

May 2007

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
God Loves You

The Evangel

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New Lutheran Hymnal



Evangelical Lutheran

Worship

There is a new hymnal, **Evangelical Lutheran Worship**, which was introduced in the fall of 2006. It was approved for publication last summer by the Church Wide Council. The cost of each book is \$20.00.

There are 700 hymns in the new book, compared to 590 in the green book. These hymns are both new and older hymns from Lutheran collections. There are also 10 settings for liturgy compared to the 3 in the green book.

We will be placing our order for hymnals soon. We invite our members and friends to consider donating a new hymnal in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or simply to the glory of God. If you would like to donate a hymnal or hymnals, please use the form below and return it to the church office. You may purchase a hymnal for yourself through the church. Make checks payable to "Saint Matthew Lutheran Church" and indicate "Church Hymnal" on the envelope. Please return your order to the church office by July 1, 2007, or sooner if possible. See order form is in this month's Evangel.

Social Ministry

On Friday, March 30th, we took a trip to the Life Center to feed the homeless. Many thanks to everyone who provided meats, veggies, and desserts. Thanks also to Mike and Dawn Joneic, for their gracious help and also in providing transportation. We are entering our 17th year this May with feeding the homeless. The congregations of St. Matthew and St. Madeline's have been very giving of their time and money to make this a successful outreach. Let's shoot for 17 more!

God's Peace Be With You,
Social Ministry

Worship Schedule

May 6

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



May 13

8:15 & 11 am Service of the Word
9:30 am SCS
10:30 am Children's Choir Practice
and **Happy Mother's Day!**

May 20

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



May 27

Day of Pentecost
8:15 & 11 am Word & Sacrament
with Confirmation
9:30 am SCS



**Our 9:30 am Summer worship
times will start June 17, 2007.**

Serving Our Church This Month

Greeters 8:15 am

- 5-6** Helen Keyes
- 5-13** Don & Dot Ellis
- 5-20** Sue Weaver
- 5-27** Naydeen Marino

Greeters 11:00 am

- 5-6** Doug & Lois Moser
- 5-13** Bev & Evelyn Petka & Mrs. Stewart
- 5-20** John & Carol Dietrich
- 5-27** Bert Drake

Ushers 11:00 am

- 5-6** Layne Graff
- 5-13** NEED VOLUNTEER!
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- 5-27** NEED VOLUNTEER!

Church Nursery

- 5-6** Peg Lozier & Lauren Firth
- 5-13** Layne Graff
- 5-20** Marilee Jones
- 5-27** Cindy Mandos

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the Church Office of the change. If you would like to volunteer to any of the above activities, please call the office. Thank

you for your willingness to serve your Church.



Christian Education

As our year is quickly moving along we have some great things going on in our Sunday Church School program. We recently had a very successful program about Easter and Palm Sunday combined. We are also very happy to report that we are currently sponsoring a kindergarten girl, Ellie Carter from the Lnez School in rural Kentucky. The children are bringing in the change and awaiting the surprise when the jar becomes full again!



Mark you calendars! June 24-28 2007 Vacation Bible School!! Plan to attend our amazing journey of faith and fun. The curriculum has come and the teachers and staff are beginning to prepare for VBS!

In God's Love



FINANCE

The Finance Committee met in April and discussed the needs of an endowment committee who will help work with Endowment funds . An ad hoc committee have already laid the groundwork, getting together bylaws, (which were voted on at the last congregational Meeting) investigating available venues to place the funds. A newly appointed committee will continue with this important work and will report to the Finance Committee who in turn will report to Church Council. If there is anyone who wishes to help with the Endowment committee, please contact me.

*In His grace, Carol Dietrich
Chairperson, Finance Committee*

SAVE THE DATE

For Lutheran Charities Steeple Chase Bike Ride, June 23, 2007. For registration info go to www.lutherancharities.org

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOME!

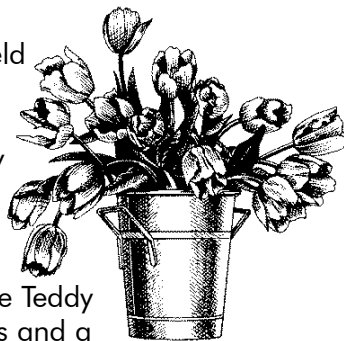


Therefore we shall not fear,
though the earth
should change,
though the mountains shake
in the heart of the sea.

Psalm 46:2

WELCA

The Annual Mother/Daughter Banquet will be held on May 12th at 5:30PM. Dinner will be served buffet style at 6PM. Jody Troyan and his helpers have volunteered to prepare the meal. Aren't they the best? The ladies of WELCA will supply a variety of homemade desserts that will be served buffet style also. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. Linda Leiby "The Teddy Bear Lady" will introduce us to several of her bears and a story to go with each one. Reservation forms for the banquet are in the Evangel and the Sunday bulletin. These can be given to Jean Larsen or turned into the church office. The deadline is May 6th. Please plan to join us!



Circles will meet individually during the month of May. We've had good attendance at the monthly meetings and the devotions have been inspirational.

Lily - May 1st at Dee Blair's (610-544-5811)

Saffron - May 7th at Joan Firth's (610-521-0584)

The Spring Conference Gathering scheduled for April 16th at St. Matthew in Springfield was cancelled due to bad weather. If it is rescheduled for a later date I will let you know.

June 6th is the date of our General Meeting and all women are invited to attend. We will have a salad covered dish dinner (bring your recipe along too!) at 6:30 followed by a program and dessert. Thank offering boxes will be collected at this meeting. Come join us for a pleasant evening of food and fellowship. Call me if you need a ride!

Donna Surotchak has volunteered to be a delegate to the Special Event and Convention on June 9th at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Philadelphia. "Mission Mania" is the theme of the day sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Women of the ELCA. The items collected for the April Spring Conference will be taken to this event and put together into kits for outreach to people in Mwangaza, Tanzania.

Lily Circle has Altar Care for the month of May.

Sue Trout

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

Blessed are those who trust
in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree
planted by water,
sending out its roots
by the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

1st Communion

Congratulations...

to the First Communion Class:

- Tyler Wagner
- Michael Wagner
- Keira Wagner

Confirmation

2006 - 2007 Second-Year Confirmation Class Meeting Schedule Reminder

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

May 6	Class
May 20	Class (Mentors)
May 27	Confirmation Sunday (Pentecost)

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.

We only have 2 months of confirmation class left & most students are rushing. We have a little over a month left until we get confirmed into St. Matthew. Students have been helping in services with these jobs; assisting minister, lay reader, communion assistant, crucifer, acholite, ushers & greeters. I've learned that "maundy" means "commandment." During the last supper Jesus gave us the commandment "love on another." Holy week was definitely a fun experience. I participated in two services: Maundy Thursday, and Holy Saturday. I read in both services and it was nice. My Holy Saturday reading was about how Jonah went into Nineveh & told the people to fast and wear a sackcloth. I was the 6th reader out of 7. I have enjoyed very much writing for the evangle and I hope you've liked my articles.

Jesus Loves You!
Lina Joniec

New Lutheran Hymnal



Proposal to St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregational Council, for acceptance of the Worship and Music Ministry Proposal, to purchase the new Church Wide Hymnal.

Acceptance of Proposal

The Congregational Council unanimously received and accepted the proposal, from The Worship and Music Ministry, to move forward, as a congregation, with the purchase the new Church Wide Hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

Number and cost of hymnals

- We would require 160 new hymnals.
- Individual cost (cost per hymnal) is \$20.00.
- Over all hymnal cost \$3,200
- There are many purchase options including financing.
- 150+ ordered are shipped free of cost.

(FYI: The new hymnal can be purchased from Augsburg Fortress for \$20.00 each. Other publishers have the cost of \$25.00 per copy.)

Funding

(The following is this Committee's suggestion.)

- As the "kick-off" event. A free will offering will be collected at the Annual Concert of Sacred Music on April 22, 2007. We will ask for possible matching funds from Thrivent. The amount we are

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PRAISE PIZZA

...with Gifts of Praise

The Harvey Cedars Band

Sunday, May 6, 2007
at 6:00 pm

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
400 Lynbrooke Road,
Springfield, PA**

Find Directions at:

www.stmattspringfield.org

An event of joyful Christian music and praise followed by fellowship and pizza. All ages welcome. This is the first in a series of events being sponsored by the Delaware Conference of Lutheran Church. This event is being supported by the Delaware County Chapter of Thrivent. Questions - Contact Pastor Chris Franz, 610-626-5295 pastorcjf@comcast.net

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looking to achieve is \$300.00.

Order forms will be available that evening.

- Through an order form with donation request.
- Out right donations may be made.
- Dedication of hymnals may be made.
- Memorial gifts of hymnals may be made.
- Other events.
- GOP Concert.
- Possible summer/fall hymn-sing event.

Making Evangelical Lutheran Worship possible here at St. Matthew. To start...

- Council introduction.
- Educational introduction of the hymnal to the Congregation. Beginning April 2007.
- Bulletin announcements and display in Narthex prior to April 22, 2007 Concert of Sacred Music. (See below).
- Evangel articles to continue awareness of this mission.

What to do with the old LBW?

Once the new hymnals are being utilized. The old hymnals will be available to those who would like the copy they have dedicated or memorialized. After this event the hymnals are available for who ever wishes to have one. The hymnals are not available to donate.

The Hymn Supplement (Bargandy Hymnal) and With One Voice?

We will continue to use both of these hymnals.

Prayerfully submitted,
The Worship and Music Ministry
St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Woodlyn, PA.

St. Matthew's 2007 Softball Schedule



Coach: Ken Firth



Cell Phone: 610-804-0460 • Work Phone: 610-361-4602



DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Monday	May 7th	Ridley Park A	Woodlyn
Monday	May 14th	Latter Day Saints B	Woodlyn
Wednesday	May 16th	Springton Lake	Upper Darby H.S.
Monday	May 21st	Belmont Baptist	Woodlyn
Tuesday	May 22nd	Ridley Park B	Edgewood Elementary
Tuesday	May 29th	Prospect Park Methodist	Interboro H.S.
Thursday	May 31st	Latter Day Saints A	Hillcrest Elementary
Monday	June 4th	St. Marks	Woodlyn
Tuesday	June 12th	Ridley Park A	Edgewood Elementary
Monday	June 18th	Latter Day Saints A	Woodlyn
Monday	June 25th	Ridley Park B	Woodlyn
Tuesday	June 26th	Belmont Baptist	Pepper School
Monday	July 2nd	Prospect Park Methodist	Woodlyn

Also visit the league website for up to date league news. It's www.communitychurchsoftball.org.

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)

