

# The Evangel



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## Mutual Ministry

**ATTENTION:** this article is being run again due to important omissions from the article in the September *Evangel*, please read again.

*The Mutual Ministry Committee feels the congregation would benefit by reading the following article from Model Constitution for Congregations of the E.L.C.A. 2005:*

### A GUIDE TO MUTUAL MINISTRY

**Definition** - Mutual ministry is a mission-oriented enterprise that is characterized by a broad vision of ministry and a healthy practice of mutuality.

**Mission-oriented**- The committees' focus is not solving the personal psychological, or spiritual problems of the pastor. Nor is it a "complaint department" for the members of the congregation.

**Broad vision of ministry**- Ministry is the act of service to others in the name of Jesus Christ, the calling of all the baptized and our life's work. The congregation is where we are called to ministry. Because pastors are trained and ordained, they have a unique responsibility for the right proclamation of the gospel, however they share that responsibility with every Christian.

**Healthy practice of mutuality**- By using the gifts of the Spirit, we are all called to empower and equip one another's ministries for the sake of the mission. Therefore, the mutuality is not between the pastor and the congregation, but among all the people including the pastor. True mutual ministry serves not the pastor or the congregation but the mission of the congregation. It is the shared work toward a common goal - the building up of the body of Christ.

**Small group approach to develop mutuality**- It is important that a healthy relationship be formed among the members of the committee, so that they can work more honestly and rigorously with one another. Healthy relationships encourage and enable confidently within this small group with its unique purpose- focusing on the mission of the congregation.

**Ministry tasks of scanning and response**- Through observation, bible study, and information gathering, the committee evaluates the life of the congregation and its mission. In response, they may share their observations with the council and offer suggestions or may be kept internally, within the committee.

October 2006

## Worship Schedule



October 1

**8:15 and 11 am**  
Word & Sacrament

**9:30 am** - Sunday Church School

**10:30 am** - Children's Choir

**1 pm** - Confirmation Class

**7 pm** - Youth Group

October 8

**8:15 and 11 am**  
Service of the Word

**9:30 am** - Sunday Church School

**10:30 am** - Children's Choir

**12:45 pm** - First Communion  
Class



October 15

**8:15 and 11 am**  
Word & Sacrament

**9:30 am** - Sunday Church School

**10:30 am** - Children's Choir

**1 pm** - Confirmation Class

**7 pm** - Youth Group

October 22

**8:15 and 11 am**  
Service of the Word

**9:30 am** - Sunday Church School

**10:30 am** - Children's Choir

**12:45 pm** - First Communion  
Class



October 29

**8:15 and 11 am**  
Word & Sacrament

**9:30 am** - Sunday Church School

## Christian Education

**What a great Rally Day!** The children returned to the 9:30 am Sunday School Hour on September 10th. It was nice to see many parents helping us launch a new school year at St. Matthew.

Jerilyn Iacono provided the music as children chose the songs they loved to sing...what a joy to hear their voices lifted in praise to the Lord! We appreciated Jerilyn's leadership at these gatherings, and this time she added a tour of the church. Explaining that often children only see "their room", Jerilyn led the whole group of children from the altar... to the junior high...to the nursery...downstairs to the primary grades past the senior high kitchen and adult lounge...back to the church. The hour concluded with refreshments provided by Mike Pezzano.

I hope you took note of the poster for Rally Day made by Linda Graeff. This helped advertise Rally Day in addition to the 121 post card invitations mailed out. Thanks to the teachers and Janet Francesconi for making this happen...and particularly to YOU, the members who graciously donated stamps and money for the postage. We received a total of \$57.66!

The SCS teaching staff this year includes:

Preschool - Dan Lozier

Kindergarten - Donna Surotchak & Donna Bixler

1st Grade - Linda Graeff

2nd Grade - Jean Larsen

3rd & 4th Grades - Mary Sue Conlon

5th & 6th Grades - Vicki

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7th & 8th Grades - Fred Sach

Senior High - Mike Pezzano

Adults - Sharon Graham



All members of St. Matthew give thanks for these folks who have stepped forward to teach each Sunday morning and ask God's blessing on their efforts.

New this year! Recognizing with various jobs and family activities it is near to impossible to be here every Sunday, we are celebrating attendance on a monthly basis. The first Sunday of each month, a child who has been here every Sunday in the previous month will receive a certificate of perfect attendance for that month. Hopefully, the children will be pleased with this option.

We are excited about our new bible based curriculum, "Growing In Christ". The material presents the various stories of scripture in new and innovative methods, which are very appealing to the age they relate to. The fall session is the first segment of new material; we will be looking at the most cost effective means of using spring and fall materials, taking into consideration the Sundays we do not meet. It is imperative that we continue to provide the children with stimulating methods of learning God's word.

In his service,

**Ginny Jones**

## Parish Life



We are once again planning for our Third Annual Prayer Breakfast. The speaker will be Molly Beck Dean – the Youth Ministry Specialist for our Synod. Please plan on attending and bring along your family and friends. An invitation has been sent to other local churches so this is not just for our St. Matthew family. A registration form is included in this Evangel. The deadline for signing

up is October 22nd and the Prayer Breakfast will be held on October 28th at 9:30 AM.

A continental breakfast will be provided. There will also be a sign up sheet in the back of church asking for donations of baked goods for the continental breakfast.

Thanks for your support and hope to see you there.

**Marge Troyan**

610-328-1394



## Christian Educational Opportunities

### First Communion

First Communion Classes will be held on Sundays in October for school age students up to grade 6. The classes will meet in the Chancel area of the church at 12:45 a.m., on October 8th, and 22nd. Please call the church office (610-833-5788) to register your child(ren) by September 24th.



Students completing the classes will receive their first Holy Communion during the 11:00 Word and Sacrament Service, on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2006.

The next First Communion Class will be held in March 2007. The students completing those classes will receive their first Holy Communion at the Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week.

**Pastor Nancy B. Brown**

*If you haven't studied the Bible in a while or you feel you need a refresher course in biblical study, then this is the Bible Study for you!*



## Come "Discover the Bible"

Nourish your spirit and enrich your knowledge as you explore biblical facts and both the Old and New Testament's scriptures.

Beginning in September, this mid-week Bible Study will be held on

**\*\* Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. \*\***  
**October 4, 11, and 18**

and

**\*\* Thursday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. \*\***  
**October 5, 12, and 19**

(The same study will be offered at both gathering times.)

*Plan to come and be nourished! Invite others to come with you!*

**Pastor Nancy B. Brown**



## MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

In preparation for our celebration of Reformation Day, a one-session study on Lutheranism, Martin Luther and his efforts to reform the church will be held on

**\*\* Tuesday Evening,**  
**October 24, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. \*\***  
and

**\*\* Thursday Morning,**  
**October 26, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. \*\***

(The same study will be offered at both gatherings.)

Plan to come and explore this fellow servant's journey and legacy.

**Pastor Nancy B. Brown**



## "A Spiritual Renewal Bible Study"

Prayer guides us! Come, let us read scripture, pray and be renewed in our spirits

**\* Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm \***  
**November 1 and 8**  
**December 6 and 13**

and

**\* Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am \***  
**November 2 and 9**  
**December 7 and 14**

(The same study will be offered at both gatherings.)

Come and invite others to come with you.

**All are Welcome!**

**Pastor Nancy B. Brown**



The women of St. Matthew gathered on September 6th for a covered dish dinner and program. The delicious meal was followed by a lesson titled "the gift of our daily water." It was presented by Carol Dietrich and Jean Larsen, teaching us that we need to

conserve water and protect all of our natural resources. Our evening of fun ended with dessert provided by the Advisory Board and we met in our circles to make plans for October meetings.

Thanks to everyone that donated school supplies for the Woodlyn Elementary School. This is a great community outreach that we have been doing for a few years. The students and staff truly appreciate our contributions.

October 9th is the date for our Fall Conference Gathering. Marge Troyan is the coordinator for this meeting. Women from many different churches are being invited and we hope to have a great turnout for this event. Registration will be at 6:30 PM with refreshments and then a program at 7:00 PM that you

won't want to miss! All women of St. Matthew are invited and you could even bring a friend! There is no charge for the evening and if anyone needs a ride, please call me.

Individual Circles will meet in October at the following homes:

**Lilly** - October 3rd, 7:30 PM at Dee Blair's (610-544-5811)

**Saffron** - October 2nd, 7:30 PM at Sue Trout's (610-534-0232)

There will not be a daytime circle. Also, because we now have just two circles, the Advisory Board will fill in for Altar Care at this time, starting with October. We are considering many ideas regarding the duties and scheduling for the future. The theme for devotions will continue to be "Act Boldly in the Fruit of the Spirit", starting with the April 2006 issue.

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

## Social Ministry

The first Sunday in October is Lutheran Charity Appeals. There will be envelopes in your bulletins. Any monetary gift you can give will be greatly appreciated. On October 21, we will be running our fall clothing drive. It's time to clean out your closets and get rid of anything you haven't worn in a long time. The church will be open from 9-12 to receive any clothing you may want to donate. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

God Bless and Peace Be with You, - **Marilee Jones**

## Children's Choir

The Children's Choir practices each Sunday at 10:30 am after Sunday School, in the lounge. Children 4 years old to 3rd grade are welcome to sing in the Children's Choir. Please see Miss Jeri or just come to a practice.



### Thank You Summer Musicians

A very special thank you to the musicians who shared their talents with St. Matthew congregation this summer; Soloists Lois Binder, Kathy Fernandez, Jerilyn Iacono, Amanda, Emily & Lois Moser, Mike Pezzano, Ray Schott, Hasi Wong.

Also thanks to the members of the Adult Choir, and the ladies ensemble of WELCA.

A special thank you to our Children's Choir singers; Ben, Brendan, Samantha, Joshua, Leah, William, Tim, Diana, Ezy, Uche, and Ike and to the "San Antonio Youth" singers, Erin Robinson, Emily Moser, Amanda Williams, Sam Jones and Jill Schott.

We are very fortunate to have so many willing and talented volunteers to provide us with inspiring summer music. We also thank our Gifts of Praise musicians for providing a full service of music on June 18 and September 3.

Sincere Appreciation, **Jeanne Sach**, *Director of Music*

## Stewardship Dinner, November 5, 2006

Mark your calendar for the evening of November 5, 2006 for a Stewardship dinner at St. Matthew's. The dinner will be sponsored by Church Council. Come out to enjoy some good scripture, a good meal, fellowship, and an update from Council. Please look for additional announcements on the Church website, in the weekly bulletin, and mailings. Volunteers will be needed to prepare covered dishes!

Questions? Contact Council President Rick Graham at 610-543-1192. **See you on November 5th!**



I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and prayed for myself and my family at the time of my mother's death. Her name was Marian Smith, she was 90 years old and she died on August 14th. She had lived with me since 1984.

With God's Blessings,  
**Sue Trout**

## Continuing Prayers of Healing



Ethel Thomas	Mary
Helen Wilson	Mary Black
James Black	Mel Schucker
Jason Pheelps	Mildred Edwards
Jimmy	Minnie Williams
Joan Hueston	Nadine Simon
Joanne Ryan	Noah Sharp
Joe Bucolo	Nancy Kalbach
John Sassano	Rick Lord, Sr.
Kathie Gilbert	Ruth Fanelli
Karl Saunders	Ruth Martin
Liz Chaffin	Sam
Marcia Mikeska	Susan Maxwell

## Family and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr. Air Force	Jacob Johnson Marines in Iraq	Brian Weaver Air Force in Iraq
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## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

**Dear members of St. Matthew,**

Thank you for all that you did in the past few weeks to help me through this difficult time. The thoughtful prayers and beautiful cards were all greatly appreciated.

With Christian Love,  
**Ruth Stellfox**



**Thanks to my St. Matthew Family,**

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, visits and flowers following my recent surgery and hospital stays. I am feeling much better. Thanks again.

**Marge Troyan**

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

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

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

Ruth Martin  
Sunrise Assisted Living  
324 W. Lancaster Ave  
Rm 311  
Malvern PA 19355  
610-644-5504

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

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

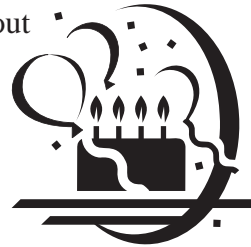
Mrs. Julie Surotchak  
320 Lakeview Ave.  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

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



## October Birthdays

1 Don Caber Jessica Radewonuk Megan Quinlan	10 Dan Jones David Pezzano	20 Thomas Hickey
2 Ron Nevin	11 Joshua Baldino	22 Justin Flatau
4 David Vosheski	13 Steven Doggett John Fernandez	23 John Harper
5 Margaret Brown Sarah Moser	16 Helen Keyes Madelin Krah	27 John Clymer
8 Jean Larsen	18 Ken Radewonuk	30 Cameron Marino
9 Sally Breingan Stephanie Philipp	19 Julie Rose	31 Sue Trout
20 Betsy Facht		



## October Anniversaries

06 Ken & Joy Firth (17)
11 Michael & Catherine Pezzano (26)
12 Mark & Lois Binder (10)
13 Erik & Kelley Larsen (5)
20 Ken & Joan Firth (45)
23 Arthur & Helen Keyes (58)
26 Scott & Donna Surotchak (30)

*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

#### Please Note Change!:

#### Church Office E-mail Address:

stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net.

**Website:** [www.StMatthewWoodlyn.org](http://www.StMatthewWoodlyn.org)



### Evangel Articles

November *Evangel* articles are due **October 15th**. Please e-mail them to [TinaBaldino@aol.com](mailto: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	Ushers 11:00	Lay Readers
10/1	Naydeen Mario	Linda & Lauren Hickey		
10/8	Joan Hoffman & Jerilyn Iacono	The Petka Family		
10/15	Michael Miller and Family	Cheryl & Jeffrey Smith		
10/22	Joan Anderson	Evelyn Petka		
10/29	Dee & John Blair	Bert Drake		

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