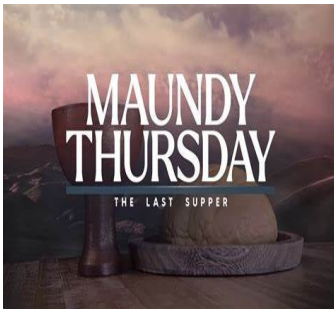
Room 123

2021 Westgate Dr, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Holy Week Services



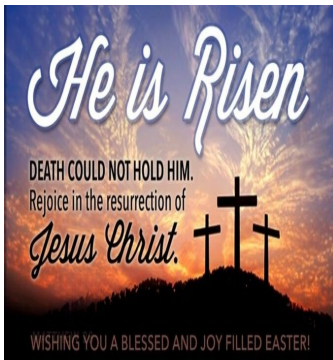
Palm Sunday Service
April 13th at 9:30 A.M.



Maundy Thursday Service
April 17th at 6:30 P.M.



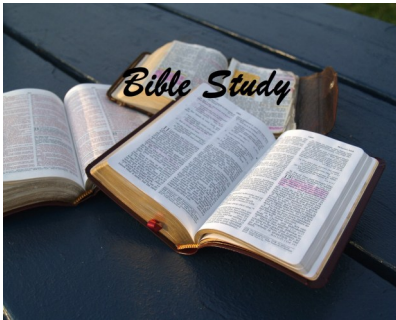
Good Friday Service
April 18th at 6:30 P.M.



Easter Sunday Service
April 20th at 9:30 A.M.



We are in need of volunteers to help clean the church. If you can help see Jim Ebersole, Pastor Kleist, Tom Walters or Mark. Thank you!



Bible Study continues following worship at 10:45 AM
Bible Study, 10:45 AM Right after Worship!



Council Meetings are now the third Sunday of the month following worship. (No Sunday School those days.) This month's is April 27th Please mark your calendars! Thank you!

EASTER FLOWER SPONSORS



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A GREAT BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO ALL THOSE WHO SPONSORED EASTER FLOWERS AND MADE THE SANCTUARY LOOK BEAUTIFUL FOR THE EASTER SERVICE.

YOU MAY TAKE YOUR FLOWERS HOME AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE OR LEAVE THEM TO BE PLANTED AROUND THE CHURCH.

THANK YOU!

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