

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Henry VIII

Everyone knows that Henry formed the Anglican church so he could divorce his first wife, Katharine of Aragon, and marry Anne Boleyn.

Less well known was Henry's earlier distaste for the Reformation: he had William Tyndale, the great Bible translator, captured and burned at the stake. This earned him the title "Defender of the Faith", given him by the pope.

His father had in-tended that he become Arch-bishop of Canterbury, which might have resulted in fewer executions.



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

- *New Year's Day, January 1, 2012
- *Epiphany, January 6, 2012
- *Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2012
- *Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday Observance, January 16, 2012
- *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2012

St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild members would like to thank everyone who purchased the angel ornaments or cookbooks this Holiday Season. As a money-making project, we will continue to sell cookbooks upon request. They make wonderful gifts all year round. Again, thank you all for your support.

Our January meeting will be held January 8th, following the 10:30 service. We will share lunch and have a short business meeting. New attendees are always welcome!!

Officers for 2012 were elected as follows:
President, Bonnie Engelhardt; Vice President, Becky Wilson; Secretary, Susan Weseman; Treasurer, Harriett Jay

A thought for the New Year:
Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith.

(A quote from Henry Ward Beecher)

Women of Faith

We will hold our monthly meeting on Thursday, January 12th at 7 PM at the home of Pat Shafer at 2545 Van Dorn.

St Anne's Guild

Our meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 11 AM in the Stillwell Library. Soup luncheon at the church following the noon Eucharist. New members are always welcome!

Que Pasa en el Colegio January 2012

The students in our schools have been on Christmas vacation since December 12th. Just as in Nebraska, they enjoy the time off to celebrate both the religious and the secular Christmas seasons. They will return shortly after 3 Kings day, January 6th, which is when the Magi bring them their presents. Santa's sleigh doesn't travel where there is no snow!

Children's Sunday School Resumes Sunday, January 15th!

Thank you to all who helped make the Christmas Pageant a success. Please check the website for pictures!

How can you help support Children's Christian Education?

Do you enjoy crafts? Computers? Gardening/ planting? Building? Baking?

In **January**, we will revisit creation. Our focus is that life, in all its forms, is a gift from God – worthy to be celebrated and cared for. Come help us plant paperwhites, paint recycling cans, and learn about God's creation.

In **February**, we will focus on What Jesus' life was like as a child. We will build our own temples -- with wood and graham crackers (separately, of course.) We will also talk about how we all grow in all ways, with God.

We will have a **Lenten unit**, and finish out the year in **April and May with Jesus as The Good Shepherd**.

Check the Workshop Cycles bulletin board and sign up to help teach. Everything is provided for you



Psalm 37:5, NRSV

Outreach Committee

We would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to the members of St. Matthew's. Your generosity warms our hearts and the hearts of the Lincoln community.

*When we asked for help with holiday baskets for Prescott and Irving, you responded with grand enthusiasm.

*When we asked for hats, scarves, mittens, socks and coats for the Mitten Tree project, you responded with so many warm articles of clothing.

*When we asked you to 'Stuff the Closet', you responded, as you do every month, with many sacks of groceries.

You have helped to make the holiday season a little brighter for many Lincoln residents with warm food and warm clothing.

Thank you, St. Matthew's!

The next **Outreach Committee meeting** will be **January 10 in the church library.**

We welcome you and your ideas!

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The Altar Guild will not meet in January. Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, February 11th, 9 am.

Our schedule for January and February duty:

Jan. 2-15

Laura Kroeze, Joan Riest, Mollie Baldwin

Jan. 16-29

Holly Barie, Paula Jones, Jan Cut-shall

Jan. 30-Feb 12

Heather Bauer, Marcia Stewart

Feb. 13-26

Colleen Atwater, Ev Conrad, Debbie Bills

Feb. 27-Mar 11

Sheila Brown, Becky Wilson, Bonnie Engelhardt

*So I'll bow down to worship the humblest of Kings and
I'll bring him the best that I have;
I'll say that I love him, and that I am his, and I'll give
him the throne of my heart, I'll give him the throne of
my heart.*

- From What Kind of Throne by Joel Payne

The month ended November 30, 2011

	<u>Month Actual</u>	<u>Month - Budget</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Actual</u>	<u>Year-to-Date Budget</u>	<u>Better / (Worse)</u>
INCOME					
Plate	381	500	3,825	5,500	(1,675)
Non-Pledging	1,416	1,333	10,481	14,666	(4,185)
Pledges	17,828	25,256	249,849	277,816	(27,967)
Endowment Fund Draw	8,000	1,667	28,500	18,337	10,163
Other	50	258	2,658	2,838	(180)
Total Income	27,675	29,014	295,313	319,157	(23,844)
EXPENSES					
Building & Grounds	7,045	4,948	65,992	64,066	(1,926)
Outreach	4,125	4,417	46,258	48,587	2,329
Worship/Program	12,948	11,344	126,535	125,815	(720)
Youth/Children Ministries	686	666	4,404	7,326	2,922
Administrative	6,470	5,883	61,452	70,025	8,573
Total Expenses	31,274	27,258	304,641	315,819	11,178
TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(3,599)	1,756	(9,328)	3,338	(12,666)

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Worse than budget (---)

Better then budget ---

Please see Scott Miller or Mary Jorgensen if you have any questions.

2012 Annual Parish Meeting - January 22nd

NOTICE

All Committees/Guilds/Ministry Groups are asked to submit their Annual Report for 2011 to the Parish Office.

Deadline for reports is Monday, January 16th.

Vestry Candidates

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of this year's Nominating Committee, we actually had more nominations than slots to fill. Our thanks to all who were nominated. It's a healthy sign of the vibrance of our parish that we actually had so many volunteers willing to serve if elected.

Biographies of nominees appeared in the December issue of *The Messenger*. The slate of candidates is as follows:

Senior Warden - Mike Parish
Junior Warden - Doug Woodbeck

Member - Kipper Hesse
Member - Autumn Jay
Member - Susy Miller

Retiring Vestry members are:
Georgia Davis, Scott Miller
Marcia Muetting and Carrie Petr

Delegates to 2012 Annual Council

In addition to elections of Vestry Candidates, it is also part of the business of the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting to elect 5 delegates to represent St. Matthew's at the 2012 Annual Diocesan Council in November, to be held at St. Luke's in Kearney.

Those who have already volunteered to serve include:

Don Rabbe - delegate
Linda Rabbe - delegate
John Jones - delegate
Paula Jones - delegate
Joan Reist - delegate

Katie Kerner - alternate

If you have an interest in attending, please speak with Fr. Gavin before January 16, 2012.

Annual Parish Meeting Details

As for past few years, the Annual Meeting will begin in the Nave in conjunction with the 10:30 a.m. Service. There will still be a 5:00 p.m. Service on Saturday evening, and a 8:00 a.m. Service on Sunday as regularly scheduled. Please note that in order to vote in the elections for Vestry and Delegates to Annual Council requires your presence at the Annual Meeting. Following the conclusion of our worship, the Annual Meeting will conclude with a brief business meeting and a **Potluck Dinner** in Allington Hall, hosted by St. Mary's Guild. The main course, ham, and drinks will be provided. **Please bring a casserole, dessert or salad.**

A "Green Tip"

(Episcopalians Go Green (EGG):

The following is excerpted from an article on the Institute Of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) NEWS website, dated December 14, 2012

"Remember, Landscaping is for the Birds, Too"

What does a bird need? In terms of food, having spring-ripening fruits like cherry and serviceberry nearby can help them carry on the demanding job of feeding their young. Birds that don't migrate south need food sources that remain accessible in winter when the ground is covered with snow, so ones that have persistent fruit are important food supplies. Leaving perennials and grasses standing through the winter offers plentiful seedheads. You can also put out a birdfeeder to offer additional seeds, food scraps and/or suet to help provide the high fat and energy content foods they need to maintain high metabolic rates and generate body heat.

Since birds native to this area are perfectly suited to plants native to the same region, native plants are excellent choices. Exotics like buckthorn and Japanese honeysuckle may offer abundant fruit in one season but they can crowd out natives that offer the much more diverse mix of plants and subsequent insects that birds need. Some of the best native woody food sources include: chokecherry, chokeberry, dogwood, hackberry, juniper, maple, oak, serviceberry, sumac and viburnum.

Read more online at:
<http://ianrnews.unl.edu/static/1212140.shtml>

"Green Tips" will be featured each month.

Please submit ideas to EGG
c/o Mike Floyd
michael.b.floyd@gmail.com

EGG MEETING

January 15, 2012 following the 10:30 am service. All are invited to attend.

Music Notes

The Vocal Choir warmly invites all who enjoy singing to join them throughout the year. If you like to sing, you do not have to have any experience of being in a choir before – and it is not necessary to know how to read music to sing. There are some well known professional singers who do not know how to read music.

St. Augustine said: "The person who sings prays twice."

Monthly Hygiene
Theme For
JANUARY

*Pleasantly scented items in honor
of The Magi's gifts.*

Community Mental
Health Center

Please put your contribu-
tion in the plastic storage
bin near the
office.



Personal
Products

5-FINGER PRAYER

- 1) Since your thumb is nearest you, begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you, as they are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones, as C.S Lewis once said, "is a sweet duty".
- 2) The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, ministers etc. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
- 3) The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the President, no matter how you voted; business leaders and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
- 4) The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprisingly, this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night.
- 5) And lastly comes our little finger the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. After praying for others needs you will be able to pray for yourself.



ONCE UPON A STAR was the title for this year's **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** and these young cast members conducted a shining performance. Thanks to Heather Hesse, Liz Bernt, Denise Purtzer and all of their many helpers. The kids were great in offering their musical talents which made for an enjoyable evening. What a wonderful way to start to the countdown to Christmas! God bless us, one and all!!



Each one a precious angel



Mary, Joseph and the "good" Innkeeper



Mary and her entourage of shepherds



The Wise Men explain their gifts for Baby Jesus

Every family has atleast one black sheep



The photo features Margaret seated in the recliner, and Anne sitting beside her, surrounded by family.

Margaret Lorenzen celebrated her 90th Birthday with a fabulous party, graced with friends, neighbors and relatives, all stopping by to be a part of her **BIG SURPRISE**. The song "**Somewhere Over the Rainbow**" was personally sung to her as a special tribute from Anne Bremer, who is the Activities Director at Tabitha. Anne sang that song at some event several years ago and Margaret has loved it ever since, so much in fact, that she even wants Anne to sing it at her funeral. Everyone sat in a circle and Anne stood and sang directly to Margaret. That was her favorite gift, no doubt about it!! What a special day for a special lady!!

From all of us at St. Matthew's, we wish MARGARET a year filled with blessings.

Ha Ha Ha!



This is the
Reaction I get
when I mention

**NEW YEAR
RESOLUTIONS**

**But I resolve to make
this year different!!**

New Year—New Thought to Ponder

While hiking in the wilderness, it's easy to get lost. Therefore, it's always a good idea to keep one eye on the path and one eye on the one who is leading. What are your eyes focused on for this **2012 New Year?**

Look for guidance from our Savior—follow with your heart as well as your deeds—and be careful of your footing as you go.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Bountiful New Year.



Helen with the Lake St. Senior Center Director.



Helen with grand-daughter Jennifer and her great-granddaughter Lucy.



Helen has been a member of St. Matthew's for the past 22 years, and a member of the St. Anne's Guild for the same period of time. Church friends helped celebrate her special day.

From all of us at St. Matthew's, we wish HELEN a year filled with special blessings. God Bless!!

Helen Rokeby celebrated her 90th Birthday with a party hosted by her son Bob, her grand-daughter Jennifer, and her two great Grandchildren Max (7 years old) and Lucy (2 years old) who, I am sure, assisted with cake and ice-cream eating.

When asked "what advise do you have for other members of St. Matthew's for living a long and prosperous life", her response was, "**Be cheerful, and live each day being the best you can be**".

Sounds like good advice for everyone.

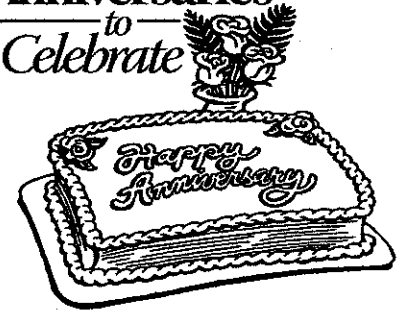


JANUARY Birthdays

May you have all the joy your heart can hold, all the smiles a day can bring, all the blessings a life can unfold, and may you have God's blessing in everything. Wishing all of you a Happy Birthday.

January 1	Dean Belka, Scott Miller
January 2	Jacob Loos
January 4	Robert Snow
January 6	Steven Dosskey
January 7	Fran Rouzee
January 8	William Wiese
January 9	Kyle Kubik, Helayna Bernt
January 10	Lynn Bills
January 11	Angela Jaeger
January 13	Gabrielle Lacher, Adrian Vavala
January 14	Mike Parish
January 15	Cole Homer
January 16	Matt Holscher
January 18	Lucy Winter
January 20	Linda Maly, Hailey Kubik
January 21	Jim Ganser
January 22	Dan Anderson
January 23	Miles Maly
January 24	Winnie Brady
January 25	Pat Ward, James Wasser, Tammy Rudder
January 26	Tim Lutz, Wally Mason

Anniversaries to Celebrate



January Anniversaries

Wishing these two special couples a very Happy Anniversary!

January 6	Lloyd & Mandy Haight
January 25	Adrian & Naomi Harris

Thoughts to Ponder...

- * Why does the sun lighten our hair, but darken our skin?
- * Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- * Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, while dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?



Deadline
For February Messenger
JANUARY 15

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January 2012

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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26	27	28	29			



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30a Holy Eucharist	2 5:00p Yoga 7:00p AA 8:00p AA	3 6:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA	4 12:00p Holy Eucharist 7:00p Vocal Choir Rehearsal 7:00p District 22	5 7:00p Women of Faith-Pat Shafers	6 7:00p AA	7 8:00a Men's Study Group 5:00p Holy Eucharist
8 8:00a Holy Eucharist 8:45a Breakfast-St. Mary's Guild 10:30a Holy Eucharist 11:30a St. Mary's Guild Mtg & Lunch	9 5:00p Yoga 7:00p AA 8:00p AA	10 6:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA	11 11:00a St. Anne's Guild & Soup Lunch 12:00p Holy Eucharist 6:00p Dinner & Program 6:30p Rite 13 & J2A 7:00p Vocal Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00p Women of Faith-Pat Shafers	13 7:00p AA	14 9:00a Alter Guild Mtg. 5:00p Holy Eucharist
15 8:00a Holy Eucharist 8:45a Breakfast 9:30a Adult Education-resumes 9:45a Church School-resumes 10:30a Holy Eucharist 11:30a EGG Committee mtg.	16 <i>Martin Luther King Holiday-Office closed</i> 6:00p No Yoga 7:00p AA 8:00p AA	17 6:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA	18 12:00p Holy Eucharist 6:00p Dinner & Program 6:30p Rite 13 & J2A 7:00p Vocal Choir Rehearsal	19 7:00p Vestry Mtg.	20 7:00p AA	21 8:00a Men's Study Group 5:00p Holy Eucharist
22 ANNUAL MEETING 8:00a Holy Eucharist 8:45a Breakfast 9:30a Adult Education 9:45a Church School 10:30a Holy Eucharist 11:30a Parish Potluck	23 5:00p Yoga 7:00p AA 8:00p AA	24 6:00p Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30p AA	25 12:00p Holy Eucharist 6:00p Dinner & Program 6:30p Rite 13 & J2A 7:00p Vocal Choir Rehearsal	26	27 7:00p AA	28 5:00p Holy Eucharist
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*Worshipping God,
proclaiming Jesus*

VESTRY

Carrie Petr *Senior Warden*
Doug Woodbeck *Junior Warden*
Scott Miller *Co-Treasurer*
Mary Jorgensen *Co-Treasurer*
Amy Schmaderer *Clerk*
Stephen Boney
Georgia Davis
Russ Inbody
John M. Jones
Katherine Kerner
Marcia Mueting
Susan Streich
Becky Wilson

Worship Schedule

January 1st – one service at 10:30 am

Church School resumes Jan. 15th

Sunday

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