

The Evangel

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June 2006

Worship Schedule

June 4

Pentecost Sunday

8:15 and 11 am
Word & Sacrament
9:30 am Sunday
Church School

June 11

Holy Trinity Sunday

8:15 and 11 am
Word & Sacrament
9:30 am Sunday
Church School

June 18

9:30 am
Word and Sacrament

Father's Day

June 25

9:30 am
Service of the Word

Please Note:



Our 9:30
AM,
Summer

worship times
will start
June 18,
2006



Calling ALL Seniors!!!

Youth Sunday will be held on June 18th at 9:30 am and **WE NEED YOU!** Please let Jill know (smyg316@aol.com or 610.872.3488) if you'll be there — we've got some great surprises in store for ALL of you!

The seniors below have been identified — if you or your child is not on this list, please contact the church office at 610.833.5788.

Dave Briengan

Tom Hickey

Ben Joniec

Dave Pezzano

Stephanie Phillip

Cheryl Smith

Financial Update

Our giving for the month of April was \$15,743.18. Our giving through April 30, 2006 has been \$50,554.79. This figure represents 90% of our total anticipated income for this time period based upon the budget approved by the congregation at the annual meeting. In order to maintain the current ministry an income of \$13,990.44 per month is needed.

Christian Education

Sunday Church School

The SCS children have been learning new things and enjoying singing together. As we move towards a summer schedule, we encourage you to bring your children to church with you at the 9:30 AM hour.

Our last individual classes will be on June 4.

On June 11 we will gather in the church for our closing program and we invite parents to join us to celebrate

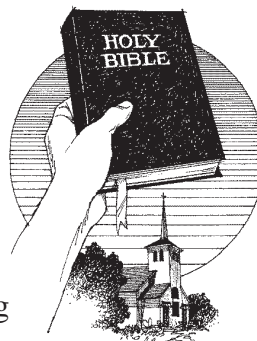
Family Day. A puppet show, singing and other events will take place. This will also be our chance to show our appreciation to those who teach SCS.

Don't forget Vacation Bible School starts Sunday, June 25 through Thursday, June 29 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM.

See the enclosed flyer and turn in your registration form now!

Thank you,

The Christian Education Committee



SYNOD UPDATE

Rev. Claire Burkat elected next bishop of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod

The Rev. Claire S. Burkat, a self-described "domestic Missionary" and "midwife" to a number of new church plants, was elected the next bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) on Saturday (May 6).

Pastor Burkat, who as the synod's mission director has nurtured the process of starting new congregations that reflect the region's racial and ethnic diversity, will take office July 1 as spiritual leader of the 95,000 Lutherans in 174 congregations in the five-county area. She was elected by a vote of 307-252 over the Rev. Cynthia Krommes, senior pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Phoenixville, on the fifth ballot.

When the Assembly began Friday, 101 clergy were nominated to succeed Bishop Roy Almquist, who is retiring after 12 years leading the synod. By Saturday afternoon the field was down to three Pastors Burkat and Krommes and the Rev. Dr. James Echols, a Philadelphia native who is president of the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago.

Pastor Burkat is the first woman elected to head the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, which encompasses Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. There are presently seven female bishops in the ELCA, which is made up of 65 synods across the U.S. There are currently 3,140 women serving as pastors among the ELCA's more than 17,600 clergy.

As mission director, Pastor Burkat has overseen the start-up of new African-American, Latino, Deaf, Russian and pan-African congregations as well as several suburban churches since the early 1990s. She also initiated a redevelopment strategy for revitalizing congregations that has been copied in other synods.

"We want to show the world how much we love Christ, and the way we show that is to love each other," Pastor Burkat told the Assembly after the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, presiding bishop of the 4.9 million member ELCA, declared her bishop-elect.

"We are living in the time of the ancient-future church. The ancient Nicene creed can lead us into the future with nine words: We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church," Pastor Burkat said in her address before the fifth and final ballot.

"One faith, one Lord, one baptism. This is the unity that Christ gives us and it is time for us to claim it. In spite of our differences let us rejoice in our diversity. Our diversity will be a model for all the synods of the ELCA."

Pastor Burkat's ministry models the unity of the church, as she is currently also shared staff with the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania. Her role as the diocese's executive director for congregational advancement is one of the first examples of joint Lutheran-Episcopal ministry on the synodical level since the two denominations reached a full communion agreement in 2000. This is just one way in which the ELCA is becoming a denomination that links ecumenical partners, with full communion relationships with the Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, Reformed Church in America and Moravian churches and ongoing ecumenical conversations with Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Mennonite, Methodist, African Methodist Episcopal and Disciples of Christ churches.

"The Lutheran church is the bridge church in ways that we are just beginning to claim," Pastor Burkat said.

The bishop-elect will be formally installed in a service scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006.

Retirement

Retirement is no time to get too conservative with your investments. When you think about your retirement, are you concerned about outliving your savings? That health care costs will eat away your retirement income and leave you dependent upon your children or charity? Or, are you worried that you may never be able to fully retire? Retiring with confidence means tackling these tough questions before you're ready to retire and having a plan in place that makes the most of your retirement savings. Your Thrivent Financial Consultant, Jack Claypotch, can help you prepare by developing a solid plan for generating a dependable income in retirement. Call Jack now at 484-875-0202.

Loan News from the Mission Investment Fund

If your congregation is working to develop generosity year round and has discovered some new opportunities for using the congregation's resources, you might want to explore one more wise idea. If your congregation has a mortgage and strong financial footing, refinancing the

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mortgage through the Mission Investment Fund might decrease your payments (monthly or over the life of the loan) and free up money to strengthen congregational and churchwide ministries. The Mission Investment Fund's interest rates are competitive with commercial lenders. However, the MIF charges only one fee, a document preparation fee of \$750. (Other costs involved may be passed on to the borrower, such as Lender's Title Insurance, recording fees, and other miscellaneous fees.) And there's no up-front application fee required when applying for the loan. All in all, the Fund's closing costs are often lower than other lending institutions. In addition the MIF knows and understands the unique funding needs of Lutheran congregations and ministries.

For more information please contact Pr. Mark Wimmer: 267.203.0037 or mwimmer@lctelford.org. Additional

information, current rates and downloadable forms are available on the Mission Investment Fund Web site at: <http://www.elca.org/mif>. Questions about a capital need or building renovation? Contact building consultant Jeff Spann: 973.625.2568 or JSpannMIF@aol.com

You are Invited to Summer Steppin'!

In response to a successful Here I Step Lenten walking campaign, the ELCA Board of Pensions is offering a summer campaign. The focus of Summer Steppin' is on increasing steps by 2,000 per day and inviting a partner to walk with you during any six-week period in June, July and August. We are also highlighting the benefits of walking and how walking touches each aspect of the Wholeness Wheel. Once again, the campaign originally comes to you from the creative minds of Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod Staff. More information is available on the Summer Steppin' at www.elcabop.org.

WELCA

Our General Meeting will be held June 7th starting at 6:30PM. We'll enjoy a covered dish dinner of our favorite salads. Bring a recipe if you'd like to share it! There will be a short program that is being put together by Carol Dietrich and Jean Larsen. We will also have a collection of the Thank Offering Boxes at this time. Then it's time for a delicious dessert! All women of St. Matthew are invited to attend!

Individual circles do not meet in the month of June. Instead, they go out for dinner or lunch, depending on what each circle has decided. The circles will meet again separately in October.

The Mother/Daughter Banquet was held on May 13th with 47 in attendance. Thanks to everyone that helped coordinate this event. The Story Teller was very entertaining and the dinner catered by Lia's was delicious. Though low in attendance, the evening was a success.

Thanks also to our handsome waiters that volunteered their time to serve us.

August 6th is the date for the women's service. Pat Caber is coordinating the volunteers that are needed for the worship service. She can be reached at 610-595-1791. Say yes when she calls! Better yet, call her first!

St. Matthew's will be hosting the Fall Conference Gathering that will take place on October 9th. Mark your calendars for this event! More information will be given at a later date.

Circles do not meet during the summer months, but our duties continue. Check with your circle leader if you're not sure when and what your circle has to do.

Saffron Circle has Altar Care during June.

Sue Trout
610-534-0232 (home), 610-331-1581 (cell)

Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Committee will meet June 12 at 7:30 PM at the home of Jean and Warren Guss.

We are looking forward as we begin our 16th year of serving dinners at the Life Center in Upper Darby. Our next serving is June 30. We will be doing our annual picnic dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers, and the wonderful side dishes the people of St. Matthew prepare. Potato salad, macaroni salad, cole slaw, baked beans, desserts, etc. all go nicely with this dinner.

In July we will be filling food baskets for our families just as we do in December. Please bring canned foods, cereals, spaghetti, etc. to church by July 20. We will use the list of names who received at Christmas, but if you know of someone who is in need please contact Jean Guss 610-833-1279.

One last thing don't forget to sponsor those riding in the Bike-a-Thon. All the money goes to Lutheran Charities!

Have a blessed Summer!

St. Matthew Men's Softball Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Location
Monday	June 5	Springfield Covenant	Woodlyn
Weds.	June 7	Ridley Park B	Edgewood
Monday	June 12	Belmont Baptist	Woodlyn
Friday	June 16	Springfield Covenant	Springfield H.S.
Monday	June 19	Prospect Park	Woodlyn
Tuesday	June 20	Ridley Park A	Edgewood
Monday	June 26	St. Marks	Woodlyn
Thursday	June 29	Latter Day Saints 'B'	Hillcrest

Games 19 and 20 to be determined and will be played the week of July 3rd and July 10th.

PLAYOFFS WILL BEGIN WEEK OF JULY 17TH.:
QUARTERFINALS - Week of July 17.

SEMI-FINALS: Week of July 24 FINALS: Week of July 31.

Coach: Ken Firth



Continuing Prayers of Healing



Ethan Bedwell	John Landon	Mildred Edwards
Ethel Thomas	John Sassano	Minnie Williams
Gladys Farkas	Jimmy	Nadine Simon
George Whitton	Karim	Noah Sharp
Jacob Johnson	Lee	Rick Lord, Sr.
James Black	Liz Chaffin	Ruth Martin
Alberta Simonin	James Stanton	Sam
Arlene Bixler	Janice Wilson	Shawn
Ashley	Jason Pheelps	Shorty Schott
Ben	Joanne Ryan	Susan Maxwell
David	Joan Hueston	
Dennis Porter	Joe Bacolo	Mike Young

Family and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr. Serving in the Air Force	Eric Gunlefinger Serving in the Marines in Iraq	Jacob Johnson - Serving in the Marines in Iraq	Raymond Ferry Steven Buxton
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Lutheran Brotherhood Night with the Phillies



**Friday, June 10
at 7:05 pm**

This is the only fundraiser for Synod Youth Ministries, so we hope to see you there!

If you would like tickets, please call the church office.

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

June Birthdays

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| 2. Dawn Radewonuk | 15. Jane Evans Marcia Mikeska | 27. Elizabeth Wood William Graham |
| 3. Zachery Larsen | 19. Jim Abt | 28. Tony Calise, Sr. Pastor Brown |
| 4. Amanda Gale | 20. Megan Clark | 29. Doris Lord Sandy Wilhelm |
| 5. Rich Klooster | 21. Don Philipp | 30. Brianna McLaughlin |
| 6. Jenni Simonds | 23. Annetta Cullen Naydeen Simon | |
| 8. Shawn Quinlan | 26. Harry Firth | |
| 9. Doris Houser | | |
| 14. Shannon Bartow | | |

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

June Anniversaries

1. Harry & Shirley Firth (50)
3. John & Dee Blair (45)
14. Lew & Joanne Riess (44)
15. Jim & Anita Abt (11)
19. Bob & Beverly Baer (24)
Rich & Helen Klooster (14)
27. Russ & Arlene Bixler (64)
John & Kathy Fernandez (8)



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

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Evangel Articles

July *Evangel* articles are due **June 10th**. Please e-mail them to TinaBaldino@aol.com or drop a copy off at the church office. **Thank you!**

Serving Our Church This Month . . .

Date	Greeters 8:15	Greeters 11:00 & 9:30	Lay Readers 8:15	Lay Readers 11:00 & 9:30
4	Naydeen Marino	The Moser Family	Helen Keyes	
11	The Miller Family	The Youth of St. Matthew	Helen Keyes	
18	(9:30 am)	Chuck & Tyler Petka	—	Youth Sunday
25	(9:30 am)	Patty Caber	—	Rick Graham

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