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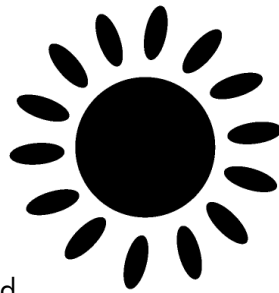
REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
God Loves You

The Evangel

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From The Pastor's Desk

In our area of the world during the fall of the year God blankets the earth with vibrant colors as the foliage that blossomed in the spring and adorned its finery throughout the summer begins to nestle down for a long dormant nap. More and more we are reminded to be better caregivers of God's creations. As we become more internally focused in this crisp cool air of fall, may our service in ministry glorify God who loves us unconditionally and blankets us like the foliage of the earth with such parenting care.



"O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark
because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and
the stars that you have established;

What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you
care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them
with glory and honor.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have
put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts
of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever
passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

- NSRV Psalm 8

*Let us seek to be better stewards of God's creations,
Pastor Nancy B. Brown*

Worship Schedule

October 7

8:15 and 11:00 am
Word & Sacrament

SCS 9:30 am

10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

1 pm Confirmation Class

7 pm Youth Group



October 14

8:15 and 11:00 am
Service of Word

SCS 9:30 am

10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

12:30 pm 1st Holy
Communion Class

6:30 pm SCS Teachers Meeting

October 21

8:15 and 11:00 am
Word & Sacrament

SCS 9:30 am

10:30 am Children's Choir Practice

12:30 pm 1st Holy
Communion Class

7 pm Youth Group



October 28

Reformation
8:15 and 11:00 am
Word & Sacrament with 1st
Communion

SCS 9:30 am

1 pm Confirmation Class



Greeters This Month...

Date	8:15 am	11:00 am
Oct. 7	John & Dee Blair	Tom Reeves
Oct. 14	Joan Hoffman	Bertha Drake
Oct. 21	Joseph Rebarchak	The Petka Family
Oct. 28	Joan Anderson	Ken & Joan Firth

“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

God's Blessings to All

The following are a few updates from council to keep everyone in the loop.

Council has been working hard to make the necessary updates to the Church Constitution. Our updated constitution will be distributed to the congregation on **Sunday October 14, 2007** for all to review. A called congregational meeting will be held on **November 11, 2007**, after the 11:00 service, to adopt the changes made to our constitution. Please mark your calendars to attend this meeting. Especially, so you understand any changes or have questions about the updates.

Two large pine trees were removed from the parsonage property another tree was trimmed back. Council, after receiving several bids, went with County Tree Service with the best bid of \$750.

Council, at the September meeting, began the process of gathering names of possible candidates to fill open positions on council. Several current council members are at the end of their terms, and there are open positions to consider to fill. Any member of the congregation is welcome to be on council. If you wish to be part of council please speak with Pastor Brown or any of our current council members

The following is a list of our current council members and ministries' here at St Matthew. Also listed are the names of the current ministry leaders. Even if you are not inclined to be on council, consider joining one of our many ministries. Your help is always welcome.

Current Listing of Council Members and Ministries

Pastor Nancy Brown
 Jerilyn Iacono, *Council President*
 Michael Pezzano, *Vice President, Liaison to Social Ministry*
 Jenni Philipp, *Secretary, Liaison to Stewardship Ministry*
 Doug Moser, *Treasurer, Liaison to Finance Ministry*

Ministries Members of the Congregational Council

Sally Breingan, *Evangelism and Parish Life*
 Ginny Jones, *Co-Chair of Christian Education*
 Emily Moser, *Co-Chair of Christian Education*
 Mary Ann Bedwell, *Liaison to Mutual Ministry*
 Nichole Philipp, *Co-Chair of Worship and Music*
 Donald Philipp, *Personnel*
 Tom Graeff, *Youth*
 Open, *Property*
 Open, *Communications*
 Open, *Parish Life*

Ministries Chairs not serving on Congregational Council

Marilee Jones, *Chair of Social Ministry*
 Michael Mcfadden, *Chair of Mutual Ministry*
 Carol Dietrich, *Chair of Finance Ministry*
 Michael Joniec, *Chair of Communications Ministry*
 Janet Francisconi, *Chair of Campus Connection*
 WELCA, Carol Dietrich, *President*
 Open, *Co-Chair of Worship and Music*
 Open, *Chair of Stewardship*

God's Blessings to All,
 Jerilyn Iacono

**God
Loves
You**

Christian Education...

As a new Sunday church school year begins there are many new occurrences happening. First of all we would like to thank those of our Sunday church school teachers that will be leaving us this year, Vicki Quinlan and Mike Pezzano. They have both put in many hours with the students. We would also like to welcome Layne Graff and Peg Lozier to the Sunday church school staff.



The Sunday church school staff would like to thank those who donated money to pay for the postage and postcards that went out for Rally Day, \$57.41 was raised.

Also a **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all of the *Bakers and Buyers* we had on Rally Day, \$374 was raised to help pay for the new Sunday church school material. Thrivent will be matching \$300!

*In Christ's Love
The Sunday church school staff*

First Communion

First Communion Classes will be held on Sundays in October for school age students up to grade 6. The classes will meet in the Chancel area of the church at 12:30 a.m., on **October 14th, and 21st**. Please call the church office (610-833-5788) to register your child(ren) by September 30th.

Students completing the classes will receive their first Holy Communion during the 11:00 a.m. Word and Sacrament Service, on Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2007.

The next First Communion Class will be held in March 2008. Students completing those classes will receive their first Holy Communion at the Maundy Thursday service during Holy Week.

Pastor Nancy B. Brown

Game Day

Saturday we hosted our annual Game Day. We had 43 participants which included 33 from the community and 10 from St. Matthew. There was also a crowd of parents there enjoying the fellowship and fun at St. Matthew. Thanks to Sally and crew for hosting this great event. This is an excellent community outreach program.

Community Outreach

WELCA will again be **collecting back to school items** to be donated to Woodlyn Elementary and Eddystone Elementary Schools. A donation box will be in the back of church to collect these items. All school items are needed including school uniforms. Monetary donations will also be accepted for this Community Outreach program. *Any questions, see Carol Dietrich.*

Confirmation

Confirmation Class meetings during the first-year of the program are scheduled to be held twice a month from October through May on the first and third Sundays of each month (with the exception of some second- and/or fourth - Sunday meetings in October, January, and April).

During this first year Confirmation students will also participate in outreach ministries and serve as worship service leaders at five worship services. Listed below is the first 3-month schedule of events.

2007-2008 First-Year Confirmation Class Meeting Schedule Reminder

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

- Oct. 7** Class
- Oct. 28** Class (4th Sunday)
- Nov. 4** Class
- Nov. 18** Class
- Nov. ?** 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
- Dec. ?** (Flower distribution to neighborhood)
- Dec. ?** 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.)

Pastor Nancy B. Brown

New Hymnals are Here!



The New Evangelical Lutheran Worship-ELW's, hymnals are here. Thank you to all who made this possible. The Worship and Music Ministry has planned a "Salad and Sandwich Night" at 6:30 on Sunday October 28th to introduce the ELW to the congregation. This will be an informational session about the new hymnal, to familiarize everyone with the ELW, and there will be a "Hymn Sing", as part of the evening, to sing new and old favorites, right from the ELW.

We will start the new Church year with our new Hymnals! The new ELW will be dedicated on the 1st Sunday in Advent December 2nd. This is the Sunday when the new hymnals will be in the pews. There will be more information about how to obtain the retired LBW hymnals after December 2nd. A sign up sheet will be available to sign up for the dinner and to sign up for what item you would like to bring.

*In His Service,
Worship and Music Ministry
Ray Schott, Chair*

An Evening with Gifts of Praise

We ended the weekend on Sunday with a Gifts of Praise Concert. There were approximately 70 people in attendance with 4 different churches represented. Great job Gifts of Praise and thanks for a job well done.

Social Ministry

On Friday August 31st, we took a trip to the Life Center in Philadelphia to feed the homeless. Many bodies were nourished that night thanks to the generosity of people providing food. They enjoyed a picnic style dinner that included hamburgers and hotdogs, potatoe salad, coleslaw, macaroni salad and fruit salad. Many thanks to Joe Rebarchak for grilling 80 hamburgers on his grill. He sure saved us a mess in the church kitchen.

We will be having once again our fall clothing drive on Saturday, October 20th. We would appreciate any clothing you would like to donate. The church will be open from 9-12 that morning. All clothing will go to East Side Ministries in Chester.

Also please look for the Lutheran Charities Appeal envelope which you will find in your church bulletin the last Sunday in October. Your donations will go to charities that will help the elderly as well as troubled kids.

We are still delivering the alter flowers each week to our homebound as well as anyone who is in the hospital. If there is someone in your family or someone you know of that could use a pick-me-up with some pretty flowers, please let the church know or contact Marilee Jones @ 610-833-1419.

We will be giving out our thanksgiving baskets to six needy families on Sunday November 18th. We are looking for six turkeys. If anyone is interested in donating a turkey, please contact the church, Jean Gus, or Marilee Jones.



*Peace Be With You,
Social Ministry*

We Need Your Help!

Hi there, St. Matthew family. I'm hoping that you might be able to take on a Sunday in the nursery with our youngest members. Typically, anymore, we have no more than 4 kids in nursery on any given day and I'll send reminders. Snack and drink are provided; we just need you to help make it a good time! Here are the available dates through the end of the year:

- October 7th and 21st
- November 4th, 18th and 25th
- December 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Thanks in advance for helping out.
Take care and have a great day!

*Sharon Graham
215-861-4304
sharon.graham@cms.hhs.gov*



Mid Week Bible Studies

“Enjoying God’s Gift”

Come and study the Word of God through the testament of Ecclesiastes

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. on October 3rd & 10th

Thursday Evening at 7:00 p.m. on October 18th

Thursday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. on October 4th, 11th, and 18th

The same study will be offered at both gathering times. For three weeks we will delve into this Old Testament book and explore the teachings of God through Solomon. Plan to come and be nurtured in God’s Word.

Please put these dates on your calendars and invite others to come and study God’s Word with you.

All are Welcome!
Pastor Nancy B. Brown

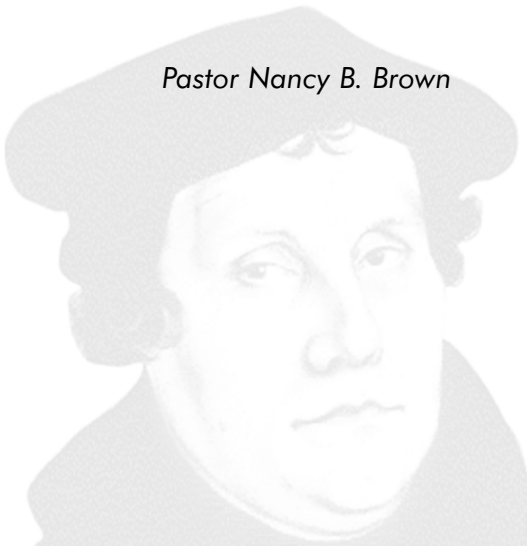
Martin Luther

In preparation for our celebration of **Reformation Day**, come to this one-session study to explore the man and his mission.

**Thursday Morning or Evening
October 25, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.**
(The same study will be offered at both gatherings.)

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to come and explore this fellow servant’s journey and legacy.

Pastor Nancy B. Brown



“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 and 23**

**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

Faith and Leadership Academy

The Faith and Leadership Academy is a six-week adventure in faith and discipleship. Through lectures, discussions, prayer, and mutual encouragement, participants discover new insights about their faith, their church and themselves. Classes are led by seminary staff, pastors, and trained lay leaders.

For more information, contact George E. Keck at (610) 489-1202 or gbkeck2@msn.com, or contact Sara Calderon at the Seminary (215) 248-7384 or scalderson@Ltsps.edu.

*"Let Your Light Shine
Before Others"*
Matthew 5:16

The Faith and Leadership Academy is designed to identify and strengthen the potential leadership that is in each of us. Open to any confirmed member of a congregation who is over the age of 18, the Academy focuses on development of leadership to meet the challenges of ministry and mission in our multicultural society.

The \$170 fee includes tuition for six sessions, F/L Notebook, materials, resources, morning refreshments, and lunches for the six Saturdays. Congregations are encouraged to cover all or part of the cost for members. Many congregations send council members, SCS teachers, youth mentors, committee chairpersons, etc.



Fall 2007 Class Schedule October 13, 2007 - November 17, 2007

Sessions run from 9:15 am to 3:30 pm

- October 13, 2007
- October 20, 2007
- October 27, 2007
- November 3, 2007
- November 10, 2007

"Orientation to the Faith and Leadership Academy"

- The Rev. George Keck/
Ms. Sara Calderon

"Reading the Bible: Dead Facts or Living Story"

- The Rev. George Keck
Faith and Life Institute at LTSP

"Jesus to Luther"

- Mr. Steve Keiser
Staff at Holy Communion
Lutheran Church

"Our Lutheran Heritage"

- Dr. Nelson Rivera
Assistant Professor of
Theology at LTSP

"Why Worship Matters"

Mr. Mark Mummert
Seminary Musician at LTSP

"Leadership, Planning, and Mentoring"

- The Rev. Richard Stewart
Associate Professor of Parish
Administration at LTSP

"Honoring Our Neighbors' Faith"

- Mr. Steve Keiser
Staff at Holy Communion
Lutheran, Philadelphia

Sponsored by the Southeastern
Pennsylvania Synod and The Lutheran
Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Classes will be held in the new Brossman Center (Room 201) on the campus of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 7301 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Age: 18-25 ___ 26-35 ___ 36-45 ___ 45+ ___

Address: _____

Phone Day: _____ Eve: _____

Email: _____

Congregation: _____

Our congregation nominates the above named person to participate in the Faith and Leadership Academy.

Pastor's Signature: _____

Regular fee (on or before 10/8/07) - \$170.00 Late fee (after 10/8/07) - \$190.00

Please mail application and registration fee to:

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod ELCA, 506 Haws Avenue,

Norristown, PA 19401 - Attn: Debbie Perez

Check payable to SEPA Synod, ELCA

Greetings from the Women of the ELCA!

We had our first General Meeting on September 5 and formed new circles, had a wonderful supper and an inspiring devotion. Jean Larsen led a wonderful installation service with myself as president, Dee Blair as secretary and Donna Surrochak as treasurer.

It's not too late to join a circle. Please contact me if interested. You will be very welcomed! The *Hannah* circle will meet on *October 2 at 7:30 at Betty Calise's home*. Barbara Cerbus is the circle leader. *Rachael* circle will meet on the *same date in the kitchen* with Donna Surrochak as the circle leader. Remember your birthday money for Silver Springs Christmas gifts. We will also start a Lutheran World Relief project! Our *devotional study* is "*Blessed to Follow, the Beatitudes as a Compass for Discipleship*" starting in the September issue of Lutheran Woman today and we will start counting our blessings!

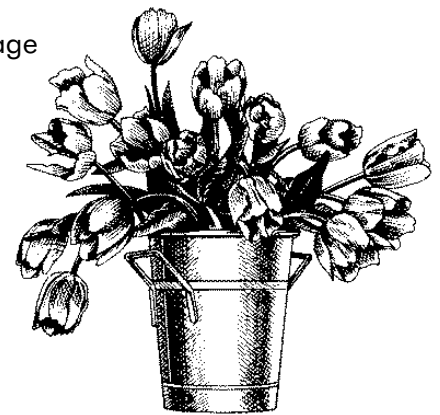
We are looking forward to attending the Fall Conference Gathering on October 15 at Holy Spirit, Secane. Our own Doris Krewson is now the conference coordinator with a program celebrating 20 years of WELCA and meeting Susan Pursch who will speak about our women's project in Tanzania called SEKUCO. Registration and refreshments are at 6:30 and the program will start at 7 pm.

Let's plan on car pooling and meet at the church parking lot at 6:10 pm. I encourage you to attend for an informative and uplifting program and to meet and greet our sisters in Christ.

Thank you for all your contributions to our back to school outreach. Both Grace Park and Eddystone elementary schools are very appreciative.

In His Service,

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



Stewardship Committee

In an edition of Parish, there were several questions asked of us as Stewards and our Christian beliefs. "What type of person are you? What are your ambitions? Your goals? Your hopes? What, more than anything else, do you want out of life?" Most people probably answer, "I work hard, love my family, have my share of disappointments and worries and hopefully someday I will be not rich but, you know, well off... comfortable."

"What about your religion? How is it important to you?", "Well, I love God," and "go to church regularly." "What do you think is the most important thing in life?" "I guess it is

to be happy, be good of course and go to heaven." "The main thing everybody wants is to be happy." There's nothing wrong in wanting that. "It's natural."

We often seek God when we need help, but "how often do we think about what God wants?" "God only asks that we love him. That doesn't mean just saying we love him, but by proving it by GIVING." "Giving of ourselves is the only way we have of demonstrating our love for another human being. It is the only way that we can demonstrate our love for God." "We show our love of God by

living according to his laws" and "by using well the talents, great or small, which God has given us."

"Because God has given himself for me, I respond by giving myself to him in every way I can." "It's not that I owe him anything..., but it is of sheer gratitude for his many gifts." "I want to return these gifts, in some small way, by giving of myself."

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Prayerfully,
Stewardship

Birthdays

- 1st Don Caber
Megan Quinlan
- 2nd Ron Nevin
- 5th Margaret Brown
Sarah Moser
- 8th Jean Larsen
- 9th Sally Breingan
Stephanie Philipp
- 10th Dan Jones
David Pezzano
- 11th Joshua Baldino
- 13th Steven Doggett
John Fernandez
- 16th Helen Keyes
Madelin Krahn
- 18th Ken Radewonuk
- 19th Julie Rose
- 20th Betsy Facht
Natalie Doggett
Thomas Hickey, Jr.



- 22nd Justin Flatau
- 23rd Rose Lyman
John Harper
- 27th John Clymer
- 30th Cameron Marino
Diana Nwagbaraji
- 31st Sue Trout

Anniversaries

- 6th Ken & Joy Firth (18)
- 11th Michael & Catherine Pezzano (27)
- 12th Mark & Lois Binder (11)
- 13th Erik & Kelley Larsen (6)
- 16th Tom & Lois Kelly (25)
- 21st Ken & Joan Firth (46)
- 23rd Arthur & Helen Keyes (59)
- 26th Scott & Donna Surotchak (33)

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. 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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Arlene Bixler
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Chris
Christy Yohe
Colin Godrick
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Continuing Prayers of Healing

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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
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Nadine Simon
Nancy Kalbach

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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 at 610-833-5788. In case of accident, illness or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Brown at 610-833-5515.

Family & Friends Serving Our Country

Don Caber, Jr.
Air Force

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