

The E-Matt



A weekly glimpse of God's People, God's Work
at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Lisbon Maine

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Week of Feb. 1, 2009

St. Matt's Sunday School prepares the First Sunday pizza muffin lunch

St. Matthew's Sunday School children prepared the vegetarian and meat pizza muffins for our First Sunday Lunch on Feb. 1 following the 10 am service.



First Sunday Lunch Coordinator Sherry Dentico explained that they prepare the food every February as a way to follow our Lord's example to serve others. Thank you children for making such a delicious lunch!

It's not just for dummies anymore

St. Matthew's Christian Ed Director Teri Bernier (left) talks to Becky Gracie about the *Christianity for Dummies* course that begins Sunday, Feb. 8 from 12:15 pm until 1:15 pm with "Good News in a Bad News World."

Teri and Father Beau will facilitate this friendly course that helps you understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith. Classes will explore the common ground that all Christians share, the differences among the major denominations, the key events in Christian history, the key theological issues, and the many ways Christians live out their faith in today's world.

A complete listing of class titles can be found at www.stmatthewslisbon.org or pick up *Christianity for Dummies* brochure in the church lobby.



How do you share God's love during the week?

You may not recognize St. Matt's Thelma Manson in her clown outfit, but many children and elderly in the Lewiston area know her as *Daisy the Clown*.

In December, Thelma made over 200 hundred animal balloons for the Advocates for Children's program where this photo was taken.

Inspired by feeling the depth of God's love every day, Thelma uses her ability to make children and the elderly laugh, as a way to share her joy at being a child of God.



Help choose outreach and mission programs for financial support

St. Matthew's Outreach Committee, chaired by Louise Lord, met during First Sunday lunch. From left: Bob Couture, Louise Lord, Deacon Gail White, David VanderLinden, Allison VanderLinden, and Mary Maloney.

The Missions & Outreach Committee facilitates St. Matthew's financial support to several overseas missionaries and local outreach groups.

This year, due to budget constraints, they have about \$300 a month available for missions. The committee decided to survey the congregation to determine the mission and outreach programs they would like St. Matthew's to support. On Sunday, Feb. 8, survey forms will be distributed.



Once-a-month "Mission Moments" (brief testimonies on how God is working in both local and overseas missions) were set up for the next several months. The next Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for Feb 22 after the 10 am service. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, founded in 1906, is a vibrant growing congregation that brings together the four main threads of Anglican tradition: Anglo Catholic worship, evangelical preaching, charismatic expression and caring in action.