

ST. MARK'S
MARCH 2025
NEWSLETTER



Thoughts from the Pastor:

Dear People of St. Mark's,

As we journey through this season together, it is vital that we gather as often as possible to hear the Word and receive the gifts of God at the altar. Here are some important updates and upcoming events at St. Mark's.

Church Reorganization

We are in the midst of a radical reorganization, reimagining the way we operate. We are building working groups and restructuring administrative functions to better serve our congregation. I am deeply grateful to our council for their openness to working in new ways with me.

Lenten Worship & Fellowship

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **March 5**, that day we will gather for a worship service in our sanctuary at **6:00 PM**, where we will receive ashes and Holy Communion.

On **Wednesdays during Lent**, we will meet at **5:30 PM** in the **fellowship hall** for supper and study:

- **March 12, 19, and 26:** Pastor Kleist will present on David, Solomon, and the First Temple.

April 2 and 9: Since Pastor Kleist will be away on vacation at Disney World, we are invited to **Bath Lutheran**, where Pastor Walsh will host us for supper at 5:30 PM and lead a study on the Exile and the Second Temple.

Adult Sunday School

We meet **most Sundays after worship** in the fellowship hall to explore a variety of topics. However, we do **not** meet on the **third Sunday of each month** due to council meetings.

Pastoral Care

It is my hope that all in our congregation feel supported in their faith and life. If you need pastoral care, please contact me directly or reach out through the church office.

Financial Stewardship

St. Mark's continues to operate in a **hand-to-mouth financial situation**—our needs are being met, but there are financial concerns we have not yet addressed. Please prayerfully consider your giving and how we can continue to support our church.

A Word of Gratitude

It is my great joy to serve as your pastor. Being part of this church is meaningful to me, and I find great fulfillment—even fun—in this role. Thank you for inviting me to be your Pastor!

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

3771 Easton Ave.
Bethlehem, PA 18020

[Give+ mobile app Apple iOS](#)

[Give+ mobile app Google Play Store](#)

Now introducing: text to give!

Text any amount to 833-756-0334

[Click here for details and instructions for using text-to-give services.](#)



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, March 20th 2025

Time: 7:00-8:30 PM

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

Hosts: Al & Carol Tullock





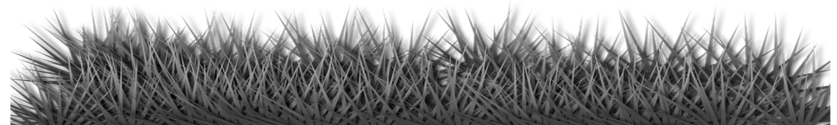
St. Andrew's Food Bank

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, March 19th ,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.

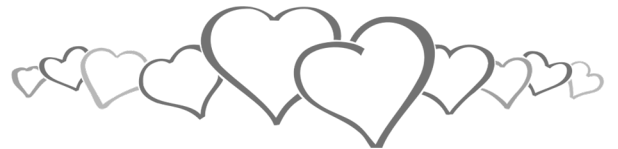


March Birthdays

- 03/03 - Peter Docteroff
- Rebecca Docteroff
- 03/04 - Nadine Novatnak
Lafey
- Victoria Ameen
- Gavin Monahan
- 03/07 - Amy Cygan
- Ryan Monahan
- James Lafey
- 03/13 - Heather Capuano
- 03/17 - Harper Vincent
- 03/20 - Paul Docteroff
- 03/24 - David Miller
- 03/30 - Lea Hanchick
- Shane Deacon



March Anniversaries



03/10/1973

Robert & Pamela
Capuano



03/20/1980

Joseph & Stephanie
Trovato



Servants of God for March 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

REV. JOHN D. KLEIST

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

- 03/02-Alison Bittner
- 03/05-Volunteer
- 03/09-Amy Cygan
- 03/16-John McAtee
- 03/23-John Szabo
- 03/30-Alison Bittner

MONTHLY USHERS

John Szabo & Ron Ritchie

Greeters

- 03/02-Donna & Bill Carter
- 03/05-Volunteers
- 03/09-Donna & Peter Kish
- 03/16-Donna & Peter Kish
- 03/23-Donna & Peter Kish
- 03/30-Donna & Bill Carter

PRAY-ERS

- 03/02-Donna Carter & Dawn Seyfried

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

- 03/02-Dawn Seyfried

LECTORS

- 03/02-Alison Bittner
- 03/09-Kari Ebersole
- 03/16-Joe Craig
- 03/23-Lynne Berger
- 03/30-Lynen Berger

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 03/02-Open
- 03/09-Open
- 03/16-Open
- 03/23-Open
- 03/30-Open

BULLETINS

- 02/02-Open
- 02/09-Open
- 02/16-Open
- 02/23-Open

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

1ST QUARTER

DONNA & BILL CARTER

2ND QUARTER

JOHN & NANCY MCATEE

3RD QUARTER

OPEN

4TH QUARTER

DONNA & BILL CARTER

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

CANDLE FOR MARCH

Donna & Bill Carter

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

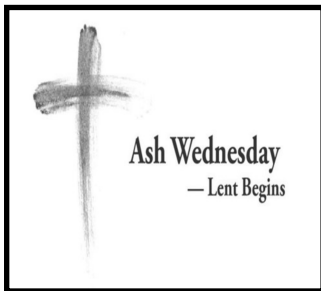
Alison Bittner
John McAtee
Pat Ritchie
Ron Ritchie
Carl Willever
Lee Koehler
Cheryl Coulter
Tom Walters
Bea Craig
Maria Szabo
Fran Ramsom
Martha Bean

Friends and Family

Steph Gerencaer
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.

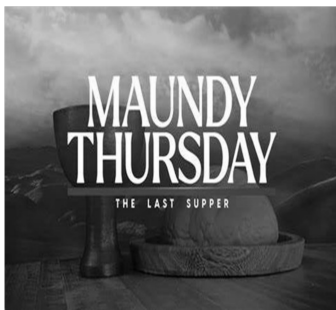
Holy Week Services



Ash Wednesday Service
March 5th at 6:30 P.M.



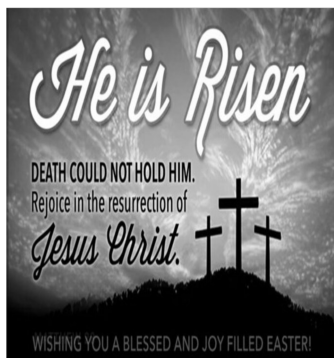
Palm Sunday Service
April 13th at 9:30 A.M.



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



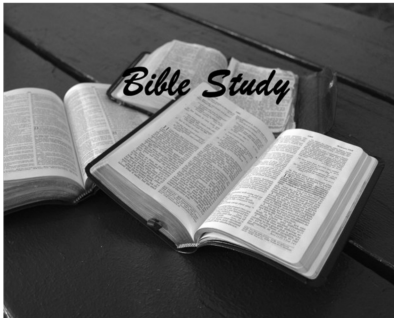
Good Friday Service
April 18th at 6:30 P.M.



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 March 16th Please mark your calendars! Thank you!



***Saturday evening, March 8th
before bed,
Set your clocks one hour
ahead!***

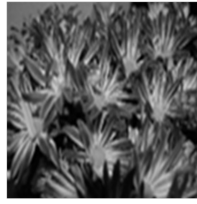
EASTER FLOWERS



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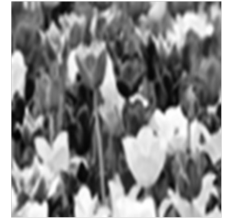
LILIES



MUMS



DAFFODILS



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PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, DEDICATION AND INFORMATION ON THE ENVELOPE AND ENCLOSE PAYMENT. PLEASE FILL IT OUT AND SUBMIT IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE:

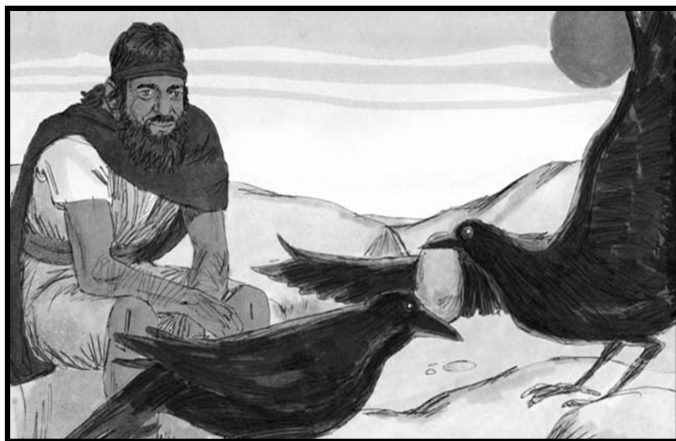
BY SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2025

COST PER PLANT IS \$11.00

YOU MAY TAKE YOUR FLOWERS AFTER THE EASTER SERVICE.

IF NOT TAKEN BY FOLLOWING SUNDAY,
THEY WILL BE PLANTED AROUND THE CHURCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND FOR MAKING OUR
SANCTUARY LOOK BEAUTIFUL!



LENTEN SOUP & SCRIPTURE

Wednesdays

March 12th Thru April 9th

5:30 pm

DATES:

March 12th, March 19th and March 26th at St. Mark's.
April 2nd and April 9th at Bath. (St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 206 E. Main Street Bath, PA 18014)

TIME:

5:30 PM

LED BY: PASTOR KLEIST & PASTOR WALSH

FOCUS: DAVID, SOLOMON, THE 1ST TEMPLE, THE EXILE & THE 2ND TEMPLE

We will be having a light dinner of soup, salad and bread followed by a presentation by the Pastor.

Sign-up sheet to bring something if you would like is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you!

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