

# ST. MARK'S APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



# Thoughts from the Pastor:

Happy Easter!

It is so much fun for me to get to know the good people at St. Mark's. I am invigorated by the happy spirit that is here in our midst. I especially look forward to our Sunday morning worship experiences. I am lifted up by our music and I am honored by everyone's attention to my preaching.

We are still exploring what it means for me to be: "Resident Pastor." I attended the February Council meeting and on Wednesday evenings I led an exposition of the Elijah saga. The Elijah thing was so much fun! I am ready at all times to respond to anyone's need of Pastoral care and my contact information is: [pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com](mailto:pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com) and 610-216-2970 (voice or text) I can also meet with anyone at the Pastor's office by appointment.

Please consider staying after church for a coffee and pastry festival to mark the end of April and celebrate Jesus's resurrection appearances. I'm going to make a 5-minute presentation on that topic and then there will be lots of good things to eat. I'll be providing home roasted coffee, it's my hobby. I would like to share extra joy on Mother's Day and Father's Day too. My corresponding preaching texts will be Jesus' mother Mary and his father Joseph. My mom and grandma are two great influencers of mine and my role as a father and grandfather continues to be the two roles I value most. So please try celebrating all those who father and mother on their respective holidays.

My ministry at St. Mark's is so exciting for me, thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Pastor Kleist



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**Pastor email:** [pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com](mailto:pastor@stmarksbethlehem.com)

**Office email:** [office@stmarksbethlehem.com](mailto:office@stmarksbethlehem.com)

**Choir email:** [music@stmarksbethlehem.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

## Confirmation



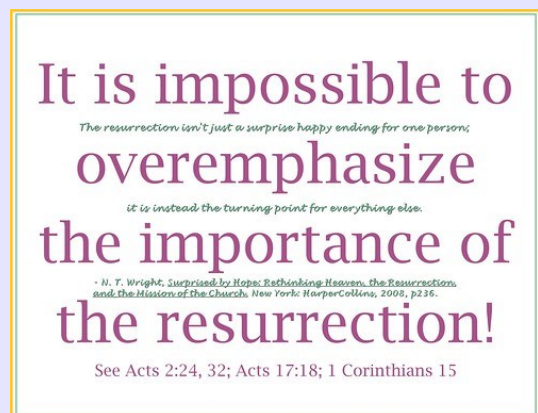
Gavin Monahan will be having his confirmation on Sunday, May 12th, 2024.

Please feel free to stay after service to have some cake and wish him well!

## “Celebration of the Resurrection”

Once a month we will have a celebration of the resurrection in the fellowship hall following service.

Come join for fellowship, cake and coffee!



This month will be on **Sunday, April 28th.**  
Hope to see you there!



## **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 cold and windy Wednesday night on March 15 – St. Marks food bank volunteers helped to serve food to 51 families. A GREAT BIG WARM THANKS go out to the following people: Tom, Martina, Gabriella & Kenneth Cox; Ron & Pat Ritchie; Dawn Seyfried; Al & Carol Tullock & Tom Walters along with 4 Boy Scouts from Troop 307.

**Our next time to help out at St. Andrews Food Bank will be on the third Wednesday of May the 17<sup>th</sup>.** We are in still in need for ALL paper products [TP, Tissues, Napkins & Towels] ALSO in need for rice and macaroni & cheese. Please drop them off in the plastic tub in the Narthex of the church. THANK YOU!

## PRAYER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY



You're invited to a prayer/fellowship and devotional discussion:

**Date:** Thursday, April 18th 2024

**Time:** 7:00-8:30 PM

**Place:** 1573 Siegfried Street  
Bethlehem (610-691-2415)

**Hosts:** Carol & Al Tullock



St. Mark's is again hosting election day on  
**Tuesday April 23rd, 2024 from  
7:00am-8:00pm**

There are still many, many spots open on the bulletin board if you could come and mind the building for a few hours- please sign up! Thank you!



Please join us for **Mother's Day service on Sunday, May 12th**. We will be celebrating mothers of all kinds and picking some hymns from the box that YOU selected! There will be special surprises as well! Also, we will be **celebrating Gavin Monahan's confirmation that day**— join us for cake after service! This will truly be a celebratory Sunday! Hope to see you there!



## St. Andrew's Food Bank

### FOOD BANK:

St. Marks had duty at the St. Andrews Food Bank on Wednesday, March 20, from 5pm to 8pm They served 67 families, and we THANK Jim Eber-sole for volunteering that evening!!!!!!

THANK YOU ALL for the paper products and food that you have donated for the food bank.

Please continue to donate if you are able & willing the paper products [towels, napkins, tissues & TP] to the food bank.

Our next time to volunteer at the food bank will be on:

**Wednesday, May 15th, from 5pm to 8pm.**

Also, we are now **accepting any donations of food products as well** for St. Andrew's !

THANK YOU ALL!

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your understanding: In all your ways acknowledge HIM, and HE shall direct your paths.”  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

If you are able and willing to help –  
please contact Tom Walters, 610-868-5324



### April Birthdays

- 04/02-Brendan Ickes
- 04/03-Alison Bittner
- 04/06-Kathryn Miller
- 04/09-Emma Porter
- 04/11-Kenneth  
Monahan  
-Cassandra Spence
- 04/16-Carmen Smith  
-Michael Flynn
- 04/20-Brooke Graesel
- 04/24-Kenneth  
Moerschel  
-Nancy McAtee  
-Deserae Jimenez
- 04/28-Jami Ebersole



### April Anniversaries

04/20/1963  
John & Esther Chulik



04/26/1981  
Paul & Lea Hanchick





# Servants of God for April 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

04/07-Alison Bittner  
04/14-Amy Cygan  
04/21- John McAtee  
04/28- John Szabo

### MONTHLY USHERS

Jim & Kari Ebersole

### GREETERS

04/07-Pat Koehler  
04/14-Donna & Bill  
Carter  
04/21-Diana Docteroff  
04/28-Pat & Ron Ritchie

### PRAY-ERS

04/07-Donna Carter &  
Lee Koehler

### COMMUNION

#### ASSISTANT

04/07-Dawn Seyfried

### LECTORS

04/07-Alice Walters  
04/14-Al Tullock, Jr.  
04/21-Kari Ebersole  
04/28-John Szabo

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

### ALTAR FLOWERS

04/07-Open  
04/14-Al & Carol  
Tullock, Jr.  
04/21-John & Nancy  
McAtee  
04/28-Open

### BULLETINS

Open

### “WORD IN SEASON”

#### DEVOTIONAL

Open

### SANCTUARY MEMORIAL CANDLE

Open

### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Open

### BREAD PROVIDER

Open

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a week before the date  
for which you have  
signed up.*



## ***IN OUR PRAYERS***



### ***Partners in Ministry***

**Rev. Christopher deForest, Bishop, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod**  
**Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran**  
**Church in America**  
**St. Andrew's of Easton and Rev. Tom Neel**  
**All Because He Loved Us Church**

### ***St. Mark's Disciples***

**Kari Ebersole**  
**William (*Christen Borso's grandson*)**  
**Cheryl Coulter**  
**Bea Craig**  
**Pastor Lisa Aviles and her family**  
**Peter Kish**  
**Pat Ritchie**  
**James Lafey**  
**Maria Szabo**  
**Ernest Barbarics, Jr.**  
**Pat Koehler**  
**Karen Hallman**  
**Fran Ramson**  
**Martha Bean**  
**Nancy Stauffer**

## PENTECOST GERANIUMS



WE WILL AGAIN BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR GERANIUMS IN CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST ON **SUNDAY, MAY 19TH!**

THEY WILL BE **\$8.00** AND THE ENVELOPES WILL BE OUT IN THE NARTHEX NEXT WEEK TO ORDER. **THE DEADLINE IS APRIL.29TH.**

THANK YOU!

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