

March 2007



The Evangel

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Christian Education

As our year is quickly moving along we have some great things going on in our Sunday Church School program.

We had a good turn out for our hanging of the greens and crafts. There was fun had by all making their crafts. We are elated with excitement and gratefulness for all who helped to make the day filled with smiles.

We are also very happy to report that we are currently sponsoring a kindergarten girl, Ellie Carter from the Lnez School in rural Kentucky. For Christmas there was a box of small gifts sent to her, and also for her birthday there were puzzles and books sent for her birthday. She sent an adorable thank you card with a picture. The SCS children also watched how change can really add up. Mrs. Jones put out a clear quart container and promised that if they filled it they would receive the famous Mrs. Jones chocolate cookies. They jar was recently filled and counted and the total was \$90.75. The children were excited both about the money raised and the cookies. The jar is also back and another surprise was promised.

The winter curriculum has come in and is in place now being used. All is under way with the New Year, with a new approach at teaching and presenting the teachings and lessons of the Lord.



God's Peace be with You

Youth Update

The Pasta Night/Silent Auction was a HUGE success – thanks to everyone who attended, donated baskets, and bid on the “goodies.” We had 76 people in attendance and raised \$1600!

RETREAT INFORMATION: Our Annual Harvey Cedars Retreat is scheduled for March 9 –11. We will be meeting in the parking lot at 5:30 pm and leaving at 5:45 pm SHARP on Friday evening and returning at approximately 3:00 pm on Sunday.

REQUIRED meeting for youth and parents is March 4, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Permission slips and balances are due at that time.

Annual Easter Breakfast is Sunday, April 8, 2007 at 9:30 am. Cost is \$5.00 for those who are 12 and older and \$3.00 for those 5 – 11 years old. Please use the reservation sheet provided in this issue.

Worship Schedule


March 4 

- 8:15 & 11 am Word & Sacrament
- 9:30 am SCS
- 10:30 am Children's Choir Practice
- 1 pm Confirmation Class
- 7 pm Youth Group

March 11

- 8:15 & 11 am Service of the Word
- 9:30 am SCS
- 10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

March 18

8:15 & 11 am  Word & Sacrament

- 9:30 am SCS
- 10:30 am Children's Choir Practice
- 12:30 pm 1st Communion Class
- 1 pm Confirmation Class
- 7 pm Youth Group

March 25

- 8:15 & 11 am Service of the Word
- 9:30 am SCS
- 10:30 am Children's Choir Practice
- 12:30 pm 1st Communion Class

Greeters 8:15

- 3-4 John Dee Blair
- 3-11 Don & Dot Ellis
- 3-18 MaryAnn Bedwell
- 3-25 Naydeen Marino

Greeters 11:00

- 3-4 Jean Guss
- 3-11 Annetta Cullen
- 3-18 The Philipp Family
- 3-25 Janet Francesconi

Ushers 11:00

- 3-4 Layne Graff
- 3-11 Jean Larsen & Janet Lincoln
- 3-18 Helen & Brandon Klooster
- 3-25 Need Volunteer

Lay Readers 8:15 am

- 3-4 Helen Keyes
- 3-11 Mike McFadden
- 3-18 Ray Schott
- 3-25 Helen Keyes

Lay Readers 11 am

- 3-4 Need Volunteer
- 3-11 Need Volunteer
- 3-18 Linda Graeff
- 3-25 Rick Graham

Church Nursery

- 3-4 Linda and Abby Graeff
- 3-11 Dawn and Angelina Joniec
- 3-18 Sharon Graham
- 3-25 Layne Graff

“Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil”

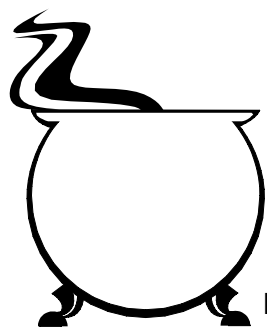
Luke 4:1-2

The Season of Lent

40 Days plus 6 Sundays prior to Easter

During the season of Lent we are reminded of God’s love through Jesus’ faithfulness. The gospels teach us that God loved the world so much that God sent the Son. The Son Jesus loved God so much that in faith he gave his life. Through Jesus’ sacrificial death and resurrection we have forgiveness of sin and life everlasting.

As we enter into this forty-day season of Lent, let us reflect upon the gifts that we have already received because of God’s love and Jesus faithfulness. And let us be guided by God’s Holy Spirit as we recall Jesus’ walk to Jerusalem.



LUTHERAN NEIGHBOR'S SOUP SUPPERS AND SERVICES:
 Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 February 28 - March 28, 2007
 Theme - *THE LEAST OF THESE*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES:
 February 21, 2007
 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:
 Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
 March 8, 11, 15, 22, and 29

CHURCH LOCATIONS:
 February 28 - Holy Trinity, Wallingford
 March 7 - St. John-Tinicum, Essington
 March 14 - Immanuel, Norwood
 March 21 - Holy Trinity, Wallingford
 March 28, - St. Matthew, Woodlyn



Confirmation

Our 2005-2007 Confirmation journey is coming to an end. We have learned so many wonderful things over these past two years. We've read from the books of Luke, Mark and Acts. Also in the 2006-2007 year we received our mentors. I believe our mentors were a very good idea because it gives us the knowledge of what other members of St. Matthew feels in their hearts about Jesus. The confirmation students are also being invited to go to Harvey Cedars if they would like. I hope that every member of our confirmation class will come out with a new outlook toward Jesus, life and everything in between.

*Jesus Loves You!
Angelina Joniec*

WELCA

The daffodils are up and Spring is just around the corner. It will be so nice to give up the heavy coats and gloves. The women of St. Matthew are already planning for many events and we invite all women to attend.

The Spring Conference Gathering will be held on Monday, April 16th at St. Matthew in Springfield. Registration and refreshments will begin at 6:30 PM followed by a program at 7:15. We will carpool from the parking lot. All women are encouraged to attend. It's a great way to meet women from other congregations and it's always an enjoyable evening.

Our Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held May 12th. Plans are being made by the executive board for the entertainment and delicious meal that will be served by our handsome waiters!

The trip to the Mary J. Drexel Home had to be cancelled. We hope to visit at another time, perhaps in March.

February Circle meetings were well attended. The theme of the devotions was acting boldly in a crisis, when Jesus calmed the seas. It was titled, "a day at the beach" and we all enjoyed it, especially with the frigid weather at the time.

Thank you to everyone that supported our Super Bowl bake sale. Whether you baked or bought some treats, we were able to contribute \$282.00 to the youth for their retreat. Sweet!

Circle Meetings for March are:

Lily March 12th at 7:30 PM in the church kitchen
Saffron March 5th at 7:30 PM at Sue Trout's (610-534-0232)

Spring is a time for new beginnings. If you think you'd like to attend a circle meeting, just call the hostess and let her know you're coming. Or call me! Love to have you join us.

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



2006 - 2007 Second-Year Confirmation Class Meeting Schedule Reminder

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

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| Mar. 4 | Class |
| Mar. 9-11 | Harvey Cedars |
| Mar. 18 | Class (Mentors) |
| April 1 | Class |
| April 5 | Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 p.m. |
| April 7 | Easter Vigil Service 7:30 p.m. |
| *April 22 | Class (Mentors) (*4th Sunday) |

Please review the expectation's list to make sure that you are up-to-date on submitting essays, completing make-up work, outreach services, and projects.

1st Communion

First Communion Classes for school age students up to grade 6 will be held on March 18th and 25th following the 11 a.m. worship services in the Chancel area of the Church. Please call the church office (610-833-5788) to register your child(ren) by March 11th.

Students completing the two classes will receive their first Holy Communion during the 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service on April 5, 2007.

The next First Communion Class will be held in October of 2007. The students from those classes will receive their first Holy Communion on Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2007.

Pastor Nancy B. Brown

Holy Week Services

April 1-7, 2007

Passion/Palm Sunday – April 1, 2007

Word and Sacrament Services
(With palm blessings)
8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday – April 5, 2007
Holy Communion Service (With First Communion) - 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday – April 6, 2007
Service at 12 Noon and Tenebrae
Service at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 7, 2007
Vigil of Easter Services of Light,
Word, Water, and Meal - 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 8, 2007
Festival Services of Word and Sacrament
at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

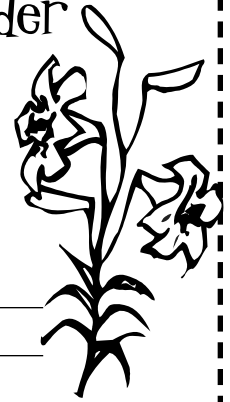
Again this year St. Matthew's Holy Week Services will conclude with Vigil of Easter Services on Holy Saturday, April 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Each year churches throughout the world conclude Holy Week with these Saturday evening services. "Vigil" means to watch on the eve of a feast." And what we are watching and waiting for is the celebration of God's glorious resurrection of Jesus. So on this eve of that great celebration we come together to remember and celebrate God's gifts through services of Light, Word, Water, and Meal.

The Service of Light will remind us of the light of Christ that has come into the world. The Service of Word (or Reading) will remind us of God's movement in the lives of all people. The Service of Water (or Baptismal Covenant) will remind us of our membership into God's Church. And the Service of Meal (Holy Communion) will remind us of God's gift of forgiveness of sin and eternal life through the faithfulness of God's Son, Jesus the Christ.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come out and join in these great celebrations that move us from the dark of Good Friday to the light of Easter.

Easter Lily 2007 Order Form



In Memory of:

In Honor of:

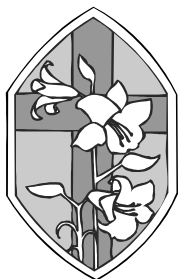
Name:

Number of Lilies _____

Total \$ _____ (at \$8 each)

I will take the lily

I will not take the lily

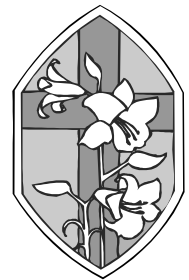


Easter Sunday Breakfast!

April 8, 2007 – 9:30 am

Sponsored by the St. Matthew Youth Group

Cost: 12 and over \$5.00 and 5 -11 \$3.00



Easter Sunday Breakfast Registration

NAME: _____

Number of 12 and over: _____

Number of 12 and under: _____

TOTAL: _____

Please return this form to Jill Schott or Annie Houser. Thank You!



Evangel Articles

April Evangel articles are due March 15th.

Please e-mail them to laynegraff@produpe.com or drop a copy off at the church office. We are striving to get the newsletter to the congregation by the 1st of each month.

There are still some 2007 offering envelopes...

...in the back of the church. If you don't have any, please pick up a box today.

Anniversaries

16th Dan & Marilee Jones (21)

17th Bill & Naydeen Marino (27)

St. Matthew Information

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



Continuing Prayers of Healing

Alberta Simonin

Fred Klooster
James Black

Lena Bayle
Linda

Nadine Simon
Nancy Kalbach

Ashley
Arlene Bixler
Ben

Jake
Jean Marlin
Jim Simon

Liz Chaffin
Lyn Crowthers
Matthew Tyson

Noah Sharp
Pat Biank
Rick Lord, Sr.

David
Dennis Porter
Dave Covell
Ethan Bedwell
Ethel Thomas

Jimmy
Joan
Joanne Ryan
Joe Bucolo
John Sassano
Kathie Gilbert

Mary
Mary Black
Mel Schucker
Michael
Minnie Williams
Mr. Kenig

Ruth Fanelli
Ruth Martin
Sara
Sam
Susan Maxwell
Tyrees

Birthdays

4th Ed Brown

5th Ken Flatau
Cheryl Smith
Kenny Clark

10th Janet Lincoln

11th Ben Baldino

14th Ken Firth, Jr.

16th Michael Klingensmith Jr.

17th Rob Cerbus

18th Patrick Johnson, Jr.

19th Ethel Snyder

20th Jill Schott

21st Danielle Bixler

22nd Lois Moser
Kevin McLaughlin
Vicki Quinlan
Naydeen Marino

27th Natalie Powell
Michael Miller
John Simonds

30th Clay Bedwell
Kyle Firth
Madison Hengey

31st Ray Schott
Tyler Wanger



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 and Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.
Air Force

Kevin Zimmerman
Serving in Iraq

Jacob Johnson
Marines in Iraq

Tige Everson
Serving in Iraq

Justin Cookie
Serving in USAF