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# The Evangel

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## A Fresh New Look!

Welcome to 2007 and the first edition of a brand-new Evangel for St. Matthew. This has been a year in the making. We've been striving to give St. Matthew a uniform style and slowly we are getting there. Look for more changes to come in the new year. Please forward articles to laynegraff@produpe.com by the 10th of January for the February 2007 Evangel until further notice.

*In His Service,  
Layne Graff*

## Social Ministry



On November 19th, we packed food baskets for six families. Thanks to everyone who contributed turkeys, canned goods, and other food products. Many thanks to the girl scouts who helped pack the baskets.

On December 3rd, Mike McFadden delivered the Elwyn Bags. We reached our goal totaling fifty bags. Thanks to all who made this possible.

On January 7th, we will be starting the heifer project once again. Banks will be given out after church. Any change you can spare will be put to good use in buying a heifer for a family in need.


*God Bless and Peace Be With you,  
Marilee Jones*

Happy New Year!

## Worship Schedule

**January 7**

8:15 & 11:00 am  
Word & Sacrament

9:30 am   
Sunday Church School

1:00 pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Youth Group

**January 14**

8:15 & 11:00 am  
Service of the Word

9:30 am   
Sunday Church School

1:00 pm Confirmation Class

**January 21**

9:30 am  
Word & Sacrament

  
Annual Meeting  
after Worship Service

**January 28**

8:15 & 11:00 am  
Service of the Word

9:30 am  
Sunday Church School

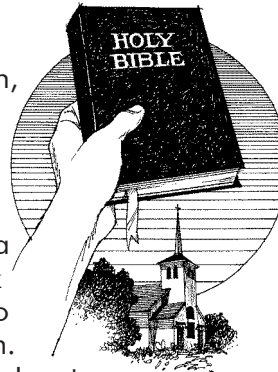
# Christian Education

There was a great Reformation program as we gathered together in the church for the SCS hour on October 29th. The children participated in holding up letters as we learned the meaning of the words reformation and justification.

We are happy to report that we have agreed to support a kindergarten child, Ellie Carter from the Lnez School in rural Kentucky. The child Christi, who we previously supported, is no longer in either of the schools connected with Children Inc. We encouraged children and teachers to contribute money towards gifts and support of Ellie instead of exchanging gifts with each other. Teachers were very generous in their donation of money and / or gifts for Christmas which were sent to Ellie.

As this article is submitted for publication, we are looking forward next week to the Hanging of the Greens folks are involved in decorating the church etc. We are thankful for the efforts of Linda Hickey, Jody & Marge Troyan, Jean Larsen, Linda Graeff, Jerilyn Iacono, Donna Surotchak and others that have stepped forward to make this a happy time for the children.

Also, our thanks to Sally Breingan and Janet Francesconi who helped with refreshments.



Other good news to report is that we welcome two more folks to be substitute teachers. The following people are available to step in when our teachers are sick or have vacation / family plans: Layne Graff, Linday Hickey, Ginny Jones and Cathy Lynam.

As we begin the New Year together, we look forward to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the children. New curriculum for the winter term has been secured and the teachers are excited about a fresh approach to teaching and presenting the teachings of the Lord.

Our next meeting will be February 18th at 6:30 pm

## Upcoming Dates

**Annual Meeting,**  
Jan. 21 after the  
9:30 AM service.



**Blood Drive,** Jan. 22  
2:30 to 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

**First Communion** class coming  
in March.

## Confirmation

### 2007 Second-Year Confirmation Class Meeting Schedule Reminder

(1st & 3rd Sundays, Peach Room,  
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.)

<b>Jan. 14*</b>	Class (Mentors) (*2nd Sunday)
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Class
<b>Feb. 18</b>	Class (Mentors)
<b>Feb. 21</b>	Ash Wednesday Service - 7:30 p.m.
<b>Mar. 4</b>	Class
<b>Mar. 9-11</b>	Harvey Cedars
<b>Mar. 18</b>	Class (Mentors)

## 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  
610-874-9068

**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  
610-644-5504

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



## WELCA

Happy New Year Everyone! On December 6th the women of St. Matthew enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. Joyce Wolf presented "Can Martha have a Mary Christmas" and it was truly inspirational as always. There were 21 women in attendance for the program and the Pollyanna/cookie exchange that followed. Thank you to Jeanne Sach for her special music and to the ladies that sang. And all of the cookies were so delicious!



The Mother's Home in Darby received their gifts before Christmas. Thanks to everyone that donated a gift or money (which was matched by Thrivent). Donna Surotchak is the contact person for this outreach. We appreciate that she could take the gifts to the young women and their babies.

We will be visiting the Mary J. Drexel home again this year on January 14th if the weather is cooperative. This is another outreach for us and is always uplifting. Jerilyn Iacono leads the sing-along with the residents and we celebrate those with January birthdays. We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool to the home. All women of St. Matthew are invited to join us. More information will be available at a later date as to the time of departure.

Our fundraiser for this year will be a cake sale on February 4th, SuperBowl Sunday. We have so many wonderful bakers and we want to show their talent! Donations will be given to help with the youth retreat.

Heartline was called upon to help with the luncheon following the funeral for Warren Guss. Thanks to Betty Calise for coordinating this effort and to all those who prepared food for the repast.

Circle meetings for January are:

*Lily – January 9th 7:30PM at Annetta Cullen's (610-583-0705)*

*Saffron – January 8th 7:30PM at Jean Larsen's (610-872-3295)*

All women of St. Matthew are invited to our meetings. We are a vital part of our church and welcome all women to be a part of WELCA. Come out and see what we're about!

*Sue Trout*

*610-534-0232 (home) or 610-331-1581 (cell)*

“Be Still,  
and know  
that I am  
God”

Psalm 46:10

**Thank You..**

for all for your prayers, cards, love and kindness during Warren's illness and death. The heartline luncheon was most appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Brown for all her compassion and caring and the inspiring funeral service. Warren also would have loved the solo's and organ music. We know he is safe with God. God bless you all!

*Jean Guss*

## Youth Sponsored Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction Saturday February 3, 2007

Our youth will again sponsor a Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction to support the youth of St. Matthew to attend Synod, Regional and National Events. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 3 to 12. Please use the reservation form included in this issue of the Evangel.

We will again be looking for donations for the Silent Auction. The only ground rule is all items should be new. The generous contributions and support of the congregations raised \$1800 at this event last year. Some of the funds raised this year will be used for Synod and Regional youth events as well as the 2009 ELCA National Youth Gathering.

Contact Jody Troyan (610-328-1394 or [josephstroyan@comcast.net](mailto:josephstroyan@comcast.net)) with questions, donations for the silent auction or volunteer to help with the event.



# Youth Sponsored Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction



**6:00 PM**

**February 3, 2007**

**St. Matthew Lutheran  
Church**

**Lukens Ave. & Fairview  
Road , Woodlyn, PA**

An event to support the our youth attending Synod, Regional and National Events.

## Reservation Form

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Adults at \$10.00 per person**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Youth ( ages 3 -12) \$5.00 per person**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Children age 2 and under—free**

**Total enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Jody Troyan, Jill Schott, Tom Graeff or Church Office**

**Deadline Wednesday January 31, 2007**

# Anniversaries Birthdays

## 2007 Offering Envelopes

2007 offering envelopes are available in the back of the church.



## Evangel Articles

February Evangel articles are due

**January 10th.** Please e-mail them to [laynegraff@produpe.com](mailto:laynegraff@produpe.com) or drop a copy off at the church office.

- 16<sup>th</sup> Joseph & Johanna Rebarchak (42)  
 17<sup>th</sup> Tony & Betty Calise (54)  
 Kevin & Jill McLaughlin (15)  
 19<sup>th</sup> Chuck & Diane Hutton (33)

## St. Matthew Information

### Office Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 12:00 to 3:00 pm

**Phone:** 610-833-5788

**Fax:** 610-833-5847

### Our Email:

[stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net](mailto:stmatthewwoodlyn@verizon.net)

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Blair  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Fernandez  
 5<sup>th</sup> Fred Sach  
 Linda Miller  
 8<sup>th</sup> Marge Troyan  
 9<sup>th</sup> Donna Bixler  
 11<sup>th</sup> Catherine Pezzano  
 12<sup>th</sup> Sue Weaver  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jim Lincoln  
 Tom Kelly  
 Marie Schallo  
 23<sup>rd</sup> David Krah  
 27<sup>th</sup> Michele Karpyn  
 Robert Jones  
 31<sup>st</sup> Christina Pezzano



## Serving Our Church This Month...

### Greeters 8:15

- 1-7 Joan Anderson  
 1-14 The Joniec Family  
 1-28 Dee & John Blair

### Greeters 11:00

- 1-7 Anita Abt  
 1-14 Charles & Diane Hutton  
 1-21 9:30 am Jerilyn Iacono and Joan Hoffman  
 1-28 Janet Lincoln

## 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.

## Continuing Prayers of Healing



- Alberta Simonin  
 Arlene Bixler  
 Ashley  
 Ben David  
 David Larsen  
 Dennis Porter  
 Daris Houser  
 Ethan Bedwell  
 Ethel Thomas  
 Helen Wilson  
 James Black  
 Janice Couwels  
 Jason Pheelps  
 Jean Marlin  
 Jenny Jimmy  
 Jim Simon  
 Joan Joanne Ryan

- Joe Bucolo  
 John Sassano  
 Kathie Gilbert  
 Karl Saunders  
 Liz Chaffin  
 Matthew Tyson  
 Marcia Mikeska  
 Mary Mary Black  
 Mel Schucker  
 Minnie Williams  
 Nadine Simon  
 Noah Sharp  
 Nancy Kalbach  
 Pat Biank  
 Rick Lord, Sr.  
 Ruth Fanelli  
 Sam Susan Maxwell

### Family and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.  
 Air Force

Jacob Johnson  
 Marines in Iraq

Kevin Zimmerman  
 In Iraq

Justin Cookie  
 USAF

Tige Everson  
 In Iraq

