



# St. Matthew's Episcopal Church MESSENGER

March 2010

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## Taking a Closer Look at Foyers

*By Amy Schmaderer*

Several years ago, some members of St. Matthew's modeled a fellowship activity that Episcopal churches are doing across the country. The program is called Foyers and consists of groups of approximately eight people who gather together monthly for a meal and fellowship. The groups meet according to their members' schedules, and often meet in one another's homes. Foyers provides a wonderful opportunity for people to get to know one another outside of our church building.

"By getting to know people through Foyers, I feel more comfort-

able with them," reports Julia McQuilian. "It allows me to feel more a part of a spiritual community now that those barriers are eliminated."



Front Row: Margaret Lorenzen, Irene LaBaron, Debbie Bills, Lorraine Cornish. Back Row: Renee Lutz, Jan Cutshall, Sue Belka

Many Foyers groups meet for one season, then re-shuffle. However, some groups continue as they were originally formed.

The group pictured has been together for longer and tries to meet for lunch about six times a year.

The beauty of Foyers is the flexibility. If you are interested in getting to know others in the church, and forming some closer connections, contact Linda Rabbe at [therabbes@inebraska.com](mailto:therabbes@inebraska.com) or 483-5528.

## Valentine's Day celebrated Inter-Generationally



This Valentine's Day the Sunday School students spent the morning preparing Valentine packages to be delivered to homebound parishioners. Families of some of the children then delivered 15 valentines to very appreciative recipients around the city. "Enriching, and rewarding" were some of the terms used to describe the experience from those who were involved. Thank you Heather Hesse for this wonderful inter-generational activity.

## Altar Guild Notes

*By Mary Jorgensen*

Our next meeting of 2010 will be March 27. We will begin at about 8:30 to polish, break for the meeting at about 9:00 and then adjourn to make palm crosses and finish polishing. Please bring your scissors to help with the palm crosses. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Altar Guild is planning our annual luncheon for current and previous members on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The current Altar Duty is posted on the St. Matthews Web Site. If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, just contact an Altar Guild member or me.

The Altar Guild Schedule for March is as follows:

Feb 22 - March 7: Stacy Emanuel, Linda Rabbe, Holly Barie

March 8 - March 21: Georgia Davis, Kerry Augustine, Heather Bauer

March 22 - March 28: Lynne Hedderich, Carrie & Anna Petr, Jan Cutshall

April 5 - April 11: Lynne Hedderich, Carrie & Anna Petr, Jan Cutshall

Hostesses for March meeting: Laura Kroeze, Paula Jones, Heather Bauer

Linens for March: Mollie Baldwin

*Grant me, I beseech thee, almighty and most merciful God, fervently to desire all things that are pleasing to thee: and of all that thou requirest me to do, grant me the knowledge, the desire, and the ability that I may so fulfill it as I ought, and my path to thee be straightforward to the end. Bestow upon me, O Lord my God, understanding to know thee, diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace thee. Amen.*

Thanks for your dedication.  
Mary Jorgensen, Directress

## ST. ANNE'S GUILD

*By Pat Shafer*

The women of St. Anne's Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 10 at 10:30 AM in the Stilwell Library at St. Mathew's. After a short business meeting, group members will attend the 11:30 AM Eucharist. Lunch will follow at The Pantry in Van Dorn Plaza.

All women of the parish are invited to participate in the activities of St. Anne's Guild for worship, fellowship, charitable works, fun and good food. All you need to do is SHOW UP!

## Coffee & Conversation

*By Pat Shafer*

Women of Faith invites all women of the parish and their friends to join us for :

**What** - Coffee and conversation

**When** - Thursday, March 11 at 7 PM

**Where** - The Mill in College View.  
(4736 Prescott Ave.)

Come for a chance to talk with other women about our faith journeys through Lent. We are very low on organization and rules and high on building relationships with other Christian women.

## ST. MARY'S GUILD

*By Bonnie Engelhardt*

St. Mary's guild will hold their March meeting on Sunday, March 14 at noon, following the 10:30 service. We will have lunch in the Stilwell Library.

Our April meeting should be back at it's normal day and time, namely the 1st Thursday (April 1) at 7:00 p.m., in the Stilwell Library.

Our annual "GARAGE SALE" is slated for April 23rd & 24th, so all of you can begin thinking about donations for this money-making project. We appreciate your participation in helping this event be a success. We will be setting up for the sale on Thursday, April 22nd, partaking of pizza at 6:00 p.m.

A box has been placed on the ledge (outside the office, by the phone) for your donations of breakfast recipes. These can be typed or hand-written -on cards or paper-we'll do the rest in compiling a recipe book of nothing but breakfast fare (breads, rolls, casseroles, fruit compotes, etc.)



St. Matthew's now has a facebook page. Just search for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, and join in the fun.

# Parish News

## Inquires' & Confirmation Class Starting

Confirmation into the Episcopal Church is an adult affirmation of the vows that were made on our behalf by our parents and godparents when we were baptized as infants.. In baptism, we became full members of the household of God and thereby heirs of God's eternal promise of everlasting life. It was also at that time, when we became participants in the sacramental life of the church, and were extended the life-renewing benefits of the sacrament of Holy Communion. Yet at some point in our spiritual journey, it is meet and right for us to express our own mature commitment to Christ, and receive the strength of the Holy Spirit through prayers and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Bishop Burnett will be making his annual visitation to St. Matthew's on May 2nd. While he is here, he will lay hands of those wishing to be confirmed. If you would like to be confirmed, learn more about the Episcopal Church, or are thinking about renewing your baptismal vows, please come to our first Inquirer's Class on Sunday, March 7th. Father Gavin will be leading this class, which will meet each Sundays during March and April. (Watch the bulletin for date and time)

If you need more information, or would like to discuss the possibility of being confirmed, please call Fr. Gavin at 435-2226 or 525-0154.

## Inmates Appreciate Inclusion

On Christmas I was blessed to take communion to the inmates in prison. During worship I asked the congregation "How would you handle a Christmas supper at Grandma's if Uncle Joe was home sick?" Some answered that they would send dinner to Uncle Joe, and some answered to tell Uncle Joe that he was missed, and that the family could not wait to see him again, and some mentioned to tell Uncle Joe that he was in their prayers.

The family at Grandma's choose a member of the family to go to be with Uncle Joe and bring him Christmas supper. With this thought in mind I told the inmates that they are Uncle Joe, and that I am cousin Cal who was sent by the family (St. Matthew's) to share this special supper with them. The congregation then asked that I tell all at St. Matthew's THANK YOU.

Calvin Nilson, Chaplain

### BIRTHDAYS

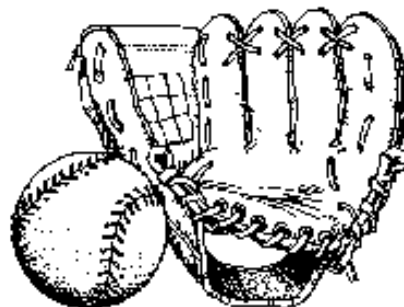
06	Bob Brown
07	Joy Crawford, Audrey Rea
10	Stacy Emanuel, Bryan Stephens, Thomas Otero
12	Carol Strieder, Jay Squires, Fiona Graybill
13	Julia McQuillan, Jackson Emanuel,
16	Ann Kamino, Nicholas Brown
18	Kerry Augustine
19	Daria Pierorazio
21	Jane Frisch, Mary Ellen Davis, Michael Floyd
22	Terry Homer
24	Jude Kroeze
25	Andrew Squires, Liesl Miller, Noah Jones, George Russell
27	Charlie Wilson
28	Laura Kroeze
31	Judy Booton, Chet McClain

### ANNIVERSARIES

08	Jim & Tekla Faust, Mike & Sheryl Homer
10	Charlie & Becky Wilson
16	Giles & Lynne Hedderich
23	Dean & Sue Belka, Chris & Stephanie Uglow
29	Josh & Ann Ames

**Are you interested in playing  
on an adult or youth  
church softball team?**

Contact Cal Nilson at 466-6146 or the church office.



# St. Matthew's Financial Snapshot as of 12/31/2009

*By Reynold McMeen*

	'10 Budget Annual	January '10 Actual	YTD '10 Actual	YTD '10 Budget	+/- Budget Difference
<b>Income</b>					
Plate	\$6,000	\$274	\$274	\$500	-\$226
Non-Pledged	\$16,000	\$895	\$895	\$1,333	-\$438
Pledged	\$283,242	\$42,213	\$42,213	\$23,604	\$18,610
Rent Income	\$3,000	\$360	\$360	\$250	\$110
Interest Income	\$300	\$2	\$2	\$25	-\$23
Miscellaneous	\$4,000	\$15	\$15	\$333	-\$318
Trust Income	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,333	<b>-\$3,333</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$352,542</b>	<b>\$43,759</b>	<b>\$43,759</b>	<b>\$29,379</b>	<b>\$14,381</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Building & Grounds	\$69,229	\$3,668	\$3,668	\$5,769	-\$2,101
Outreach	\$48,000	-\$414	-\$414	\$4,000	-\$4,414
Worship/Programs	\$134,801	\$6,821	\$6,821	\$11,233	-\$4,412
Youth Ministries	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	\$667	-\$667
Administrative	\$67,340	\$3,853	\$3,853	\$5,612	-\$1,759
Miscellaneous	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	\$350	-\$350
<b>Proj. Carry Over Loss '09&gt;</b>	<b>\$21,248</b>				
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$352,818</b>	<b>\$13,928</b>	<b>\$13,928</b>	<b>\$27,631</b>	<b>-\$13,702</b>
<b>Income - Expenses</b>	<b>-\$276</b>	<b>\$29,831</b>	<b>\$29,831</b>	<b>\$1,748</b>	

## Comments:

Although pledged income appears to be well above budgeted figures, it does reflect both year-end 2009, one-time payments and 2010 pre-paid pledges. Expenses are also below budgeted figures due to timing on some bills which will be paid-in-full in upcoming months.

## Youth to Meet at Holy Trinity

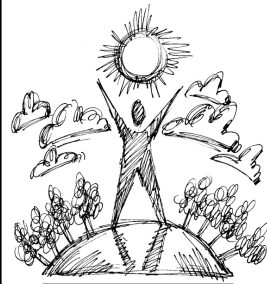
Journey 2 Adulthood/Rite13 will be starting the Spring Quarter at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, March 3rd. We will continue to have supper at 6:00 pm with the programs to follow at 6:30. Each evening ends by 8:00 pm. Any questions about the calendar or program can be directed to Janet Squires 310-1341 or [j2squires@windstream.net](mailto:j2squires@windstream.net)

Watch the bulletins for upcoming youth activities. Several events for March are still being planned.

## Christian Ed Meeting

The Christian Education Committee will meet Sunday, March 7, after the 10:30 service. This committee encompasses adult education, J2A/Rite 13, Sunday School and child care. If you would like to be part of the committee, please come! If you have been on the committee in the past and have moved on to a different ministry, just let me know and I won't plan on you.

## Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom for St. Matthew's?



### Natural Playspace

St. Matthew's is in the early stages of planning a Certified Nature Explore Classroom on our property. This is an outdoor play area inspired by and created through nature. This will not only provide our youth with a safe, spiritual outdoor play area, but is also a visible indication of our parish growth. If you would like to be involved in these early planning stages, please contact Heather Thomas or Heather Hesse. If you would like more information on Nature Explore, you may go to the following web site: [www.dimensionsfoundation.org](http://www.dimensionsfoundation.org).

## A Bishop's Account: Que Pasa en el Colegio

*By Jack Keester*

*What it was like, as told by Bishop Bill Skilton, retired South Carolina and now Assistant Bishop in the DR.*

Friday was spent trying to help Water Missions International (a Charleston non-profit that builds simple water purification systems and sends them to areas of need.... How does one rent a 4 wheel vehicle to drive into Haiti? How do you coordinate the airport pick-up, and lodging? What needs are evident....

We left at 6:00 AM... the WMI SUV, Fr. Smith Milien with 3 others including doctors... 2 priests from Central Florida with longstanding Haitian work... 2 Bishops, our Vicar General and the Development officer and wife... for the diocese.... plus the Bishop's son. It took us 6 hours to get to Jimani & the border, stopping twice to get containers filled with diesel and water to take.

While in Jimani, we met with our young priest as he spoke of the community responding to the injured being brought in and the needs that were evident. The quake took place on Tuesday and international relief has not been distributed. Water is not to be found. He had traveled across the border and on to Port-a-prince 3 times this week with supplies...

We visited the small hospital in Jimani. Those going into Haiti were given tetanus shots. We were instructed to wear protective masks as we walked the halls.

It took us 5 hours to make it back to Santo Domingo, with some rain cooling us down. As we were riding along in silence, I heard the Bishop say to me, in

Spanish, "All of this should tell you why we need you here."....

The Dominican Episcopal Church will continue to help as best it can. The Church is in this for the long run. Please respond and realize that this "recovery" will go on for a very long time...

Contributions may be sent to: The Dominican Development Group, BOX 661, ELLENTON, FL.34222, Colegio Kids at St Matt's or Episcopal Relief and Development Mark it for Haiti. All are 501(c)(3) organizations...

### Pascual

It is Lent and Easter, Pascual in Spanish, will be upon us soon. Our schools don't take a secular spring break, but rather shut down for Semana Santa (Holy Week). Parades take place in the Dominican Republic on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The best known is the huge procession, known as the Semana Santa Procecion, that begins at the 16th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria la Menor in Santo Domingo and features costumed marchers and hoisted figures representing Jesus. Semana Santa is the biggest event of the year in many parts of the DR and also one of the busiest travel times. The churches are packed for Easter. Easter dinner is also celebrated with large family gatherings and special dishes. Sweet beans (habichuelas con dulce) are traditionally served during the Lenten season as a substitute for meat.

# Member Features



## Chet and Margie McClain

- Children: Daniel Scott (54 yrs.) and Timothy Allen (51 yrs.) Grandchildren: Three granddaughters and ONE "favorite grandson".
- Chet spent 4 years with the U.S. Navy and 36 years as a Wildlife Biologist with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Margie has been a Mom, Homemaker and Para-educator (26 yrs with Lincoln Public Schools).
- We have attended St. Matthew's since 1975.
- Chet has lived in Aurora, Liberty and Columbia, MO, Whidbey Island, WA, Kodiak, AK, Okinawa, Japan, North Platte and Lincoln. Margie was born in Oklahoma, moved to Louisville, KY, then lived in the Kansas City area until marriage to Chet. They moved to Columbia and then to Nebraska.
- Chet enjoys attending church, fellowship at church, eating out and fishing. Margie enjoys attending mass at St. Matthew's, time with friends, attending theatre and visual arts events and watching the sunsets at Holmes Lake.
- St. Matthew's: our Lord's Presence, our Rector, Rite I, the beautiful music, Jo Darrington, Bob Cypher, volunteering for the church office with Dick Finke, cute children, our Birthday Group, and Margie's Altar Guild Duty and St. Anne's Guild friends.



## Pat Shafer

When I moved to Lincoln in 1984 I knew I would become a member at St. Matthew's. My sister, Peg, was already a member here. She, however, did not have my sticking power and moved to Maryland two years later. I have stayed these 26 years because I find a sense of family here. Even more, I stay because I constantly feel the presence of the Holy Spirit at St. Matthew's and see the face of Jesus in the lives and witness of other parishioners.

I was born and raised in Kansas. After college I went to Omaha to teach at Central High School for 8 years. I then went to work for the state teachers' association and served in various capacities for the association for 32 years. I retired in 2005 and devote time to a variety of volunteer activities and a bit of travel. I enjoy reading, music and visiting several coffee shops in Lincoln. When I can combine a book store and coffee, I am very content!



## Carrie and Matt Petr, Anna (9), Buddy the Dog (11)

- Matt and Carrie are both college administrators, working for competing institutions. Matt works in Financial Aid at UNL and Carrie is the director of a leadership program for undergraduates at Doane College in Crete. Anna is a happy member of the Cavett Elementary student body.
- Matt is a native Lincolnite. Carrie grew up Georgia. Carrie and Matt met while they were in graduate school at UNL in the mid-90's. Carrie attended St Mark's and Matt occasionally went along in an effort to woo her. When the family moved back to Lincoln in 2005, they joined St. Matthew's. Carrie grew up in the Episcopal Church. Matt joined when the couple married.
- The family likes socializing with family and friends in Lincoln, attending Husker events and enjoying quiet nights at home, playing games, watching movies, or just hanging out together with the family dog, Buddy.
- St Matthew's is an important home for our family. Anna has come to see our church family as her own, as have her parents. All of us enjoy social events with our fellow members. Anna especially likes serving on the Altar Guild with her mom. Buddy the Dog likes the Blessing of the Animals. We thank our church family for their warm and continued welcome!

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proclaiming Jesus Christ,  
serving God's people.*

## Teens and Pancakes

One of every year's highlights is the opportunity for the youth to hang out in the big kitchen downstairs and flip pancakes. Many of St. Matthew's regulars and quite a few new faces were treated to Shrove Tuesday's pancakes, sausages, and applesauce.

Thanks to everyone who came and made this a festive event. Thank you for the donations that will help fund the youth that are going on the Diocesan Mission Trip to Rosebud/Valentine in June. A special thank you to Fr. Craig, Fr. Steve, Jay Squires, and Brett and Pam Eby for their hands-on help.



Pictured: Pam Eby, Janet Squires, Kris Harvey, Dakota Mercia, and Garrett Bussen.

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Rite I

8:45 a.m. Breakfast- Parish Hall

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Rite II

Child Care provided 9:15 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

### Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Saturday

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist