

August 2007

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY  
God Loves You

# The Evangel

P.O. Box 55 • Fairview Road & Lukens Avenue • Woodlyn, PA 19094 • 610-833-5788 • Fax: 610-833-5847  
Email: stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net • www.stmatthewwoodlyn.org

## Greetings from Welca

It's summertime and it's hot and humid. Time to sit on the porch, read a good book or have a cool glass of sweet tea. The corn and tomatoes will be coming in and with that, life is good!

Just a reminder that the **Women's Service** will be held on **August 5th** at 9:30 am. Pat Caber is coordinating this worship service and women of all ages are encouraged to participate. Pat can be reached at 610-595-1791. Give her a call and volunteer to be a part of the service.

*Circles do not meet during the summer months, but our duties continue.  
Lily Circle has Altar Care for the month of August.*

Our **Fall General Meeting** will be held on **September 5th at 6:30 pm**. There will be a covered dish dinner and service followed by dessert and the selection of new circles. Come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! All women of St. Matthew are invited to attend the general meetings and the individual circle meetings.

The date for the Fall Conference Gathering has not been announced. Doris Krewson has volunteered to be the coordinator for this event that includes several churches in our area. More information will be given at a later date.

*Have a wonderful summer!*

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



## Please Note...

I'm going on vacation from August 11th - August 18th. Unfortunately I still do not have internet access at home. It would be greatly appreciated if I could get September's Evangel articles by August 9th. That way I can work it when I get home from vacation and we can keep the Evangel on schedule.

*In His Service,*

Layne Graff

## Worship Schedule

**August 5**

9:30 am

Word & Sacrament



**August 12**

9:30 am

Service of Word

**August 19**

9:30 am

Word & Sacrament



Sunday School

Teachers Meeting 6:30 pm

**August 26**

9:30 am

Service of Word

**August 29**

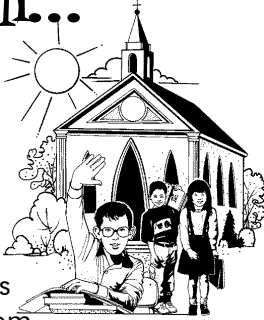
9:30 am

Service of Word

*“As children of God,  
we are moved by  
the Holy Spirit to  
Speak out for God,  
Share our Faith, and  
Serve Others in  
Christ's name.”*

# Christian Education...

...would like you to know that they have recently cleaned out a cabinet containing various materials in the Peach Room.



The next area to be cleaned out is the Storage Closet located next to the Youth Area in our Fellowship Hall. Any closets belonging to specific groups and the AA materials will not be touched. If anyone or any committee has items that they wish to save, please contact Ginny Jones within the next month.

## In His Service

Lord teach us to pray,  
as John taught his disciples.

Luke 11:1

# SERVING OUR CHURCH THIS MONTH...

Date	Greeters 9:30 am	Lay Readers 9:30 am
August 5	WELCA	WELCA
August 12	Lee & Madelin Krah	Fred Sach
August 19	Helen Keyes	Donna Surotchak
August 26	The Graeff Family	Michael McFadden

## Social Ministry

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their time in helping St. Matthews feed the homeless. Your delicious casseroles, meats, veggies, ect., were greatly appreciated by many. We sure fed a lot of hungry bellies on June 29th. We go back to the life center on the 31st of August. We will be feeding them hot dogs and hamburgers. It will be a picnic style dinner. If anyone would like to make one of the following, 1) Pasta Salad, 2) Potatoes Salad, 3) Fruit Salad or Baked Beans, it would be greatly appreciated. Please have it to the church by 6 p.m. on the 31st of August.

Peace be with You,

Social Ministry



# Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal Order Form

I/we would like to donate \_\_\_\_\_ hymnal(s) at \$20.00 each.

[ ] To the glory of GOD

[ ] In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Other designation \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to donate \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (other amount) toward new hymnals.

I/we would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ hymnal(s) for my personal use at \$20.00 each.

Return to: Church Hymnal  
Saint Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church  
P.O. Box 55 • Fairview & Lukens Ave.  
Woodlyn, PA 19094

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check payable to Saint Matthew Lutheran Church)



# FAITH AND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Faith and Leadership Academy is a six-week adventure in faith and discipleship. Through lectures, discussions, prayer, and mutual encouragement, participants discover new insights about their faith, their church and themselves. Classes are led by seminary staff, pastors, and trained lay leaders.

For more information, contact George E. Keck at (610) 489-1202 or gbkeck2@msn.com, or contact Sara Calderon at the Seminary (215) 248-7384 or scalderson@Ltsp.edu.

“Let Your Light Shine  
Before Others”  
Matthew 5:16

The Faith and Leadership Academy is designed to identify and strengthen the potential leadership that is in each of us. Open to any confirmed member of a congregation who is over the age of 18, the Academy focuses on development of leadership to meet the challenges of ministry and mission in our multicultural society.

The \$170 fee includes tuition for six sessions, F/L Notebook, materials, resources, morning refreshments, and lunches for the six Saturdays. Congregations are encouraged to cover all or part of the cost for members. Many congregations send council members, SCS teachers, youth mentors, committee chairpersons, etc.



## Fall 2007 Class Schedule October 13, 2007 - November 17, 2007

Sessions run from 9:15 am to 3:30 pm

- October 13, 2007
- October 20, 2007
- October 27, 2007
- November 3, 2007
- November 10, 2007

### “Orientation to the Faith and Leadership Academy”

- The Rev. George Keck/  
Ms. Sara Calderon

### “Reading the Bible: “Dead Facts” or Living Story”?

- The Rev. George Keck  
Faith and Life Institute at LTSP

### “Jesus to Luther”

- Mr. Steve Keiser  
Staff at Holy Communion  
Lutheran Church

### “Our Lutheran Heritage”

- Dr. Nelson Rivera  
Assistant Professor of  
Theology at LTSP

### “Why Worship Matters”

Mr. Mark Mummert  
Seminary Musician at LTSP

### “Leadership, Planning, and Mentoring”

– The Rev. Richard Stewart  
Associate Professor of Parish  
Administration at LTSP

### “Honoring Our Neighbors’ Faith ”

– Mr. Steve Keiser  
Staff at Holy Communion  
Lutheran, Philadelphia

Sponsored by the Southeastern  
Pennsylvania Synod and The Lutheran  
Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

*Classes will be held in the new Brossman Center (Room 201) on the campus of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.*

## APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 18-25 \_\_\_ 26-35 \_\_\_ 36-45 \_\_\_ 45+ \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Our congregation nominates the above named person to participate in the Faith and Leadership Academy.

Pastor’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Regular fee (on or before 10/8/07) - \$170.00 Late fee (after 10/8/07) - \$190.00*

Please mail application and registration fee to:

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod ELCA, 506 Haws Avenue,

Norristown, PA 19401 - Attn: Debbie Perez

Check payable to SEPA Synod, ELCA



## ELCA Worship Jubilee 2007 in Chicago, August 3-6

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) second **Worship Jubilee is August 3-6 at Navy Pier.** The event precedes the 2007 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Organized by the worship staff of the ELCA, the event will draw more than 700 people involved in worship and music throughout synods and congregations of the ELCA.

The event will celebrate the publication of Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), and the future of renewing worship under the theme, "Thanks Be to God." ELW is a new primary worship resource developed by the ELCA, released Oct. 3, 2006.

"**Worship Jubilee 2007** will reflect the diversity of the worship practices of the ELCA. Although this will be the culmination of our year-long celebration of ELW, this event is where the family of resources that the ELCA offers will really begin to unfold," said the Rev. Michael L. Burk, ELCA executive for worship and liturgical resources.

**Worship Jubilee 2007** will feature worship, workshops, five primary presentations, and educational opportunities for children and adults. Pre-Jubilee events August 2-3 will include tours of some Chicago congregations for "pilgrimage and prayer."

Workshops to be offered include: "Worship in Bilingual Assemblies," "Preach It, Pastor -- A Preaching Primer for the Person in the Pew," "Gathered for Worship in a Wounded World," "Liturgical Drama: Enacting the Sacred Stories" and "Living Chant: The Heartbeat of the Assembly's Song."

On August 4 the Rev. Gladys G. Moore and the Rev. Clayton J. Schmit will present papers on the sending sentence, "Go in peace -- Share the good news." Moore is an assistant to the bishop of the ELCA New Jersey Synod, Hamilton Square, and Schmit is associate professor of preaching, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. Moore and Schmit will discuss the relationship between worship and what it means to be an evangelizing church.

On August 5 the Rev. David J. Lose and the Rev. Gláucia Vasconcelos Wilkey will each speak about benefits and challenges related to the promise that Christ is with people as they are sent out from worship with "Go in Peace-- Christ is with you." Lose is an academic dean at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and Wilkey is founder and director of the Summer Institute for Liturgy and Worship, Seattle University.

On August 6 "Go in peace - Remember the poor" will be the focus of a presentation by the Rev. Raymond L. Schultz. He has been the national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), Winnipeg, since 2001 and will leave that role August. 31.

Worship Jubilee 2007 will conclude August. 6 with opening worship service for the ELCA Churchwide Assembly. The Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, will preach and preside at the service. For information about Worship Jubilee 2007 is found [www.ELCA.org/worship/Jubilee/index.html](http://www.ELCA.org/worship/Jubilee/index.html) on the ELCA Web site.

## SEPA NEWS

Bishop Claire Burkat will again visit with leaders in each of our synod's nine conferences this fall. The events will begin with refreshments from 6:30 - 7 p.m., followed by a presentation by the bishop and conversation.



Pastors, lay rostered leaders, council presidents and other key leaders are invited. Dates will be:

- **Sept. 20**, Lower Bucks conference at Advent, Richboro
- **Sept. 24**, Northeast Phila. conference at St. John, Mayfair
- **Oct. 1**, Upper Montgomery conference at St. James, Limerick
- **Oct. 15**, Upper Bucks conference at St. Paul, Telford
- **Oct. 17, Delaware conference at Reformation, Media**
- **Oct. 23**, Chester conference at St. Paul, Exton
- **Oct. 24**, Lower Montgomery conference (location TBA)
- **Oct. 29**, Central Phila. conference at Old Zion, Philadelphia
- **Oct. 30**, NW/Olney conference at Christ Ascension, Phila.

## LTSP Professor Part of Global Worship Workshop

The Rev. Dr. Katie Day, Charles A. Schieren Professor, Church and Society, and Director, Metropolitan/Urban Concentration, The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, was a member of the faculty at a recent 10-day New York City conference on Global Worship organized by New York Seminary professor Lowell Livezey.

SEPA News continued on next page...



## Augsburg Fortress Music Clinic August 9-10 - St Paul's Lutheran Church, Ardmore, PA

This annual free event will feature David Cherwien, Mark Sedio, Jeff Reeves and Martin Seltz. Workshops include; *What do I do with that Psalm*; *Musicians Guide to ELW*; *Using Percussion in Global Music*; *Basic Rhythm Training for Handbells*; *Children's Music*; *Utilizing the Visual in the Liturgy*; *New Keyboard Music*; *New Choral Resources*.

Hymn Festival with David Cherwien and Mark Sedio is Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. All area musicians, Pastors, Altar Guild and Worship committee leaders are invited to attend. For driving direction, pre-registration and complete schedule [www.augsburgfortress.org/musicclinics](http://www.augsburgfortress.org/musicclinics). **1-800-328-4648**

## ELCA Supports Relief Efforts in Burundi, China

In an effort to help meet the basic needs of people and reconstruct homes in China's southern Yunnan Province, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) provided \$50,000 after a June 4 earthquake left three people dead and more than 560 others injured there, as of June 5. Lutherans also have provided another \$50,000 to help reconstruct communities and support the needs of people in the Republic of Burundi after years of armed conflict there.

## "Share your Faith" Workshop August 4

Learn a truly hands-on way to easily share your faith at the "Share Your Faith" workshop hosted by Calvary Lutheran Church, West Chester, on Saturday, August 4. The event is presented by Evangelism Explosion International, who have developed a gospel presentation that's easy to learn and hard to forget. Cost is \$25/person.

## Stand for Africa Rally Raises \$12,000

More than 200 people participated in the June 9 Stand for Africa Rally at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lansdale. The festive event featured music by the Greater Exodus Baptist Church Choir and a mass choir consisting of members from the choirs of Trinity Lutheran and Reformation, Philadelphia as well as several other congregations around the synod. The event raised over \$12,000 to help AIDS orphans in the Irente Children's Home in our sister Northeast Diocese of Tanzania.

## ELCIC Elects Susan Johnson National Bishop

The Rev. Susan C. Johnson was elected June 22 to a four-year term as national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). Johnson, assistant to the bishop, ELCIC Eastern Synod, Kitchener, Ontario, received 206 votes on the sixth ballot of the ELCIC's Eleventh Biennial National Convention, June 21-24, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Learn more at [www.elca.org/news/Releases.asp](http://www.elca.org/news/Releases.asp)



## MIF Offers New Rate for MissionTermSelect

For a limited time, the ELCA Mission Investment Fund (MIF) is offering an 18-month **MissionTermSelect** investment featuring a 5.75% rate of return. This new offering requires a minimum \$5000 investment. Funds transferred from current MIF investments or from maturing MIF investments are not eligible. This investment is available to individuals, congregations and ministries of the ELCA. Monies invested with MIF provide mortgages to new mission congregations and existing congregations for renovation, refinance or relocation. For information on the 18-month **MissionTermSelect**, other investments offered by MIF or loan information, please contact Pr. Mark Wimmer: 267-203-1137 or [mark.wimmer@elca.org](mailto:mark.wimmer@elca.org). Building concerns can be addressed to ELCA building consultant Jeff Spann: 973.625.2568 or [jeff.spann@elca.org](mailto:jeff.spann@elca.org).

## Team Shares Tanzanian Adventure

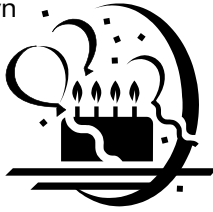
A group of ten members of St. Matthew's, Chester Springs is currently traveling throughout the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania on the annual St. Matthew's Vision Trip to Tanzania. This week they visit the soon-to-open Sebastian Kolowa University College (SEKUCo) in the North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

## Installations & Ordinations

Andrew Evenson was ordained by Bishop John Anderson as Associate Pastor of St. Paul Red Hill on July 29. The Rev. Stacie Dougherty will be installed as pastor of Christ, Niantic, on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 4 p.m.

# Birthdays

2nd Michael Doggett  
 3rd Austin Dwyer  
 4th Francine Gale  
 5th Madisson Klooster  
 6th Zachary Miller  
 Mary Robinson  
 9th Richard Lord III  
 Geoffrey Trout  
 David Bixler  
 14th Katie Bedwell  
 15th Michele Karpyn  
 16th Michael  
 Quinlan  
 17th Janet  
 Francesconi  
 Brenden Gale



18th Amanda Moser  
 Sam Jones  
 19th Kathleen McDonald  
 20th Lauren Hickey  
 25th Ruth Martin  
 26th Sally Wood  
 29th Dot Ellis  
 30th Phyllis Clymer  
 31st Tyler Petka  
 Jim P. Lynam

1st Jim & Janet Lincoln (30)  
 7th John & Jerilyn  
 Iacono (25)  
 29th Ray & Leslie Schott (3)

# Anniversaries

## 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. Jane Evans**  
 214 W. 21st Street  
 Chester, PA 19013

**Mrs. Fran Hutton**  
 263 Glen Riddle Rd.  
 Room 177  
 Media PA 19063

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

**Mrs. Ruth Martin**  
 Sunrise Assisted Living  
 324 W. Lancaster Ave.  
 Rm. 311  
 Malvern, PA 19355

**Mr. Ira Schott**  
 Bentley Senior Living  
 7999 N. Rt. 130  
 Pennsauken NJ 08110

**Mrs. Nadine Simon**  
 925 Catherine Ave.  
 Woodlyn, PA 19094

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



God  
 Loves  
 You



Alberta Simonin  
 Alistair Begg  
 Arlene Bixler  
 Ashley  
 Ben  
 Chris  
 Christy Yohe  
 Colin Godrick  
 Dan

## Continuing Prayers of Healing

Dave Covell  
 David  
 Dennis Porter  
 Ethan Bedwell  
 Ethel Thomas  
 Fred Klooster  
 Irene Schadd  
 Jake  
 James Black  
 Jean Marlin  
 Jeannie & Nick  
 Jennifer  
 Jim Simon  
 Jimmy  
 Joan

Joanne Lester  
 Joanne Ryan  
 John Sassano  
 Laura  
 Linda  
 Liz Chaffin  
 Loretta  
 Mary  
 Mary Black  
 Matt Williams  
 Mel Schucker  
 Michael Schmitt  
 Minnie Williams  
 Mr. Kenig  
 Nadine Simon

Nancy Kalbach  
 Noah Sharp  
 Pastor John  
 Stenberg  
 Raquel Baskin  
 Russell Bixler  
 Ruth  
 Ruth Fanelli  
 Sam  
 Sara  
 Steven Bradley  
 Susan Maxwell  
 Tyrees

## St. Matthew Info...

### Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 12:30 to 3:30 pm

**Phone:** 610-833-5788

**Fax:** 610-833-5847

### Our New Email:

stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net

**Web:** www.StMatthewWoodlyn.org

The office apologizes for incorrect deletions, names or dates. Please contact the office with any corrections.

## Evangel Articles

September Evangel  
 articles are due by

August 9th. Please

e-mail them to laynegriff@produpe.com or drop a copy off at the church office.

## Pastor's Hours:



Pastor Nancy Brown will be in 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 in case of accident, illness or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Brown by calling 610-833-5515.

## Family & Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.  
 Air Force

Kevin Lynch  
 Serving in Iraq

Jacob Johnson  
 Marines in Iraq

Justin Cookie  
 Serving in USAF

Kevin  
 Zimmerman  
 Serving in Iraq

Tige Everson  
 Serving in Iraq