

ST. MARK'S
NOVEMBER 2024
NEWSLETTER

Hello
November

*I will praise
the name
of God
with a song,
and will
magnify him with*

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 69:30



Thoughts from the Pastor:

Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

We are moving forward with hope and grace. Sunday is always a special day, and I truly enjoy preaching and teaching here at St. Mark's. It's a blessing to be together in worship, fellowship, and study. As we look ahead to November, we have an exciting and impactful month ahead of us.

On October 30th, we will gather for our annual Reformation dinner, followed by a presentation on Martin Luther. This is always a meaningful time to reflect on our roots and enjoy fellowship together. We look forward to seeing you there.

Most Sundays after worship, we continue with our "After Church Adult Bible Study." This is an opportunity for deeper learning and discussion. Each study is self-contained, so feel free to join us any time! We aim to conclude by 11:45 a.m. We gather in the fellowship hall after worship.

As the year draws to a close, we are preparing for the year ahead. The 2025 budget is nearly completed, and the election of new council members is coming up. All of this work will be presented to the congregation on December 8th, following worship. Your thoughts and input are always appreciated as we seek to plan wisely for the future of our church.

In mid-November, I will be sending a letter to each of you, asking that you take time to consider your giving to our work together here at St. Mark's. Your generous support enables us to continue God's work together in meaningful ways.

I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude to all of you who help with cleaning, grass-cutting, and maintenance around the church. Your efforts keep our grounds beautiful and well-maintained. I also want to thank everyone who serves as worship volunteers, including ushers, readers, and those who help in other ways. Please check the sign-up sheets at the back of the church to see where you can serve in the coming weeks.

As we move through this season and into the new year, let's continue to move forward with hope and determination, trusting in God's grace for whatever lies ahead. Thank you all for your faithfulness and for being the heart of St. Mark's.

My best wishes to all,

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!

Text any amount to 833-756-0334

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Internet Resources

Website address: www.stmarksbethlehem.com

Pastor email: pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com

Office email: office@stmarksbethlehem.com

Choir email: music@stmarksbethlehem.com

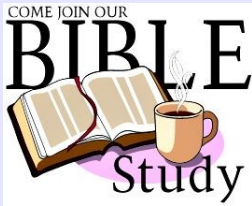
Facebook & Instagram & Twitter:: [@stmarksbeth](#)

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.**



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, November 21st 2024

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

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

Hosts: Al & Carol Tullock, Jr.





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, Nov. 20, 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

hAPPY
bIRTHDAY

November Birthdays

11/04-Esther Chulik

11/16-Madison
Capuano

11/20-Eileen Hein

11/20-Jeffrey Kalamar

11/22-Janice Keyock



November
Anniversaries

11/02/2013

Luke & Lexi Smith

11/24/1966

Joe & Bea Craig



Servants of God for November 2024

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

11/03-Alison Bittner

11/10-Amy Cygan

11/17-John McAtee

11/24- John Szabo

MONTHLY USHERS

Tom & Alice Walters

Greeters

11/03-Donna & Peter

Kish

11/10- Lisa Manz &

Eloise

11/17-Donna & Peter

Kish

11/24-Donna & Peter

Kish

PRAY-ERS

11/03-Donna Carter &

Dawn Seyfried

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

11/03-Alice Walters

LECTORS

11/03-Lynne Berger

11/10-Kari Ebersole

11/17-Donna Carter

11/24-Al Tullock, Jr.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

11/03-Julia Barbarics

11/10-Peter & Donna

Kish

11/17-Al & Carol

Tullock

11/24-Lynne Berger

BULLETINS

11/03-Julia Barbarics

11/03--Donna & Bill

Carter

11/10-John & Christen

Borso

11/17-Open

11/24-Open

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

Donna & Bill Carter

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

CANDLE

Ron & Pat Ritchie

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

The family of Nancy Stauffer on her passing on 10/17

Lee Koehler

Pat Koehler

Cheryl Coulter

Tom Walters

Bea Craig

Maria Szabo

Fran Ramson

Martha Bean

Friends & Families of St. Mark's



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!*



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Please take an envelope on the bulletin board in the narthex and fill out and drop in the offering plate *by December 1st.*

The plants are 6.5” potted and the cost is \$13.00 per plant.

You may take them home after the Christmas service if you like.

Thank you for making the worship space look beautiful!!

Coming Soon.....

ANNUAL TREE OF HOPE



We will again be taking “tags” from the tree in the narthex this year to give to those desperately in need.

Take a tag with a child/adult’s name on it and a wish list of things that they need/want for Christmas.

You do not need to buy everything on their list just what you want to or can. Also, put your name on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board next to the tag # you took (in case the tag is lost).

The tree will be in the narthex with tags by early November (as soon as I receive them from Child Services) for you to take and to return to the church unwrapped by December 4th so that they may be delivered to the Children, Youth and Family Services of Northampton County. We are asked not to wrap gifts, but they can be returned in an open gift bag.

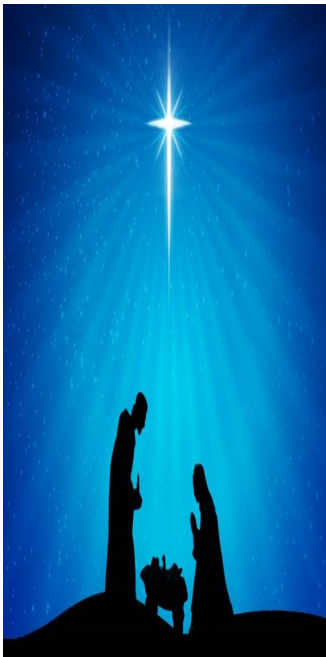


Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!



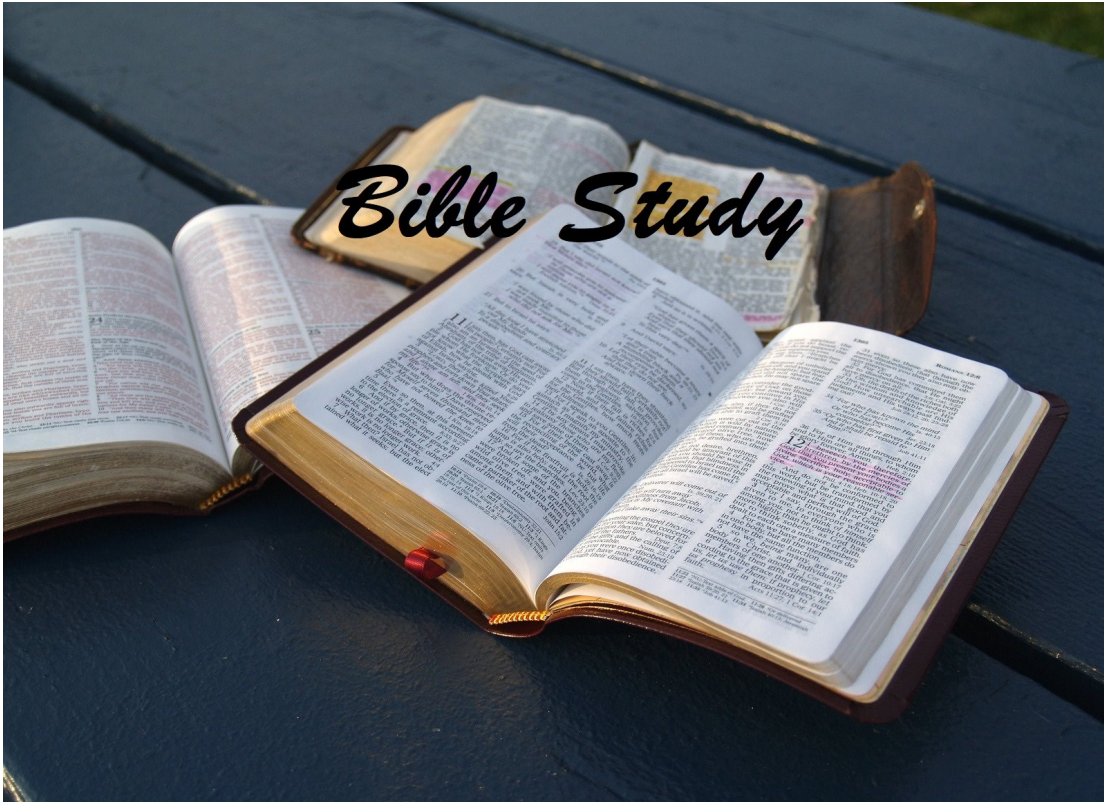
ADVENT SEASON

1st Sunday of Advent@9:30AM.....December 1st
2nd Sunday of Advent@9:30AM.....December 8th
3rd Sunday of Advent@9:30AM.....December 15th
4th Sunday of Advent@9:30 AM.....December 22nd



Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
Tuesday, December 24th
@ 6:30 PM





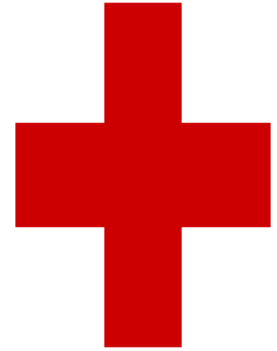
*Bible Study continues following worship at
10:45 AM*

We will begin a weekly Bible study, focusing on the New Testament. Together, we'll explore: - What is the New Testament? - How did it evolve into its current form? - Gospel source theory centering on: How do the gospels relate to one another.

Hope to see you there!

Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood



Community Blood Drive
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Multipurpose
3771 Easton Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18020
Thursday, December 5, 2024
12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St Marks to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Give Nov 18 to Dec 8 for two pairs of custom FRIENDS + Red Cross socks, ltd qty. Keep one, gift one!

Scan to schedule



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