

ST. MARK'S OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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 Members and Friends of St. Mark's,

I want to begin by extending my deepest thanks for the thoughtful celebration of my 45th ordination anniversary. Your warmth and support during this milestone are truly appreciated, and it's a joy to continue serving this wonderful community.

As we look ahead, I'm excited to announce the start of 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. We are going to try this beginning September 29th right after worship. We will adjust the time if this doesn't work out. I love teaching and I would like to do it on a regular basis. This will be a time of learning, reflection, and deeper understanding, and I look forward to diving into these topics with you.

In the coming months, we'll also begin planning for the year ahead. Soon, we will consider the approval of the 2025 budget and the election of new council members. Expanding our council will help us continue to strengthen the work we do together at St. Mark's. I am working on budget numbers and will present them to council at our next monthly meeting.

Next month, I will ask you to reflect on your giving to St. Mark's. Your financial contributions are essential to the sustainability of our mission, but even more, it is your presence and devotion that truly keeps our church alive and thriving. As we continue to face new challenges and opportunities, your commitment remains vital to everything we do.

Lastly, I want to give a special thank you to those who maintain our grounds and building. Whether you mow the lawn or clean the sanctuary, your work behind the scenes makes a huge difference, and we are grateful for your dedication. I appreciate everyone who pulls all the levers and flips the switches that make life at St. Mark's possible.

Please check the sign-up sheets at the back of the church for ushering and all the other things we need help with to worship each Sunday.

Thank you all for your continued faithfulness and for being the heart of St. Mark's. Let's move forward with hope and determination, trusting in God's grace for what lies ahead.

Sincerely,

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

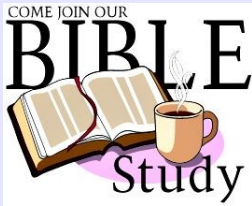
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Change of Address?

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, October 24th 2024

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

Place: 3228 Reeve Dr. West Apt.18
Bethlehem, PA 18020 610-653-7527

Hosts: Bill & Donna 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.

On a nice evening on Sept.18 - 5 plus volunteers came out to help out at the St. Andrews Food Bank to serve approx. 50 families- THANKS go out to: Mark Huston, Jen Porter, Ron Richie, Dawn Seyfried, and Carolann Phalen with the Girl Scouts. 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



October Birthdays

- 10/02-Wendy Haring
10/12-Joshalyn Bruder
10/13-Ron Ritchie
10/13-John Borso, Jr.
10/16-Joshua Mizack
10/19-John Shilanskas
10/20-Joseph Craig
10/26-Jay Trovato
10/27-Jason Rubery
10/29-Cheryl Coulter
10/31-Alec Rubery



October Anniversaries

John & Sharon
Frankenfield, Jr.
10/01/1966

Wendy & Ray Haring
10/04/2008

Chris & Sharon
Seaman
10/06/1990

Richard & Deborah
Evans
10/15/2010

Kenneth & Courtney
Monahan
10/30/2004

Tom & Martina Cox
10/31/2009

Servants of God for October 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

10/06-Alison Bittner
10/13-Amy Cygan
10/20-John McAtee
10/27- John Szabo

MONTHLY USHERS

John & Nancy McAtee

Greeters

10/6-Donna & Peter Kish
10/13-Donna & Peter Kish
10/20-Donna & Bill Carter
10/27-Donna & Bill Carter

PRAY-ERS

10/06-Donna Carter & Dawn Seyfried

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

10/06--Dawn Seyfried

LECTORS

10/06-Lynne Berger
10/13-Al Tullock, Jr.
10/20-Donna Carter
10/27-Kari Ebersole

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

10/06-The Flexer Fund
10/13-Ron & Pat Ritchie
10/20-Al & Carol Tullock
10/27- Dawn Seyfried

BULLETINS

10/06-Donna & Bill Carter
10/13-Christen Borso
10/20-Open
10/27-Donna & Bill Carter

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

Donna & Bill Carter

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

CANDLE

Al & Carol Tullock

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

Lee Koehler
Pat Koehler
Cheryl Coulter
Tom Walters
Bea Craig
Maria Szabo
Fran Ramson
Martha Bean
Nancy Stauffer

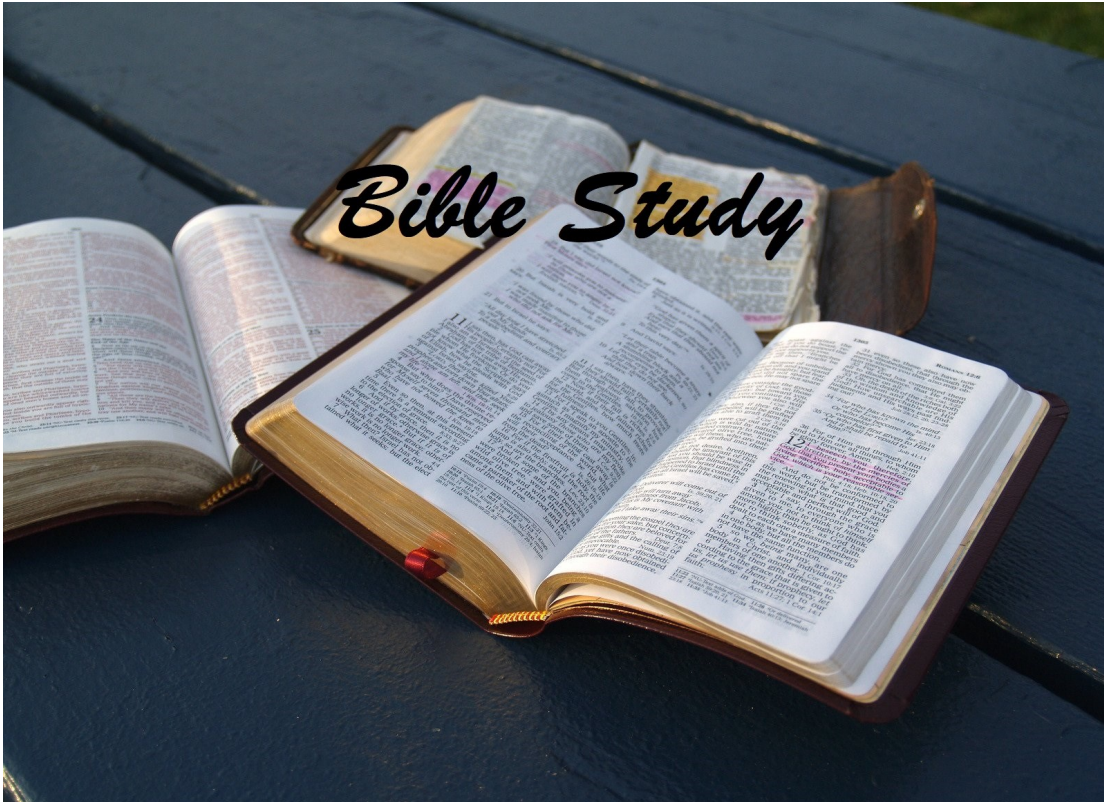
Friends & Families of St. Mark's

The family of Kevin Kromer who passed on 09/22



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!*



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worship service -*

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the New Testament. Together, we'll explore: -
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into its current form? - Gospel source
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one another.*

Hope to see you there!



REFORMATION CELEBRATION!

When: Wednesday, October 30th, 2024

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 5:30PM

What: A lite supper and a lesson on Martin Luther and the Reformation led by Pastor Kleist.

Hope you can join us!

Please see sign-up sheet in narthex if you would like to help by bringing something to share.

God Bless!

(This will be like our Lent services, with a lite supper and followed with a lesson on this important day.)

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