

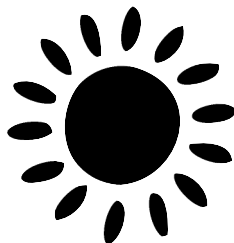
July 2007

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
God Loves You

The Evangel

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Congratulations to the 2007 Confirmation Class



Benjamin Andrew Baldino
Michael Harris Doggett
Mark Allen Ellis, Jr.
Kyle Alexander Firth
Joshua William Iford
Angelina Dawn Joniec
Matthew Joseph Klingensmith

And a big thank you to the
mentors who supported them
during their second year of
confirmation.

Michael McFadden
Linda Miller
Joseph Rebarchak
Thomas Reeves

May we all remember and live by
the teachings of 1 Peter.

A Call to Holy Living

"therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as He who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; for it is written, you shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:13-16 nrsv

Pastor Nancy B. Brown

Worship Schedule

July 1

9:30 am
Word & Sacrament



July 8

9:30 am
Service of Word

July 15

9:30 am
Word & Sacrament



July 22

9:30 am
Service of Word

July 29

9:30 am
Service of Word
Social Ministries Christmas in July!

"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."

GREENERS FOR JULY

July 1	Joan Hoffman & Jerilyn Iacono
July 8	Marge & Jody Troyan
July 15	Betty & Tony Calise
July 22	Linda & Lauren Hickey
July 29	

Lay Eucharist Ministry

On the Day of Pentecost, Michael Pezzano and his family stood before the altar as I installed him as a Lay Eucharist Minister of St. Matthew. Prior to this installation Michael completed a one-day training class from which he received a certificate and was received by the Congregational Council. As a Lay Eucharist Minister, Michael will receive the sacrament, the body and blood of Christ, that has been celebrated in a Service of Holy Communion at St. Matthew and distribute it to sick and homebound members of St. Matthew. Michael's service of Lay Eucharist Ministry will be a supplement to the service of communion that I administer to the sick and homebound as your pastor.

Let us welcome Michael and give thanks to God for Michael's new service in ministry. Please keep him and his family in prayer as he reaches out to share God's holy meal with others.

Pastor Nancy B. Brown

Sharings from Our Congregational Council

Let us pray,

God our Creator, Savior and Comforter, gather us into your mysteries and let them shape us for service. Show us how to be stewards of your mysteries so that the world may know your love. Amen

We shared this prayer at our June council meeting as part of our opening devotions and Bible study. Our text was John 14:16 (Jesus said :) "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever." We contemplated on The Trinity-Shaped by Mystery. Our discussion guided told us that, "We do not worship a God who set the world in motion and then disappeared. We do not worship a prophet who was put to death. We do not worship a spirit that drifts in a realm beyond our reach. We worship the mysteries, intermingled partnership of a creator God, revealed to us through Jesus Christ, who gives faith and power through the Holy Spirit. These three persons of God are one God: uncreated infinite, eternal, equal and almighty. Yet God is as close to us as our breath and loves each of us with no strings attached. This is the mystery."

God is amazingly present in every breath our congregation takes. Service abounds in each of our ministries. We are allowing God's spirit and love to flow freely with each other and with the children of God in our community. *Thanks be to God!*

This year's council has been together for six months. They have met and continue to try to meet the many areas of challenge, need, development and change. Just to name a few areas. Despite ministry openings we have been blessed to have many volunteers who have stepped up to make sure essential function occurs. Each committee has much to celebrate. To name a few of our ministry celebrations:

- The resumption of Food Certificate Program, which has expanded to include ShopRite.
- The Night Deposit (Sunday deposits) system is up and running.
- Council minutes are being posted after Council approval.
- Personnel did a great job to hire a new sexton.
- We have an endowment committee, Rick Graham is the chair.
- Carol Dietrich is the chair of the finance committee.
- Michael Joniec is chair of communications.
- Evangelism is hugely successful with their outreach to children in the community.
- The audit committee is right on time with this year's audit.
- The audit with Janet Neff went great.
- Social ministry is ever present in the community.
- We now have a computer system where we can print our checks instead of hand writing them.

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The women of St. Matthew met on June 6th for a "salad" covered dish dinner. There were 12 ladies in attendance and Pastor Brown joined us at the close of the meeting. Carol Dietrich showed the video "Ordinary to Extraordinary" so we could see the end result of the items we collected for the health and baby kits. Thanks to everyone for their donations. These kits were put together at the special event held June 9th in Philadelphia and will be sent to Mwangaza, Tanzania. Donna Surotchak was our delegate for the one day convention. Thank offering boxes were also collected. Lily circle was the hostess for the general meeting and we were treated to a delicious dessert of strawberry shortcake. We were small in numbers but big in spirit! It was an evening of good food and fellowship.

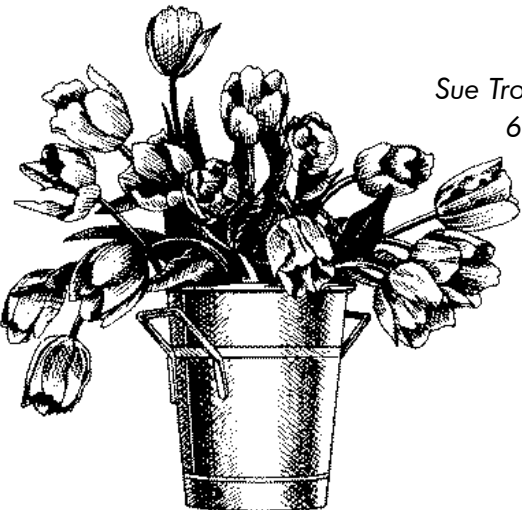
Pat Caber is coordinating the Women's Service that will be held August 5th at 9:30AM. Ladies of all ages are encouraged to participate in the worship service. Volunteers are needed to read, greet, usher, pray and sing. Pat can be reached at 610-595-1791.

Beginning in September we will have new officers for WELCA. Carol Dietrich as president Dee Blair as secretary and Donna Surotchak as treasurer were all voted unanimously to their positions. Thank you ladies for your willingness to volunteer and for your commitment to our organization.

Circles do not meet during the summer months but our duties continue. Altar care for July is the Advisory Board. Lily Circle has altar care for August.

The **Fall General Meeting** will be held **September 5th at 6:30 PM.** There will be a covered dish dinner and a service followed by dessert and the selection of new circles. All women of St. Matthew are invited to join us in fellowship at any circle meeting or general meeting.

Thank you to the Advisory Board and all the ladies of WELCA that have allowed me to be the President for the passed two years. I could not have done it without your help and encouragement. I have been a member of WELCA for many years and I am blessed to have such a wonderful group of dear friends.



Sue Trout

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

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- Mike McFadden is the chair of mutual ministry.
- \$1900+ has been raised towards new hymnals.
- Ray Schott is the co-chair of worship and music.

This list is just the short list of all the works done in the glory of God, and with His help, by our ministries. *Thank you! Thank you to everyone who is instrumental in carrying out these services.*

Our congregational council has many items on the agenda. We are continuously praying, discussing and trying to find ways to inspire service from others. With the many openings on council and six potential openings going into 2008, this is a concern. Not having a property committee presently is especially a concern. Council is aware of our finances, as is the congregation, but great strides have been made to update our accounting systems to make accounting much smoother. Council is supportive of all the ministries, we may have discussion as to process or just questions about proposals given, but council is a working council.

Despite the many challenges, St. Matthew, Woodlyn is alive and is growing. God is amazingly present in every breath our congregation takes. Service abounds in each of our ministries. We are allowing God's spirit and love to flow freely with each other and with the children of God in our community. *Thanks be to God!*

In Christ's Love

*The Congregational Council
Jerilyn Iacono, Congregational
Council Representative*

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



The Committee met on May 30 to review activities and plans. We covered many topics and we'll try to summarize, here.

The search continues to locate and utilize local free advertising opportunities. We are keenly interested in Comcast channel 76 as a source for placing event announcements. Anyone know how to get listed? Let one of us know! In regards to issuing press releases from our church we are making a template for stationary to be used by any committee member from any ministry. The template will be located in the church office communications committee mailbox. Most importantly the template will contain our church's mission statement, "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." Note the **BOLD** highlighting of key words **Speak**, **Share**, and **Serve**!

We are attempting to review for accuracy any employment ads, listings, announcements, etc. As time permits, content will be reviewed by our committee or the pastor or both. In moving slightly slower than in the past, this is an attempt to review for accuracy. It is not an attempt to restrict or hinder activities. It is important for our pastor to be familiar with any public announcements as she has been caught by surprise from persons commenting on articles that she had no prior knowledge of. As anyone would agree, this can be quite embarrassing.

Church stationary is in final revision stage. It is agreed that self publishing letterhead, labels, envelopes is considerably more cost effective than ordering a thousand copies. However, business cards and postcards for church duties reminders should be preprinted to streamline the process for volunteers mailing weekly reminders. Many thanks to Layne Graff for her design and printing expertise. When completed, soon, we will have good looking, easy to use, unified stationary available.

Evangel articles are due by the 15th of each month. E-mail to laynegraff@produpe.com. Tina Baldino (our website overseer) reports much improvement, lately, with coordinated help from Church secretary. Learning and using a new computer program to produce PDF files has streamlined the process ensuring more timely publication of newsletters. Our committee extends appreciation to all parties involved in learning and using new programs! The results will be well worth the effort.

The website www.stmatthewwoodlyn.org is in need of more recent photos. Mike Joniec will coordinated acquiring new photos. Some suggestions from the committee were: Mike Pezzano as newly installed Lay Eucharistic Minister, confirmation class, craft night, Pre-school, vacation bible school, and new members. Direct any other ideas to the committee mailbox in the church office.

Next time you drive by the church please notice the billboard sign with schedules and sayings. Dawn works hard to keep it current. Give her a

pat on the back for continued timely maintenance of an important communications link!

That's it for now, and that's plenty. We look forward to your suggestions and cooperation during the long and tedious process of updating our public image through web site and stationary. Anything we can do for you please drop us a line. Have a safe and blessed summer!

Respectfully submitted by your communications committee.

MANY THANKS!

To My St. Matthew Family:

I want to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** for all of your wishes and prayers as I embark on my journey to Seminary. The energy I felt during the Laying on of the Hands at the Youth Sunday Service was amazing — the power of the Holy Spirit was definitely present. My plan is to graduate with a Masters in Pastoral Care and Counseling Program at Neumann in May 2008 and enter Seminary in September 2008. I look forward to sharing this experience with all of you and want you to know how much your support means to me.

Love,

Jill Schott

**God
Loves
You**

Congratulations & Best Wishes...

...to the Class of 2007!

Erin Robinson
Ridley High School

Sarah Moser
Penn State University



Acme, ShopRite & Pathmark Certificates are Back

Acme, ShopRite and Pathmark gift cards are now available for purchase. These cards can be purchased after each service on Sunday and can also be purchased during the week from the Church Office during regular office hours. Acme, ShopRite and Pathmark are now using gift cards - Acme cards are available in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100; ShopRite cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100; and Pathmark cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100. Please keep these cards in mind when you are getting ready to go food shopping.

Also, we are still collecting Acme register receipts. There is a box on the table in the back of church to put these receipts. These are counted and turned in periodically to the Acme. Last year we received over \$350 from these receipts. This is another means of helping our church further their ministry.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks,

Marge Troyan
610-328-1394 marge108@yahoo.com

Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal Order Form



Evangelical Lutheran
Worship

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)



Birthdays

- 4th Betty Mossor
 5th Dot Wilson
 6th John Dietrich
 Melanie Mandos
 7th Leah Graham
 8th Kate Harper
 9th Jody Troyan
 Lee Krah
 Jamie Philipp
 15th Bev Petka
 16th Samantha Baldino
 17th Shirley Firth
 18th Chuck Petka
 19th Jim Abt
 20th Samantha Kelly
 21st Katie Mikeska
 23rd Michael Gale
 Thomas Hickey



- 24th Adele Sherman
 26th Jim J. Lynam
 28th David Breingan
 Shelby Klooster
 Brandon Klooster
 29th Marilee Jones
 30th Daniel Gale

- 7th Tom & Niki Reeves (22)
 Pat & Linda Johnson (12)
 Lee & Madelin Krah (52)
 10th John & Carol Dietrich (25)
 13th Dave & Sue Trout (34)
 15th Jim & Julie Lynam (45)
 Jim & Anita Abt (11)
 17th MaryAnn & Thomas
 Bedwell (30)
 22nd Jenni & Don Philipp (1)

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



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Continuing Prayers of Healing

Alberta Simonin Alistair Begg
 Arlene Bixler
 Ben
 Chris
 Christy Yohe
 Colin Godrick
 Dan
 Dave Covell
 David
 Dennis Porter

Ethan Bedwell
 Ethel Snyder
 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

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Our New Email:

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Web: www.StMatthewWoodlyn.org

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

Evangel Articles

August Evangel articles are **due by July 15th.**

Please e-mail them to laynegraff@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

Jacob Johnson
 Marines in Iraq

Justin Cookie
 Serving in USAF

Kevin Zimmerman
 Serving in Iraq

Tige Everson
 Serving in Iraq

Kevin Lynch
 Serving in Iraq