



## 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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# Gabriel William is baptized



*The newly-baptized Gabriel with his mother Jennifer Schwicker and Pastor Beau.*

Gabriel William Crosman was baptized into God's family on Sunday, May 2, at the 10 am Service. Father Beau's sermon challenged the congregation to "Arise and Shine" and make that family a new people.

"Arise Shine

You are called to be a New People

A New Family of God

Not based on law but faith

Not known by rules

But by Christ like Love

A New Heaven and a New Earth

await a new people,

conceived in faith,

born of the Holy Spirit

and known by their

Christ like love for one another.

A love that says we will give up status, and money, vengeance and pride. A love that says we will give up luxury and comfort, self righteousness and always being right. A love that says – that if the good of the other requires it we too, with God's grace are willing to humble ourselves.

It is the type of love that requires great sacrifice so that our actions are for the benefit of others not ours. It is that type of love that Jesus commands us to have and it is that type of love (only possible when grounded in the reality of a true faith in Christ) that shows us to be the new people of God."

# St. Matthew's hosts regional diocesan meeting

On May 2, St. Matthew's hosted a two-hour meeting to discuss the recent diocesan mission priorities survey.

Sixteen people representing St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Brunswick, St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Auburn, and St. Matthew's met with leaders of the Diocesan Mission Strategies Study Group and the Diocesan Mission Priorities Study Group.



*Alan Shaver (standing) of Grace Episcopal Church in Bath and the Mission Strategies Study Group with a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.*

*The Rev. Nina Pooley Rector of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Falmouth and a representative of the Mission Priorities Study Group with Maria Koski of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Auburn a member of the Mission Strategies Study Group.*

