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Parish Life



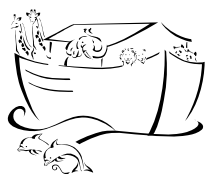
The Parish Life Committee would like to thank all the members, friends and family that attended our Pancake Breakfast. We fed approximately 60 people. We had several new items on the menu along with the traditional eggs, pancakes and sausage. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves. If you have any questions or suggestions for next year, just let us know.

We have also been working on the two soup suppers which St. Matthew hosted during Lent. Again I would like to thank all the soup makers and dessert makers who helped us share our faith among ourselves and two other Lutheran churches in the area.

Thanks for all your support.
Marge Troyan, 610-328-1394

Social Ministry

The committee welcomed Erin Robinson as our council liaison person. Glad you're with us Erin!



The Heifer project is well underway. We expect the Noah's Ark banks to be returned April 2. **IF** you didn't get a bank you can still contribute by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Heifer Project". We shall keep you informed about the results.



We fed the residents and friends at the Life Center in Upper Darby on March 31. Thanks to all who made casseroles, desserts, meats, veggies, etc.

As always a great meal is provided when St. Matthew folks cook. St. Madeline's also provides food and financial support.

Clothing Drive



The semi-annual used clothing collection will be April 22, 9 am to 12 noon.

All gently used clothing will be shared with Chester East Side Ministries. So please save all usable clothing and bring it to St. Matthew that Saturday morning.

Thanks for Caring!

The Social Ministry Committee
Jean Guss, Chairperson

April 2006

Sunday Worship Schedule



April 2
8:15 and 11 am
Word & Sacrament

9:30 am SCS & 1st Communion Class
1 pm Confirmation Class
7 pm Youth Group
Spring Forward!
Daylight Savings Begins!



April 9
Palm Sunday
8:15 & 11 am
Word & Sacrament
9:30 am SCS & 1st Communion Class
1 pm Confirmation Class



April 13
Maundy Thursday
7:30 p.m. Word & Sacrament with
First Communion Service

April 14
Good Friday
Service of the Word
12 Noon and
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service



April 15
Vigil of Easter Service
7:00 pm Word & Sacrament



April 16
Easter Sunday
8:15 & 11 am
Word & Sacrament
and 9:30 am Youth Breakfast

April 23
8:15 & 11 am
Service of the Word, 9:30 am SCS

April 30
8:15 & 11 am
Service of the Word
9:30 am SCS
Choir Concert 7:30 pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 9-15, 2006



PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

April 9, 2006

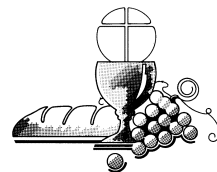
Word and Sacrament Services (With palm blessings)

8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13, 2006

Holy Communion Service (With First Communion) - 7:30 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 14, 2006

Service at 12 Noon and Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

April 15, 2006

Vigil of Easter Services of Light, Word, Water, and Meal - 7:30 PM

Again this year St. Matthew's Holy Week Services will conclude with Vigil of Easter Services on Holy Saturday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

You may ask again, "What are the Vigil of Easter Services?" Well each year churches throughout the world conclude Holy Week with these Saturday evening services. "Vigil" means to watch on the eve of a feast." And what we are watching and waiting for is the celebration of God's glorious resurrection of Jesus. So on this eve of that great celebration we come together to remember and celebrate God's gifts through services of Light, Word, Water, and Meal.

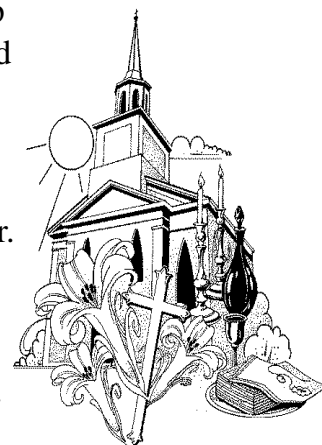
The Service of Light will remind us of the light of Christ that has come into the world. The Service of Word (or Reading) will remind us of God's movement in the lives of all people. The Service of Water (or Baptismal Covenant) will remind us of our membership into God's Church. And the Service of Meal (Holy Communion) will remind us of God's gift of forgiveness of sin and eternal life through the faithfulness of God's Son, Jesus the Christ.

Mark your calendar and plan to come out and join in these great celebrations that move us from the dark of Good Friday to the light of Easter.

Easter

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 16, 2006

Festival Services of Word and Sacrament at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



THE SEASON OF LENT

40 Days plus 6 Sundays prior to Easter

During the season of Lent we are reminded of God's love through Jesus' faithfulness. The gospels teach us that God loved the world so much that God sent the Son. The Son Jesus loved God so much that in faith he gave his life. Through Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection we have forgiveness of sin and life everlasting.

As we enter into this forty-day season of Lent, let us reflect upon the gifts that we have already received because of God's love and Jesus' faithfulness. And let us be guided by God's Holy Spirit as we recall Jesus' walk to Jerusalem.



LUTHERAN NEIGHBOR'S SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES

Final Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m at Immanuel, Norwood
Theme - THE CROSS

LENTEN STUDY

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. — Final Date: April 6



Easter Sunday Breakfast!!!

April 16, 2006 — 9:30 am

Sponsored by the St. Matthew Youth Group

Cost: 12 and over - \$5.00, 12 and under - Free
Maximum of \$15.00 per family



Easter Sunday Breakfast Registration

NAME: _____

Number of 12 and over: _____ Number of 12 and under: _____

TOTAL: _____

Please return this form to Jill Schott, Annie Houser or the Church Office by APRIL 10.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Name _____

of Lilies _____ Total \$ _____ (at \$8 each) I will take the lily I will not take the lily



NEWS & REMINDERS FROM OUR SYNOD

Prayer Stoles Needed for Synod Assembly May 5-6

The Committee that has coordinated the Discernment in the Election of a New Bishop process is looking to have over 800 prayer stoles made for all who attend the Synod Assembly - May 5-6. This is to remind us we are to be in purposeful prayer that God will reveal to us a new Bishop. Since we are looking for everyone to be praying about this now and throughout the Assembly, we thought it would be a visible reminder to provide all who attend the Synod Assembly with a hand-made prayer stole. Prayer would be a part of those who make the prayer stoles and will certainly be a part of the Synod Assembly. The Prayer Stoles will be distributed during the opening Communion Service at the Assembly - May 5. The Stoles should be 4 feet long by 2-3 inches wide. They can be crocheted, knitted, painted, quilted. They can be any color. We would hope the person making them will place their name on the inside and the congregation or group they are associated with. The stoles should be sent **NO LATER THAN APRIL 28TH** to: Susan Pursch, Lutheran Liberty Service, 5902 N 5th St, Phila., PA 19120, 215.276.5500 ext. 248, spursch@libertylutheran.org. Thank you for your interest, partnership and prayer.

Chrism Mass

Our Annual Chrism Mass Service will be held at 10 AM on April 11 at the Trinity, Germantown all are invited to attend.

Support Youth Programs with Phillies Tickets

It's time to start planning for our annual "Lutheran Night with the Phillies." This year it will be Friday, June 16, a 7:05 pm game against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Plans are in the works to have our new bishop-elect throw out the first ball. As in the past, proceeds from ticket sales will be used to support our synod's youth programs. Invite the whole congregation and have fun and fellowship while supporting important programs! Information or to order tickets: Joe Beck, 215.463.5000 x5104 or e-mail luthitx@phillies.com.

Nursing Program/Free Tuition

If you know of anyone between 18-28 years old, interested in the Nursing field, University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is offering FREE tuition, FREE books, a \$250 monthly stipend, and guaranteed job placement as a nurse at Providence Hospital upon graduation with a starting salary of \$40,000. The 3 year program is recruiting new students now!! Please contact Ms. Beshon Smith (202) 266-5481 or email Bsmith@urbanalliance.org

Information About Volunteering in the Gulf Coast

Volunteers are needed for long-term disaster recovery in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. Some of the many volunteer opportunities include cleaning and rebuilding homes, distribution of food and supplies to families affected by the hurricanes, and food preparation for the volunteers and members of the communities. Physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses are needed for free medical clinics which are open to the community, but also serve as the volunteer first aid stations. Based on needs, other volunteer opportunities available may include data entry, casework/client intake, counseling, general office work and pastoral care. Individual volunteers and work groups are needed now. Housing and meals are provided for volunteers, with a few exceptions in Florida.- If you have questions or would like more information please contact Linda Frey or Lois Kadel*

Work Team Dates - see contact information below*.

- April 1-7, 2006 Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale is sending a work team to Ocean Springs, MS. Contact: Linda Frey 610-847-5775, lwfrey@epix.net
- April 22-29, Palisades Lutheran Cluster is sending a work team to Ocean Springs, MS. Contact: Linda Frey*
- April 24-28, 2006 a work team is going to Ocean Springs, MS. Contact: Lois Kadel*
- May 25-June 1, 2006 a work team to Ocean Springs, MS. Contact: Lois Kadel*
- June 19-July 7, 2006 a work team is going to Ocean Springs, MS. Contact: Linda Frey*

* Linda Frey, 610-847-5775, lwfrey@epix.net
Lois Kadel, 215-256-4336, lokadel@verizon.net

Lutheran Youth Raise \$598,728 in "Souper Bowl of Caring"

Young people across the United States raised more than \$4.2 million through "Souper Bowl of Caring," a national faith-based effort aimed at raising millions of dollars for hunger-fighting organizations. That number includes \$598,728 collected by Lutherans.

Liberty Lutheran Services Invites You to Its 2006 Signature Event! "The Lion King"

A Disney Theatrical Production SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2006, 1:00 pm at the Academy of Music During next year, Liberty Lutheran Services 5th Anniversary celebration will lift up the work of its Affiliates-Artman Lutheran Home, Lutheran Children and Family Service and Paul's Run Retirement Community - who together

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NEWS FROM OUR SYNOD (continued)

have provided services to individuals, families, congregations and communities for over 200 years. Proceeds from this event will benefit Lutheran Disaster Response Partners of Southeast Pennsylvania, whose services to disaster victims are coordinated through Liberty Lutheran Services. Ticket Prices:

- Balcony (Patrons) \$250.00 each
- Family Circle A-B \$175.00 each
- Family Circle \$135.00 each
- Middle Amphitheater \$55.00
- Side Amphitheater \$35.00

To order tickets, call 215-283-2404 or 215-643-6335 ext. 214.

ELCA Blue Ribbon Committee on Mission Funding Appointed

The Church Council of the ELCA appointed a 10-member Blue Ribbon Committee for Mission Funding. The committee is expected to study topics such as mission support, stewardship education, planned giving, and designated and restricted giving, all aimed at strengthening the future financial resources of the ELCA. Mission support – funds from congregations through synods to the churchwide organization – has shown little overall growth in the ELCA's 18-year history. About 81 percent of the funds used for the church's operations come from mission support, said the Rev. Michael L. Meier, associate executive for mission support, ELCA Synodical

Relations. In recent years financial gifts designated for a specific purpose or ministry have grown considerably, while mission support has declined slightly, he said.

ELCA's Mosaic Television is 'Introducing Jesus of Nazareth'

The sights and sounds of Jesus' life are the subject of a video presentation released March 1 by the ELCA. "Introducing Jesus of Nazareth" – the spring 2006 release of Mosaic Television – was recorded in Israel and the West Bank, and features interviews with ELCA pastors in Northern California & Southern Wisconsin. Specific information about Mosaic Television subscriptions & the content of each issue is available at www.ELCA.org/mosaic or by contacting ELCA Communication Services at 1-800-638-3522, ext. 6009.

Lutherans Respond to Food & Water Crisis in Kenya

Up to 3.5 million people in Kenya are in danger of dying if food and water are not delivered soon, according to Action by Churches Together (ACT). Drought conditions severely cut food and water supplies there. In response to an ACT appeal for funds, International Disaster Response of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) provided \$100,000 to support the distribution of food and water and other drought-related recovery operations in Kenya.

WELCA

Sweet Spring! The promise of warmer days. I can hardly wait to be outside and spend time in my garden. There's so much to do this time of year. I just want to be outside and smell the sweet air.

The women of St. Matthew are busy planning events that will take place in April, May & June. Everyone is welcome! Come join the Women of the ELCA!

A Spring Conference Gathering is planned for April 3rd at St. Paul's in Ardmore. We will carpool from the church parking lot that night at 6:00PM. All women are encouraged to attend and if you need a ride, let me know. Marge Troyan is the coordinator of this event that starts with registration and refreshments at 6:30PM. Meeting with ladies from other

churches is always enjoyable and a great way to make new friends.

Our annual Mother /Daughter banquet will be held May 13th. Lia's Catering will prepare the dinner and it will be served by our very handsome waiters. We will be entertained by a "Story Teller" that will take us on an exciting trip around the world. Ticket prices will be determined at a later date. They can be purchased from the Circle leaders, Jean Larsen or myself.

June 7th is the date for our June General Meeting. We'll have a covered dish dinner of tasty salads and of course - dessert! This will be followed by a short program and the collection of our Thank Offering boxes.

I had the opportunity to meet with Pastor Brown and show her what the

Women of the ELCA are "about". I was able to share with her the theme of our devotions and the topics that have been discussed. With monthly Circle meetings, general meetings, altar care, and the many outreach projects we're involved with, she can see how busy we are.

Circle Meetings for April are:

Lily - 4/4/06 at the home of Dee Blair (610-544-5811)

Saffron - 4/4/06 at the home of Pat Caber (610-595-1791)

Gardenia - 4/6/06 at the Church at 12:30PM

Gardenia Circle will have Altar Care during April.

Sue Trout

610-534-0232 (H), 610-331-1581(cell)

Youth Ministry News & Reminders from Our Synod

Are you interested in urban church work? Are you interested in family ministry? Are you interested in providing service opportunities to youth groups? Atonement Lutheran Church in Philadelphia (Fishtown) is looking for a college student (18-24 years old) interested in working with our church for the summer. Duties include day camps, vacation bible school, and helping setting up urban service opportunities for visiting youth groups. Those interested in urban ministry or any type of church vocation are encouraged to apply. This opportunity is provided with Project Connect. A small stipend will be provided. Please contact Anne Kretzmann at anne.kretzmann@gmail.com or 215-681-0447 for more information.

For those attending the San Antonio Youth Gathering this summer...Fiesta II is May 21st! All youth and adults going to the gathering are encouraged to attend. See attached poster for more details.

Our **MATRYX** event is Saturday, April 1. Are you putting your team together for this continuing education event? We have a great keynote speaker coming, lots of workshops on youth ministry and Christian Education topics and a chance for you to network with other people doing ministry in the synod. Go to our web site to download a registration brochure. Scholarships are available!!! **The deadline for registration is next Wednesday, March 22!!!**

The Youth Ministry Committee is sponsoring **Restore Bible Studies** for adult youth workers in our synod. The Bible Studies will occur quarterly in eight locations throughout the synod - St. Paul Lutheran, Exton; St. James, Limerick; Trinity, Quakertown; St. Timothy, Aston; St. John, NE Philly and other sites in Lower Bucks and Lower Montgomery conferences.

Helping Hands Day registration materials will be going out the last week in February. The theme this year is "Devoted to Serve." New this year is a registration deadline of April 4th. Early bird registration will be \$10 if received by March 20th. Registrations received between March 20th and April 4th will be \$15. All registrations must be postmarked by April 4th.

The youth of our synod have been asked to plan and lead morning worship on Saturday May 6th at Synod Assembly (May 5-6). If you have any young people who would be interested in planning and leading this worship service or interested in doing liturgical dance as part of this service, please e-mail Molly at mbeck@sepa.org with their contact information.

Please have nominees for May Youth of the Month to the synod office, 506 Haws Ave. Norristown, PA 19401 or mbeck@sepa.org or fax - 610.278.9994, by April 5th. The nomination can be downloaded from the website www.sepayouth.org.

We are in need of pages for the synod assembly, which is May 5, & 6. Pages must be in high school or older and must be able to commit themselves to the assembly from Friday morning through Saturday afternoon. If you are interested, please let Molly know - mbeck@sepa.org

The Lutheran Youth Organization Educational Team – We need YOUR help! The LYO Board is currently putting together teams of youth and adults that will visit each congregation in the synod sharing all the opportunities available to young people. Youth ambassadors, grades 8-11, would visit no more than three congregations a year and will be given all materials needed to make the presentation. Adult volunteers will be mostly responsible for making arrangements with congregations for the visits. If you are interested in being a part of the educational team for your conference or have youth or adults in your congregation who are or if you just want more information, please contact LYO Board member, Mary Beth Jones at mbjones@saintluke.net.

The date for our Synod Servant Trip to Indian Reservations in South Dakota has been set for July 5-16, 2007. This servant experience is open to youth in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders. Registration materials will be available in May with registration opening September 1. This trip filled in 3 days last time, so start planning now. Estimated cost is \$850 which includes all elements of the trip.

April 1	MATRYX, Trinity, Lansdale
April 4	HHD Registration deadline
April 25, 7 p.m.	Spirituality Retreat planning meeting
April 29	Helping Hands Day
May 5 & 6	Synod Assembly
May 20, 9-10:30 am	Restore Bible Study
May 21, 2 p.m.	Servant Trip 2007 planning meeting, Synod Office
May 27 & 28	Spirituality Retreat, Camp Green Lane
June 16, 7:05 p.m.	Lutheran Night at the Phillies

New Members!

We would like to welcome five people who were received as new members at St. Matthew on February 19, 2006. They are **Ruth Fanelli** and her son **Sam Fanelli**, and **Janice & Charles Couwels** and their son **Timothy Culin**.



Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to
change your clocks!
Spring Forward
Sunday, April 2nd
for Daylight Savings
Time!

Continuing Prayers of Healing



	Ethan Bedwell	Jimmy	Noah Sharp
	Ethel Thomas	Karim	Noah
	Gladys Farkas	Kim Gaus	McLaughlin
	Jacob Johnson	Lee	Norman Larsen
	James Black	Liz Chaffin	Regina & Robert Harris
	James Stanton	Marcia Mikeska	Rick Lord, Sr.
Alberta Simonin	Janice Wilson	Mary Black	Ruth Martin
Arlene Bixler	Jason Pheelps	Mary	Sam
Ashley	Joanne Ryan	Marie Diem	Shawn
Augusta Cline	Joan Hueston	Mel Schucker	Shorty Schott
Ben	Joe Bacolo	Mildred Edwards	Susan Maxwell
David	John Landon	Minnie Williams	
Dennis Porter	John Sassano	Nadine Simon	

Family and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.
Serving in the Air
Force

Eric Gunlefinger
Serving in the Marines
in Iraq

Raymond Ferry
Steven Buxton

THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU
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Many Thanks
THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU
THANK YOU • THANK YOU • THANK YOU

Many thanks to
Pastor Brown for
all her visits when I
was in the hospital.
Also thanks for the
altar flowers and all
the get well cards.

Thanks again
Arlene Bixler

Remember Our St. Matthew Homebound

Please remember our shut-ins in your prayers, by your greeting cards, by your telephone calls and by your visits.

Mrs. Mildred Edwards
1323 Grant Avenue
Woodlyn PA 19094
610-833-1039

Mrs. Ethel Heaney
Wallingford Nursing Home
115 S. Providence Rd
Wallingford PA 19086

Mrs. Rebecca Sanborn
Fair Acres Bldg. 1
Room 104A
Lima PA 19062

Mrs. Naydeen Simon
925 Catherine Ave.
Woodlyn, PA 19094
610-586-6984

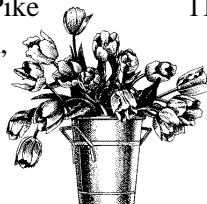
Mrs. Jane Evans
214 W. 21st Street
Chester, PA 19013
610-874-9068

Mrs. Rose Lynam
Prospect Park Health &
Rehab Facility
815 Chester Pike
Prospect Park,
PA 19076

Mr. Ira Schott
Wallingford Nursing Home
Room 229A
115 S. Providence Rd
Wallingford PA 19086
610-566-1298

Mrs. Julie Surotchak
320 Lakeview Ave.
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Mrs. Gladys Farkas
800 Avondale Ave.
Wallingford PA 19806
610-872-4001



Ms. Elizabeth Wood
Masonic Home
Lafayette East Room 1902
Elizabethtown, PA 17022

April Birthdays

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 3. Don Caber, Jr. | 14. Scott Troyan | 23. Jason Vosheski |
| 8. Linda Johnson | 16. Alberta Simonin | 25. Emily Moser |
| 9. Michele Hengey | Angelina Joniec | 26. Debbie Houser |
| Matthew Hengey Jr. | 17. Lois Binder | 27. Tom Graeff |
| | 21. Jeanne Sach | Bill Humphreys |
| | 22. Ron Baldino | 29. Diane Conlon |
| | Sharon Graham | |



April Anniversaries

4. Rick & Doris Lord (36)
5. Matt & Michele Hengey (9)
11. Ed & Margaret Brown (62)
12. Larry & Sue Render (9)
21. Jeff & Cheryl Smith (27)
30. David & Janet Kreiser (10)



If anyone has been left out please call the church office. Thank You!



Pastor's Hours

Pastor Nancy Brown will be in the office Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 to 3 pm and

Thursdays from 10 am to 2 pm.

Based on Ministry needs office hours are subject to change.

Please call for an appointment.

Emergency Contact Number:

For an accident, illness or hospitalization please contact Pastor Brown by calling 610-833-5515.

St. Matthew Information

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday,
12:30 to 3:30 pm

Phone: 610-833-5788

Fax: 610-833-5847

Church Office E-mail Address:

StMatthewK@aol.com



Evangel Articles

May *Evangel* articles are due **April 10th**. Please e-mail them to

TinaBaldino@aol.com or drop a copy off at the church office. **Thank you!**

Annual Choir Concert!



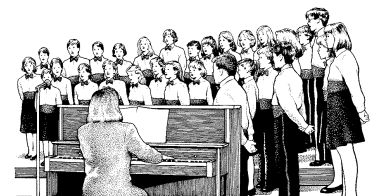
Sunday, April 30 at
7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to St. Matthew's 41st Annual Choir Concert on Sunday, April 24, 2005 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.

The program includes a variety of musical styles from classical to contemporary.

Please come out and support your talented volunteer church musicians.

Bring a friend !!



Serving Our Church This Month . . .

Date	Greeters 8:15	Greeters 11:00 & Other Services	Nursery
4/2	Mary Ann & Tom Bedwell	Clark Family	Layne Graff
4/9	Jerilyn Iacono & Joan Hoffman	Baldino Family	Marilee Jones
4/13	—	7:30 pm Bert Drake	
4/14	—	Noon - Madelin & Lee Krah	
4/15	—	7:30 pm - Youth	
4/16	Naydeen Marino	Graham Family	
4/17		7:30 pm	
4/18		Klooster Family	Barb Dwyer
4/23	Joseph Rebarchak	Layne & Sharon Graff	
4/30	Donna & Don Bixler	Janet Lincoln	

Don't wait to be asked . . . Volunteer!!!