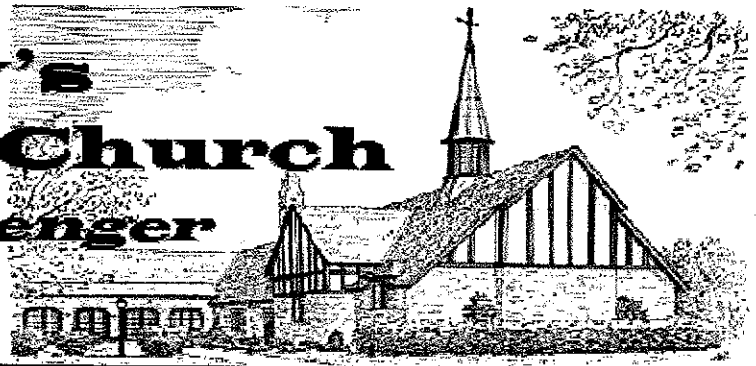


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Phillips Brooks

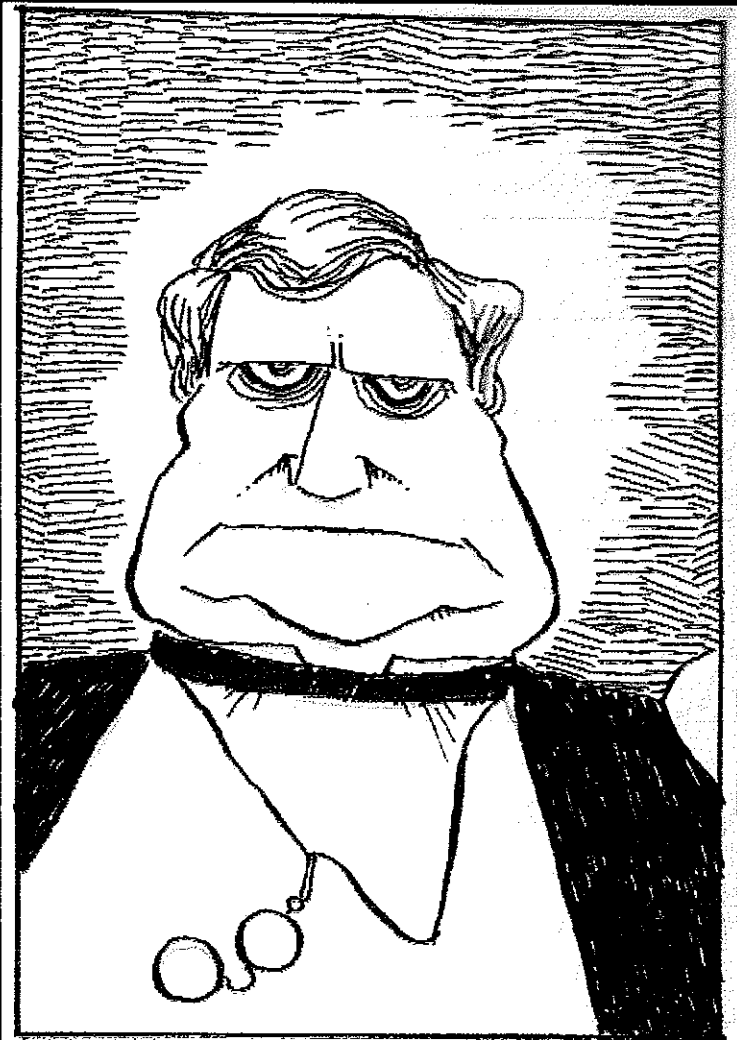
Other denominations have reputations for valuing fiery preaching, inspirational sermons, powerful homiletics. Not the Episcopalians, though.....*right?*

No! Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts in the 1880's and '90's', represents an ongoing tradition of dedication to turning peoples hearts to the revelations of God through oratory.

He was famous for rejecting mediocre sermonizing - "*Only fire starts fire!*" he famously said.

When he wasn't preaching, he wrote hymns, most famously, "O Little Town of Bethlehem".

Saint Day - January 23rd.



Each month the Messenger will feature a drawing by Fr. Steve of someone from Lesser Feasts and Fasts. He thinks people should know more about those names on the Anglican calendar, and what better way than a drawing with a brief description? If you collect all of them and put them on card stock, you will have a set of Anglican Trading Cards, and will be the envy of everybody in your deanery!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *African-American History Month
- *Boy Scout Sunday, February 5, 2012
- *Valentine's Day, February 14, 2012
- *Transfiguration of Our Lord,
February 19, 2012
- *Presidents Day, February 20, 2012
- *Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The upcoming Altar Guild meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 11th at 9 am.

Our hostesses will be Jan Cutshall, Kerry Augustine, and Georgia Davis. The Altar Guild plans to host the parish breakfast on February 19th.

Our schedule for February and March Altar duty:

Jan. 30-Feb 12 Heather Bauer, Georgia Davis, Kerry Augustine

Feb 13-Feb 26 Colleen Atwater, Evelyn Conrad, and Debbie Bills

Feb 27-Mar 11 Sheila Brown, Becky Wilson, and Bonnie Engelhardt

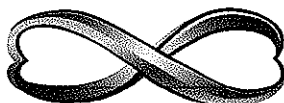
Mar 12-Mar 25 Mary Jorgensen, Carol Jensen, and Meredith McGowan

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Women of Faith will meet on **Thursday, February 9 at 7 PM** at the home of Pat Shafer, 2545 Van Dorn. Janet Squires will be sharing with the group some of the ideas contained in the book, "Unbindin the Gospel".

All women of the parish are invited to join us at any time.



Love Never Ends

Come Sing With Us

Lent is approaching and during Lent the vocal choir will be singing some of its most beautiful anthems. It could be a very rewarding Lenten activity to join the choir and sing with us.

I have been very pleased to learn that members of the choir are like me in that they often find themselves thinking of and humming the anthems as they go through the day. It adds a special dimension to living to have beautiful music unexpectedly come into one's mind.



The vocal choir is always happy to welcome new members – at all times of the year.

Molly Esseks

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild will hold their February meeting following the 10:30 service on Sunday, **February 12th**. Members will bring sack lunches and a brief business meeting will take place.

In March, we will return to our regular **Thursday night slot at 7:00 P.M. on March 1st**. We will meet in the Stilwell Library, unless bad weather sets in.

In case anyone failed to pick up one of our 2011 angel ornaments, we have a few left over. We are also getting down to our last two dozen copies of our "old" white cookbook (after 10 years!). If anyone needs either of these items, or wants our newer breakfast cookbook, talk to Becky Wilson, Sheila Brown, or Bonnie Engelhardt (or any other guild member). Interested in joining a guild??? Try us!!

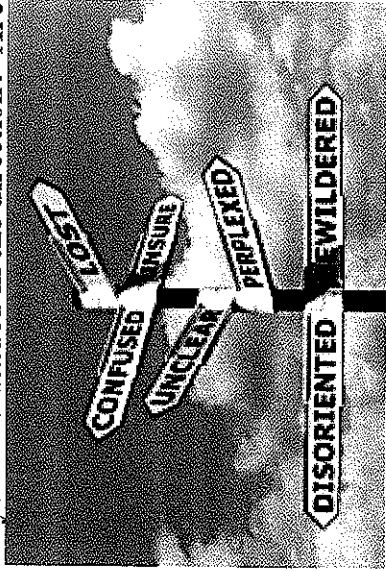
Bonnie Engelhardt, President

ST. ANNE' GUILD

St. Anne's Guild will meet on **Wednesday, February 8 at 11 AM** in the Stilwell Library at the church. After our business meeting and a short meditation, we will attend the noon Eucharist together. After the service we will adjourn to a local restaurant for lunch. All women of the parish are welcome to join us at any time.

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the work of St. Anne's by purchasing pecans and baked goods during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

Is your life headed in the direction? Are you on the right path? Do you need to stop and get directions? Just a thought ponder as Lent rolls around the corner.



HOLY HUMOR

The husband attended church service by himself because his wife was sick. When she asked how service was, he responded, "GOOD"; then she asked about the music. His response again was "GOOD". She then asked about attendance, and, again, without hesitation, his response was "GOOD". Finally, she asked, "what was the topic of the sermon?", and his response was "THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD COMMUNICATION. *Hahaha*

86,400 — What does this number mean?



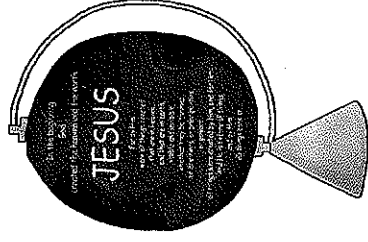
This is the number of seconds in a day, and the number of times we have the opportunity to THANK GOD for the countless blessings we receive each and everyday; for the BIG things; for the LITTLE things; for JOYFUL times, for PEACEFUL times. WE THANK YOU for giving us so much...for family, friends, food, and shelter;

for your grace, your mercy, your SON, and your divine love. In everything give THANKS for this is the will of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

86,400 opportunities a day.

CREATION

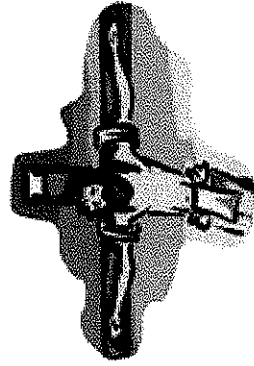


Urgent Need for Blood Donors

Governor Dave Heineman has joined other governors from across the nation in proclaiming January as National Blood Donor Month. The Nebraska Community Blood Bank (NCBB) has issued an urgent appeal for blood donors. All blood types are needed; especially O (positive and negative), A (positive) and B (positive).

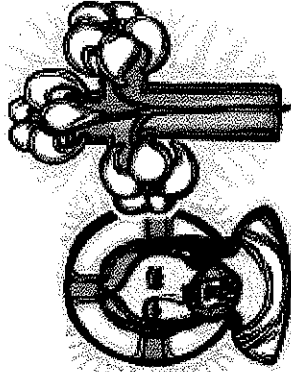
When is Lent?

Lent is the forty days before Easter. Christians do not include Sundays in the forty days because they celebrate Jesus' resurrection every Sunday. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday.



What is Lent?

Lent is an important season in the Church's year. Every year Christians use Lent to prepare themselves for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, on Easter Sunday.



Blood transfusion orders are exceeding donations. The need for blood has not taken a holiday and blood donors are urgently needed. Currently, the community's blood supply is at less than 50 percent of normal.

"Blood donors give, not only blood, but hope to critically ill patients. They are behind the scenes making miracles happen," noted Phyllis Ericson, CEO.

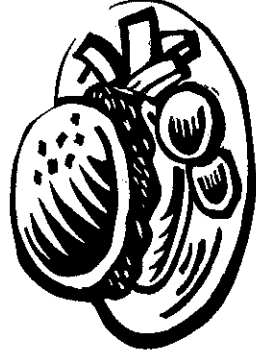
To make an appointment or to learn more, visit www.NCBB.org or call 877-486-9414.

FAT SUNDAY

Sunday February 19
Following the 10:30 Worship Service
\$7.00 for adults
\$4.00 for children under 10

New Orleans celebrates Mardi Gras
St. Matthew's celebrates Sabbat Gras

Sabbat gras (**Fat Sunday**) is the term coined by Bishop Barker for a state-wide diocesan ministries fund-raiser. Since it falls on February 19, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, it becomes a great way to prepare for Lent.



We will be serving sloppy Joes, chips, and Build Your Own Fat Sundaes following the 10:30 worship service.

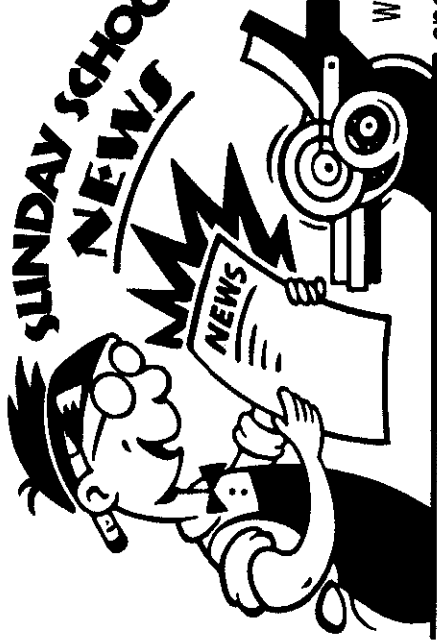


If your Lenten discipline includes giving up chocolate, desserts, or any favorite food, here is your chance to donate to a great cause while enjoying good food and fun with friends on February 19.

Tickets will be sold after each Sunday service or by contacting Paula Jones (402-476-4820) or the church office. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 10.

The bishop is asking for 100% participation by all parishes and we are looking forward to this event at St. Matthew's. If you are unable to join us for Fat Sundaes you may make a donation designated for Fat Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

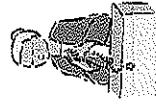


Sunday School Spring News:

We will be making and delivering Valentines on February 12th. Interested kids and families will meet at 9:30 (15 min early) to make cards and get delivery instructions.

- Kids have been making counter-top compost bins. We are going to sell them and purchase a compost bin for St. Matthew's. Details forthcoming.
- We will be starting seeds for our Mother's Day plant sale! More info to come. Tell Heather Hesse if you're interested in helping with this project.
- There is no Sunday School Easter Sunday
- Our Lenten Unit involves a service project for Haiti. Please support our efforts and bring you loose change and pennies to church during Lent.
- The last Sunday School rotation is May 6. May 13th we will host the Mother's Day plant sale and May 13 we will have an end-of-year celebration. Watch for more news on that!
- We are looking for committee members on Christian Education and Spiritscape. Contact the church office or Heather Hesse if interested.
- Spiritscape update next month! Donations are still needed. We are over half complete. We will have a spring clean-up with the neighborhood and need to put together some lumber. Contact Heather Hesse!

For ALL of this info, you can contact Heather Hesse at: hessheather@gmail.com



SPIRITUAL LIFE

During Lent, St. Matthew's will host a Quiet Morning and, Stations of The Cross will be read, weekly.

Deadline

**For March Bulletin Is
FEBRUARY 15**

Sign up on this page!

You can email this information to hesseheather@gmail.com or you can drop it at the office at St. Matthew's, or mail it to: St. Matthew's Church, attn: Heather Hesse; 2325 South 24th St., Lincoln, NE, 68502

February 12, 19, 26, March 4 –When Jesus was a Child

- ____ **COMPUTER:** Talk about Jewish faith celebrations and the importance of the Temple
- ____ **STORY:** Hear stories. Trace our bodies. Talk about how we grow, like Jesus did, and through him spiritually.

March 11, 18, 25, April 1 –Hurting Hearts and Helping Hands

- ____ **ART:** Making Bookmarks
- ____ **Communication:** Research details about Haiti and create cards to encourage and comfort people in Haiti.
- ____ **OUTREACH:** Pennies from Heaven campaign
- ____ **KITCHEN:** Bake real cookies and make mud cookies

April 15, 22, 29, May 6 –The Good Shepherd

- ____ **ART:** Multi-class diorama
- ____ **DRAMA:** Outdoor obstacle course and Scavenger hunt
- ____ **STORY:** Learning/memorizing Psalm 23
- ____ **KITCHEN:** Shepherd staff pretzels and donut hole sheep

Contact Information: (Name, phone/email, best way to contact you)



February Birthdays
for St. Matthew's
Parish Family

Feb 4 Margie McClain; Michael Jess

Feb 6 Dorothy Dericks; Carol Jess

Feb 7 Margaret Chevront; Andrea Jay

Feb 8 Larry Weyer; Trenton Hays

Feb 9 Linda Rabbe

Feb 10 Patty Hohenstein; Samuel Elwood

Feb 11 Jennifer Hatfield; Josh Ames

Feb 12 Milda Vaitkus; Susy Miller; Pam Eby

Feb 13 Kurt Jaeger

Feb 14 Tony Woods; Colleen Atwater; Lynne
Hedderich; Barb Chapin

Feb 15 Jo Darrington

Feb 17 Renee Lutz; Cathy Rustermier; Mike
Weseman

Feb 20 Rosemary Esseks; Noah Kroeze

Feb 21 Jacob Cover

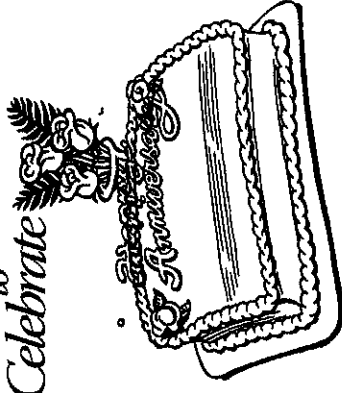
Feb 22 Sheila Brown; Rick Lacher; Josh Hays

Feb 25 Barbara Woodbeck; Shawna Hays

Feb 26 Rod Kriz

Feb 28 Livia Holbert

Anniversaries to Celebrate



The month of February has the reputation of being the month of romance. And this month, we have 4 special people celebrating their anniversary on Valentine's Day, and 4 special couples celebrating their special day during this month of romance. May you all Live your life to its full-est - Laugh at all the things that don't matter - and Love each other with all your heart. These special couples are:

2-14 Barb and Rick Lacher

2-14 Debra and Jeffrey Sneller

2-17 Heather and Kipper Hesse

2-23 Carol and Darrell Jensen

Monthly Hygiene
Theme For
February

*Liquid soaps and shampoos in
honor of Valentine's Day*

Community Mental
Health Center

Please put your contribution in the
plastic storage bin near the
office.

THE VALUE OF COMPOSTING AND HOW TO DO IT

Curious recently about "composting," I naturally plugged "the term" into my favorite search engine, and what do you know? Among about a million on the subject, just sitting out there on the web, I found a link to the EPA and conservation of resources. Amazing!

[Http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservation/composting/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservation/composting/index.htm)

As they point out, "Yard trimmings and food residuals together constitute 27 percent of the US municipal solid waste stream...Composting offers the obvious benefits of resource efficiency and creating a useful product from organic waste that would otherwise have been landfilled"

Let's assume a do-It-yourself compost project is simple, easy, beneficial and possibly even profitable, even if you're not a kid or don't have one to motivate you. Tons of resources can guide you how to avoid having tons of unnecessary waste material in the landfill. Instead, you could be diverting and converting your peels and grounds, leaves and clippings into a great source of nourishment for your garden, and maybe even for you.

Here's an idea from the EPA site:

"Build Your Own Indoor Bin

1. Drill ½-inch diameter holes in the bottom and sides of a plastic garbage can.
2. Place a brick in the bottom of a larger garbage can, surround the brick with a layer of wood chips or soil, and place the smaller can inside on top of the brick.
3. Wrap insulation around the outer can to keep the compost warm and cover the cans with a lid.

Remember to tend your pile and keep track of what you throw in. A properly managed compost bin will not attract pests or rodents and will not smell bad. Your composty should be ready in 2 to 5 weeks."

The EPA site warns: "Compost, however, should not be used as potting soil for houseplants because of the presence of weed and grass seeds."

At the EPA site you may even learn about what your heap can live without. Certain materials can be counterproductive in composting, attracting pests, creating odors, releasing harmful chemicals and spreading pests or diseases between plants. Check into this before starting.

BTW! The kids at St. Matt's are doing a fund raiser involving a project on constructing counter-top composting bins to sell, made from used coffee canisters. Please bring your empties and leave them in the Resource Room for them.

The month ended December 31, 2011

	Month Actual	Month - Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Better / (Worse)
INCOME					
Plate	2,868	500	6,692	6,000	692
Non-Pledging	4,717	1,334	15,198	16,000	(802)
Pledges	22,823	25,253	272,673	303,069	(30,396)
Endowment Fund Draw	1,863	1,863	28,500	20,000	8,500
Other	1,393	282	4,051	3,100	951
Total Income	31,801	29,012	327,114	348,169	(21,055)
EXPENSES					
Building & Grounds	4,215	7,645	70,215	71,711	1,496
Outreach	3,820	4,413	50,078	53,000	2,922
Worship/Program	10,572	11,338	138,115	137,153	(962)
Youth/Children Ministries	25	674	4,659	8,000	3,341
Administrative	9,514	5,897	70,998	75,922	4,924
Total Expenses	28,146	29,967	334,065	345,786	11,721
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	3,655	(955)	(6,951)	2,383	(9,334)

Our condolences to the family of Joyce E. Badami.
May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead.

Joyce was born April 14, 1937 in Lincoln to Dr. R. J. and Irene (Schapers) Brigham; and died Thursday, January 5th, 2012 at the age of 74. Memorial services were held on Saturday January 14th, 2012 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with Fr. Gavin officiating and interment in St. Matthew's Church Columbarium.

Joyce retired a teacher from Lincoln Public Schools (Mickle Jr. High). She was an active member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. She and her husband Joe joined St. Matthew's February 20, 1959. Other interests include Junior League, PEO Chapter CS, Chi Omega Sorority, Sheldon Art Association, Docent, Colonial Dames and Medici.

Family members include husband, Joseph; son, daughter-in-law, John P. and Brenda Badami, Lincoln; daughter, son-in-law, Ann E. and Michael Williams, Mendota Heights, Minn.; grandchildren, Andrew and Olivia Badami, Lincoln, Brigham and Graham Williams, Mendota Heights, Minn.; nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents; brother, Richard; sisters, Beth King and Shirley Schlaebitz.

January 18, 2012

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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On behalf of the Irving families who received a generous Holiday basket of food, we thank you. Your efforts to help us are sincerely appreciated.

Each Christmas season seems to be more challenging than the last. The partnership between St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Irving Middle School is special, as well as unique. We believe in helping families celebrate a season that gives each of us hope. It is through your generous support and inviting hospitality, we feel helps folks feel welcome in your church and this neighborhood. Parents appreciate the chance to have a nice meal and be together. It is in this spirit of brotherhood; we thank you and look forward to another year of cooperation.

May the spirit of this season warm your hearts all year long.

Sincerely,



Hugh McDermott, Principal



Jan Krien, Counselor

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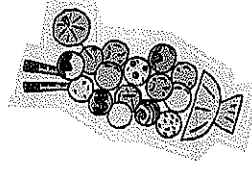
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



FAT SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 19TH

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

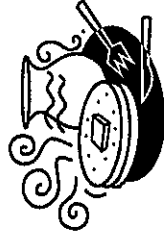
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

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Ash Wednesday Services

12:00 noon & 6 p.m.

Sunday's

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Rite I

8:45 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Adult Education

9:45 a.m. Church School

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Rite II

Child Care provided 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday

12:00 noon Holy Eucharist — Chapel

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist — Chapel