

ST. MARK'S NOVEMBER 2025 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 People of St. Mark's,

Sometimes it takes someone else's words to help us recognize what's in our own hearts. One Sunday before worship, I was chatting with one of our excellent worship assistants. They said how much they love being at worship, how much they appreciate the people of St. Mark's, and how meaningful it is to be part of a community where everyone is known by name. Hearing that helped me realize how much I, too, look forward to Sunday mornings and how good it makes me feel to belong to a peaceful, loving congregation. St. Mark's is truly a place where I have found a home and where the living presence of the Holy Spirit is at work.

If you feel called to serve as a worship assistant, please speak with me. We are currently one person short since Alison moved away, and this ministry is a great blessing to our worship life.

I also want to extend a warm and heartfelt thank-you to our cleaning and mowing volunteers. Because of your faithfulness and hard work, our building and grounds are always in excellent condition inside and out. Your service is noticed and appreciated.

Our Adult Sunday School class meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We are learning about the time of King Herod the Great, around the time of the birth of Jesus. From there, we will continue through the first Jewish revolt in 70 AD and conclude this section around the year 135, during the time of the second revolt. It is a fascinating period filled with powerful connections to the New Testament.

Our preaching texts for the month of November are:

- November 2 - All Saints Sunday: The Beatitudes (Luke 6)
- November 9 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost:
The Sadducees' question about resurrection (Luke 20)
- November 16 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost: The Lukan Apocalypse
- November 23 - Christ the King Sunday: Jesus and the thief on the cross

On November 2, right after worship, we will hold an expanded fellowship event combining elements of Halloween, Reformation, and All Saints. I continue to be impressed by the creativity, variety, and excellence of the food and baked goods you bring to share what a joyful expression of community!

Please keep our congregation and its leaders in your prayers this month. Many good things are happening here at St. Mark's, and I am grateful to be walking into the future with you.

With gratitude and love in Christ,



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

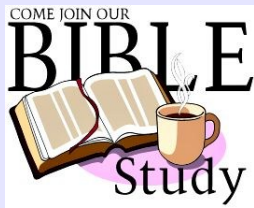
Change of Address?

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) one the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. If there are 5 Sundays, it would also be held on the 5th 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 20th 2025

Time: 6:30PM

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. 19, 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



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

Servants of God for November 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

11/02-John Szabo
11/09-Amy Cygan
11/16-John McAtee
11/23-John Szabo
11/30-John Szabo

MONTHLY USHERS

Peter Kish & John McAtee

Greeters

11/02-Donna & Peter Kish
11/09- Donna & Peter Kish
11/16-Donna & Peter Kish
11/23-Pat & Ron Ritchie
11/30-Donna & Bill Carter

PRAY-ERS

11/02-Donna Carter & Dawn Seyfried

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

11/02-Lynne Berger

LECTORS

11/02-Lynne Berger
11/09-Lynne Berger
11/16-Alice Walters
11/23-Alice Walters
11/30-Donna Carter

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

11/02-The Flexer Fund
11/09-Open
11/16-Open
11/23-Al&Carol Tullock
11/30-Tom&Alice Walters

BULLETINS

11/02-Donna & Bill Carter
11/09--Christine & John Borso
11/16-Open
11/23-Open
11/30-Open

“WORD IN SEASON”

DEVOTIONAL

Donna & Bill Carter

SANCTUARY MEMORIAL

CANDLE

Donna & Bill Carter



IN OUR PRAYERS

Partners in Ministry

Rev. Christopher deForest, Bishop, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Rev. Yehiel Curry Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

St. Mark's Disciples

Carol Tullock
Lee Koehler
Tom Walters
Maria Szabo
Fran Ramson
Martha Bean

Friends & Family

Matt Conners
Jon Brannan
Micheil Koblish
Melanie



Treasurer's Report

The church did not incur any unusual expenses in September.

The financial information shared below represents income and expenses through September 30, 2025.

September Contributions/Income:	\$6,718.33
(Excluding Investment Acct Interest)	
September Expenses:	\$4,355.45
YTD Contributions/Income:	\$58,424.58
(Excluding Investment Account Interest)	
YTD Expenses:	\$61,407.44



Please feel free to ask me about any expenses.

Thank you.

Dana Deacon



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

**Please take an envelope on the bulletin board in the
narthex and fill out and drop in the offering plate
BY NOVEMBER 30TH.**

The plants are 6.5" potted and the cost is **\$13.25** 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 November 30th 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.



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Thank you for your generosity and God Bless!



ADVENT SEASON

1st Sunday of Advent@9:30AM.....November 30th
2nd Sunday of Advent@9:30AM.....December 7th
3rd Sunday of Advent@9:30AM.....December 14h
4th Sunday of Advent@9:30 AM.....December 21st



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



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