

August 2008

REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY
God Loves You

The Evangel

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Greetings from Social Ministry

Our clothing drive in April went very well. Thanks to everyone who donated items to this outreach. Thanks also to Dee and John Blair for taking these items down to Wesley House in Chester.

We took a trip to the Life Center on Friday May 30th to feed the homeless. Once again they had full bellies thanks to St. Madelines in Ridley Park and everyone who gave food from St Matthews. We will be going again on Friday August 29th. We will be in need of picnic style food. Potato salad, baked beans, pasta salad, etc., would be greatly appreciated. We will have plenty of hot dogs and hamburgers.

On June 20th we took a trip to City Team in Chester. There we served dinner to several residents and homeless people. Thanks to Jean Guss, Virginia Jones, Matt Jones, and Marie Breingan for helping out with this wonderful outreach.

Please keep sending in any extra canned goods or boxed food for Loaves and Fishes in Prospect Park. This is an outreach program in our immediate area that is in desperate need for food to needy families.

Many Thanks and Peace Be With You,

Social Ministry

Pre-School Assistant Needed!

St. Matthew's is looking for a pre-school assistant. Please contact St. Matthew Church, Box 55, Woodlyn, PA, attention Personnel Committee.

Worship Schedule

August 3

9:30 a.m.
Word & Sacrament



August 10

9:30 a.m.
Service of the Word

August 17

9:30 a.m.
Word & Sacrament



August 24

9:30 a.m.
Service of the Word

August 31

9:30 a.m.
Service of the Word

“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.”



August's Greeters...

Date	9:30 am
August 3	The Klooster Family
August 10	Fred Sach
August 17	Naydeen Marino
August 24	Marie Schall
August 31	Bertha Drake

Greetings from the Evangelism & Parish Life Committees!

Thank you to all who helped and attended Craft Night! A special thanks goes out to Janet Francesconi who organizes our kitchen and Jerilyn Iacono for providing wonderful music and a craft!

All are invited to **"Game Day"** on **Saturday, September 13th from 12:00 to 2:00**. Please come for fellowship, food, and games. This is a community outreach event and we also need help with; donations of food for the goody table, and help with the games and food. Anyone who would like to help may sign up in the back of the church or call Sally Breingan at (610) 544-8256.

Committee Members: Barbara Cerbus, Ginny Flatau, Janet Francesconi, Jean Larson, Pat Reuss, Anita Abt, Joseph Troyan, Marge Troyan, and Sally Breingan.

Community Outreach

Don't forget to send us your Community Outreach stories.

If you have a Community Outreach story please submit it to laynegraff@produpe.com.

*In His Service,
Layne Graff, Communications*

"Defend the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and needy.
Deliver the poor and needy;
Free them from the hand of the wicked"

Psalm 82:3-4



Wednesday,
August 20, 2008
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

COST: \$30.00 per person
(a savings of \$20.00)
St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Each year an estimated 166,000 lives are claimed by sudden cardiac arrest. That's about 455 people each day. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after a sudden cardiac arrest can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival. Take the opportunity to learn CPR and how to use an AED. You could be a lifesaver.

Jill A. Schott, MS is an American Heart Association Certified BLS Instructor. You will receive a two year certification in First Aid and Adult/Child CPR from the American Heart Association. Class size is limited so register today - sign up sheet can be found in the back of the church.

We Need Your Help!

We need someone to rework our website and maintain it on a monthly basis. Anyone interested please contact Layne Graff at laynegraff@produpe.com or 610-362-1163.

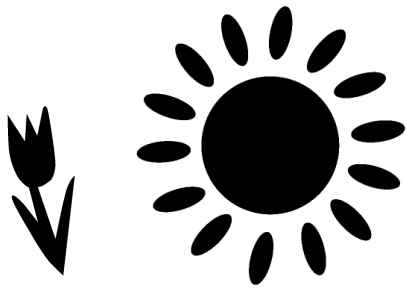
*In His Service,
Layne Graff*

Christian Education

There was a successful vacation bible school held in June. The staff and the kids both had fun. We excitedly await the soon start of Sunday school as the summer draws to a close. This year we will again sponsor Ellie Carter, the young girl from the Lnez School in rural Kentucky.



The Christian Education Committee



2008 Evenings with The Bishop:

- 9/15 Central Philadelphia Conferene at Emanuel, Philadelphia
- 9/16 North East Philadelphia Conference at St. John, Mayfair
- 9/25 Lower Bucks Conference at St. Paul, Doylestown
- 9/29 Chester County Conference at Calvary, West Chester
- 10/13 NW Olney, Philadelphia Conference at St. Michael's Philadelphia (Germantown)
- 10/14 Upper Bucks County Conference Trinity, Pleasant Valley
- 10/22 Upper Montgomery County Conferenc at New Hanover, Gilbertsville
- 10/23 Lower Montgomery County Conference at St. Peter, Lafayette Hill
- 10/29 Delaware County Conference at Holy Spirit, Secane

News from Mission Investment Fund

Providing additional flexibility to investors, the Mission Investment Fund is now offering a one-year, fixed-rate MissionTermSelect term investment. Through July, the investment has a 3.0% APR and a 3.03% APY. The minimum investment is \$100. When invested in the Mission Investment Fund, your funds earn interest as they help to build and renovate ELCA ministries. Not only individuals may invest in the fund. So too may ELCA congregations and related ministries. For more information or to purchase an investment, contact Pr. Mark Wimmer: 267-203-1137 or via email. For questions related to building concerns, contact building consultant Jeff Spann: 973.625.2568

Thrivent Financial to Fund Lutheran Efforts for Midwest Flood Relief

A Minneapolis, faith-based membership financial organization, has announced a plan to generate \$1.5 million to aid flood-affected areas in Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin. Thrivent Financial hopes to collect \$1 million in donations and fundraising by chapter members and will add the remaining \$500,000 from organization fundraising efforts.

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is asking members and others from around the nation to form local service teams to collect or raise funds for Midwest flooding disaster relief efforts, according to the organization's Web site. For every two dollars raised by Thrivent chapter service teams, Thrivent plans to provide an additional dollar, up to a total of \$250,000. Thrivent is also planning to commit an additional \$250,000 for regions directly affected by the flooding.

95 Years Young

Our congregation this year is celebrating the 95th anniversary of our founding and incorporation. Throughout the year various speakers from community social organizations, as well as Synod, will be speaking at our worship services.

- **Aug. 17** Jill Davis, City Team Ministry
- **Sept. 21** Rev. Bernice Waren, Chester East Side Ministry
- **Oct. 12** Susan Pursch, Liberty Lutheran
- **Nov. 9** Pastor Serena Sellers, Asst. to the Bishop
- **Dec. 21** Bishop Claire Burkat

In September we will be starting a list of 95 ministries and we ask each of you to sign for ministries you've been involved in, or would like to see happen.

On November 9th a worship celebration and luncheon will be held. There will be reservation forms in next month evangel. Join in! We have much to celebrate.

95th Anniversary Committee

Birthdays

1st Sasha Binder
 2nd Michael Doggett
 3rd Austin Dwyer
 4th Francine Gale
 5th Madisson Klooster
 6th Zachary Miller
 Mary Robinson
 7th Breanna Robinson
 9th Ricky Lord
 Geoffrey Trout
 David Bixler
 14th Katie Bedwell
 16th Michael Quinlan
 17th Janet Francesconi
 Brenden Gale
 18th Amanda Moser
 Sam Jones



19th Kathleen McDonald
 20th Lauren Hickey
 Jennifer Nevin
 22nd Charles Couwels
 24th Keira Wagner
 25th Ruth Martin
 Catherine Lynam
 Celestina Nwagbaraji
 26th Sally Wood
 28th Ashleigh Robinson
 29th Dot Ellis
 30th Phyllis Clymer
 Tyler Petka
 31st Jim P. Lynam

1st Jim & Janet Lincoln (32)
 7th Ron & Michelle Nevin (9)
 29th John & Jerilyn Iacono (21)
 Ray & Leslie Schott (5)

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. Fran Hutton
 263 Glen Riddle Rd.
 Room 117
 Media PA 19063

Mr. Ira Schott
 1700 Wynwood Drive
 Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

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. Julie Surotchak
 1045 10th Ave.
 Folsom PA 19033

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

St. Matthew Info...

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Mon. - Thurs. 12:00 to 3:00 pm

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



Evangel Articles

September Evangel articles are due by August 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

Anne Iacono
 Arlene Bixler
 Ben Betty
 Calise

Ava Wenclawiak
 Bette McGarry
 Betsy Facht
 Bill McCarthey
 Cherry
 Chris
 Chris Staico
 Christy Yohe
 David Brssard
 Dave Covell
 Dawn Rodriguez
 Dean Smeins
 Dennis Porter
 Diane Schade

Ed Hoffman
 Elaine Skellan
 Ellie Fritsch
 Ethel Thomas
 Frank Fred C.
 Greg
 Gina
 Helen
 Helen Klooster
 Irene Schad
 Jake
 James Stanton
 Jean
 Jean Marlin
 Jim Simon
 Joanne Ryan
 Joan
 Joe
 John
 John Campbell

John Sassano
 Kathie Reyher
 Keith Bedwell
 Kim
 Laura
 Lee Krah
 Linda
 Liz Chaffin
 Loretta
 Marge McGoldrick
 Martha Creighton
 Mary
 Mary Lee Bonas
 Mary Black & Family
 Matthew Schade
 Michael Schmitt
 Minnie Williams
 Mr. Kenig
 Nadine Simon
 Nancy Kalbach

Noah Sharp
 Pat Powell
 Paul
 Pastor John Stenberg
 Raquel Baskin
 Ruth
 Ruth & Sam Fanelli
 Sally Fernandez
 Sara
 Shorty Schott
 Steven Bradley
 Steven Lincoln
 Susan Maxwell
 Theresa
 Trevor Jenkins
 Tyree
 Vicki & Keith Dawson
 William Wright
 The Youngberg Family

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 Air Force
 Kevin Lynch
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 Jacob Johnson
 Marines in Iraq
 Todd Nelms
 James Nelms
 David Kostyk Iraq
 Eric Hofmeister

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 Tige Everson
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