

November 2007

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY  
God Loves You

# The Evangel

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## From The Pastor's Desk

As we come to the close of another year in the life of the church, we are to praise God for all blessings received. We as the church have preached the good news of Jesus Christ, fed the hungry, clothed the poor, and provided aid to those in need through the various ministries that flow through St. Matthew. Although years end and begin, we are to be reminded that the work of ministry never ends; it continues our whole lives long. So let us give thanks to God for equipping and sustaining us in this work of ministry.



As we begin a new year in the life of the church, let us glorify and honor God through the works of the ministries from St. Matthew.

"Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!"

- Psalm 111 (NSRV)

All praise and honor to God!  
Pastor Nancy B. Brown

## Worship Schedule

### November 4 All Saints Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 am

Word & Sacrament

SCS 9:30 am



10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

1 pm Confirmation Class

7 pm Youth Group

### Nov. 11

8:30 & 11:00 am Service of Word

SCS 9:30 am

10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

12:30 pm Congregational Meeting

### Nov. 18

8:30 & 11:00 am Word & Sacrament

SCS 9:30 am

10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

12:30 pm Social Ministries giving out Thanksgiving Baskets

1 pm Confirmation Class

7 pm Youth Group



### Nov. 21

#### Thanksgiving Eve

7:30 pm Word & Sacrament

### Nov. 25 Christ The King Sunday

8:30 & 11:00 am

Word & Sacrament

SCS 9:30 am



10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

## Greeters This Month...

Date	8:15 am	11:00 am
<b>November 4</b>	Lee & Madeline Krah	The Philipp Family
<b>November 11</b>	Tom & Mary Ann Bedwell	Jean Guss
<b>November 18</b>	Doris Lord	Janet Francesconi
<b>November 21</b>	Thanksgiving Eve Janet Francesconi	
<b>November 25</b>	Helen Keyes	Janet Lincoln

“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.”

# Congregational Council Notes

All praise and glory to Our Lord Jesus Christ! Praise His name!

### Congregational Constitution

How exciting to have our Congregational Constitution updated to 2007. Council worked extremely hard on this project and are proud of their accomplishment. The entire Congregation is to be commended for your contribution to this great accomplishment; that is the adoption of the updated constitution. **A called meeting, of the entire Congregation will take place on November 11, 2007 directly after the 11:00 service.** All members are encouraged to attend this meeting where you are able to ask questions and place your vote.

Thank you to all for serving your congregation by taking the time to review the updated constitution. And thank you especially for all of your excellent works done to the Glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ each and every day, here at St. Matthew. We are the church.

### Endowment Growth and Development Celebrate!

Let us celebrate our blessing to be able share the gifts God has provided for us!

Our Congregational Council, along with the Finance

Ministry, has begun the enactment of our Endowment Ministry. One area for action of the Endowment Ministry is to designate how we, as a Congregation, can share our financial blessing with others in the community. 10% or, \$8,800, from our Endowment balance, has been designated of this sharing. The following list shows the amount given and the ministry that we will share our blessings with, from the Endowment Fund. **Let us celebrate! Great Work, Well Done!!!**

#### The designated ministries and donations are...

- \$1000 for Wesley House Community Corp. Shelter,
- \$1000 for The Life Center of Eastern Delaware County,
- \$1000 for Pathways PA-Center for Families,
- \$1000 for Chester Eastside Ministries,
- \$1000 for City Team Ministries,
- \$1000 for Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry,
- \$2000 for SECUCo (Part of LCFS)
- \$800 for Ministries of St. Matthew

**Total= \$8,800**

*God’s Blessings to All,  
Jerilyn Iacono*

God  
Loves  
You

# Greetings from the Evangelism and Parish Life Committees!

Thank you to all for helping out with Game Day. This was a great success with 43 children participating from the community!

All are invited to the annual **Prayer Breakfast** on **Saturday, November 10th** from **9:30 to 10:30** in our basement. Jill David from City Ministries will be our guest speaker. Please mark your calendars!

**Advent Chains** will be given out at church on **Sunday November 25th**. If you would like to help us make them, we will be *putting them together* on *Thursday Evening, November 15th* from *6:00 to 9:00* in the church basement. Any time you can donate during these hours will be greatly appreciated!

Sally Breingan  
sbreingan@jlinc.net  
(610) 544-8256

Committee Members: Barbara Cerbus, Ginny Flatau, Janet Francesconi, Jean Larson, Pat Reuss, Joseph Troyan, and Marge Troyan

## Dear Neighbors & Members of St. Matthew,

I would like to extend my thanks to the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church for their donation of school supplies and uniform shirts to our school. Some of the school bags, crayons, pencils, paper, etc. have already been given to the students who were not able to purchase the supplies required by their teacher. The extras will be used to supplement any student in need during the school year.

Thank you also for the new uniform shirts. The school nurse was thrilled with the shirts because she always has a request and/or need for shirts.

Once more, on behalf of the students and staff of Woodlyn Elementary, thank you for your generosity and helping our students and staff of Woodlyn Elementary, thank you for your generosity and helping our students start the new school year with fresh supplies.

Sincerely,  
Adam J. Staples, Principal

## Calling All Youth...

...7th - 12th grades... come on out to our youth group meetings and see what all the fuss is about! We will meet on November 4th and 18th from 7 - 8:30 pm for some exciting activities

## Mark Your Calendars

**Harvey Cedars Retreat** is **March 7 - 9, 2008**. Cost is \$100.00 and the registration deadline is January 20, 2008. Cost will be \$110.00 for any registrations received after that date. This year we will learn about the way to follow our hearts without losing our minds. This retreat is open to all youth from 6th grade - 12th grade. More details will follow - sign up on the **YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD**.

## Confirmation

### 2007-2008 First-Year Confirmation Class Meeting Schedule Reminder

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

- Nov. 4** Class
- Nov. 18** Class  
Thanksgiving Baskets  
with Social Ministry
- Nov. 21** Thanksgiving Eve  
Service at 7:30 p.m.  
(Class will serve as  
worship leaders)
- Nov. 30** Life Center  
(2 students with Social  
Ministry)
- Dec. 2** Class
- Dec. 16** Class (Flower distribution  
to neighborhood)
- Dec. 23** Caroling with Youth Group
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Service at  
7:00 p.m. (Class will serve  
as worship leaders)

(Outreach ministry dates will be confirmed in the class preceding the activity.)

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"The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon."

Genesis 32:31-32

## Campus Connection

St. Matthew continues to keep in touch with the students who are continuing their post high school education. Students tell us of their appreciation for the continuing attention from their St. Matthew family. Below is a list of the students in Campus Connection for this school year. Please keep them in your prayers.

### School Year 2007-2008

- Dave Breingan  
*Sophomore at University of Pittsburgh*
- Gil Breingan  
*Senior at Brown University*
- Tom Hickey  
*Sophomore at Elizabethtown College*
- Ben Mandos  
*Junior at Temple University*
- Courtney Marino  
*PA Institute of Technology*
- Kat McDonanl  
*Junior at West Chester University*
- Amanda Moser  
*Junior at Susquehanna University*
- Dave Pezzano  
*Sophomore at Berklee College of Music*
- Stephanie Philipp  
*Sophomore at DCCC*
- Erin Robinson  
*Freshman at Widener University*
- Mary Kate Surotchak  
*Senior at Temple University*
- Sandy Troyan  
*Senior at Roanoke College*

## Way to Go Shelby Klooster!

On September 22, 2007, **Shelby donated 15" of her hair to Locks of Love.** Locks of Love is a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

## Mid Week Bible Studies

### "Herald of The Messiah"

Beginning on **November 7th and 8th** we will gather to begin our exploration of **God's teachings through the Prophet ISAIAH.**

Come and allow the Spirit of God to enliven our hearts and spirits as we are renewed in the Word of God.

**Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m.**  
**November 28,**  
**December 5, 12, and 19**  
**January 16, 23 and 30**

**Thursday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.**  
**November 29**  
**December 6, 13, and 20**  
**January 17 and 24**

*(The same study will be offered at both gathering times.)*

This Bible Study on Isaiah will resume in April after the Lenten Season - watch for the dates.

*Please plan to come and remember to invite others to come with you. All are Welcome!*

*Pastor Nancy B. Brown*



## News from the Women of the ELCA!

Our two circles met in October and enjoyed the new Bible study "Blessed to Follow: The Beatitudes as a Compass for Discipleship". Thanks to Rachael for cleaning the kitchen.

Hannah circle meets on November 13 at Sue Trout's home. Rachael will meet on November 6 at Helen Klooster's home.

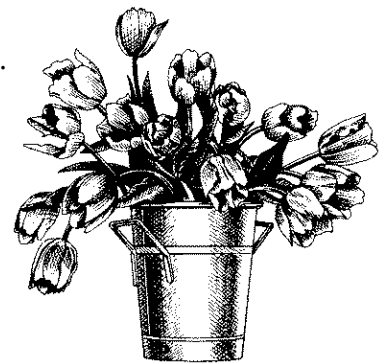
Remember, any gal who would like to experience our sharing and devotions need only call me!!!

The Delaware Conference met at Holy Spirit, Secane and 11 women from St. Matthew attended. We were privileged to hear Susan Pursch explain what the SEKIUCO project was all about. Just ask a member of the WELCA and they will be happy to tell you! (hint: our synod is financing a college for special education teachers in Tanzania).

We are collecting gifts for Silver Springs - Martin Luther School as a Christmas outreach. There will be a list of what is needed on the WELCA bulletin board. There will be a box at the rear of the church for these gifts. Please have them at the church by December 2nd. Thanks for all your generous help.

In His Service,

Carol Dietrich  
cdietrich3@comcast.net or 610-521-1393



# Praize Pizza

He Reigns from St. Timothy's in Aston

Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 6:00 pm

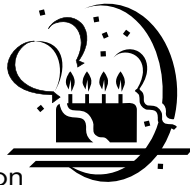
**Trinity Lutheran Church at 1141 West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA**

*Find directions at: [www.trinityhavertown.org](http://www.trinityhavertown.org)*

An event of joyful Christian music, a message and communion followed by fellowship and pizza. All ages welcome. There will be a free will offering. This is the second in a series of events being sponsored by the Delaware Conference of Lutheran Church. Questions - Contact Jody Troyan at 610-328-1394.

# Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> John Lynam  
 4<sup>th</sup> Harry Doggett  
 5<sup>th</sup> Daniel Jones  
 7<sup>th</sup> Joan Firth  
 8<sup>th</sup> Amber Dwyer  
 11<sup>th</sup> Dave Trout  
 Shirley Njoku  
 14<sup>th</sup> Helen Klooster  
 17<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Petka  
 18<sup>th</sup> Lois Kelly  
 Mariah Robinson  
 20<sup>th</sup> Cindy Mandos  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Kate Doggett  
 Betty Calise



23<sup>rd</sup> Christopher Baer  
 25<sup>th</sup> Lauren Firth  
 26<sup>th</sup> Lew Riess  
 28<sup>th</sup> John Blair  
 29<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Mandos  
 Patrick Quinlan

# Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> Bill & Sally Breingan (25)  
 12<sup>th</sup> Michael & Linda Miller (13)  
 Mark & Tina Ellis (19)  
 14<sup>th</sup> Charles & Bev Petka (15)  
 15<sup>th</sup> Jody & Marge Troyan (32)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mr. Frank Cline**  
 638 7th Avenue  
 Swarthmore, PA 19081

# St. Matthew Info...

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# Evangel Articles

**December Evangel articles are due by November 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 through Thursday from 1:00 to 3 pm. Based on Ministry needs, office hours are subject to change. Please call for an appointment at 610-833-5788. In case of accident, illness or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Brown at 610-833-5515.



# Continuing Prayers of Healing

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

Dennis Porter  
 Ernest Langjar  
 Ethan Bedwell  
 Ethel Thomas  
 Fred Klooster  
 Irene Schad  
 Jake  
 James Black  
 James Stanton  
 Jean Marlin  
 Jesse Sharp  
 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  
 Puxiao Lincoln  
 Raquel Baskin  
 Ron Hill  
 Ruth  
 Ruth Fanelli  
 Sam  
 Sara  
 Steven Bradley  
 Susan Maxwell  
 Trevor Jenkins  
 Tyrees

# Family & Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.  
*Air Force*

Kevin Lynch  
*Serving in Iraq*

Jacob Johnson  
*Marines in Iraq*

Todd Nelms

Justin Cookie  
*Serving in USAF*

James Nelms  
 Kevin

Zimmerman  
*Serving in Iraq*

Tige Everson  
*Serving in Iraq*

Mark Gale  
*Marines  
 Serving in Iraq*