

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 Nov. 30, 2008

Thanksgiving Day Lunch at St. Matt's



After the 10 am Service on Thanksgiving Day, 26 people enjoyed a savory, pot luck Thanksgiving Dinner. Coordinated by Cindy Adcock, the dinner included turkey and all the trimmings and LOTS of delicious desserts. Visitors to the church truly appreciated the good food and great fellowship. It's a dinner for those whose family is far away, the elderly, or another great way to get to know your St. Matthew's family better.



Advent begins with the lighting of the Candle of Hope

Sabrina Levesque lights the first Advent candle on Sunday, November 30. The wreath was created by Heide Noel. Our Advent wreath tradition uses five candles. The 1st candle is called the Candle of Hope and represents the Patriarchs of the faith. The 2nd candle, the Candle of Peace, represents the prophets who foretold of Jesus' birth. The 3rd candle is the Candle of Love and represents John the Baptist who came to prepare the way for Christ. The 4th candle is called the Candle of Joy and represents Mary, the mother of Jesus. The 5th and final candle, which is usually white, represents Jesus Christ and is lit on Christmas Day.



Going, going, and they're almost gone.....



Pick a gift to buy for a neighbor from our annual "Giving Tree"

Ed, Thelma, and Louise look over the gift items wanted on the green paper ornaments on St. Matthew's annual Christmas Gift Giving Tree. The gifts will be distributed by the town to needy families. Stop by the church this week and pick a gift ornament or remember to get one this Sunday. Wrapped gifts need to be back under the Giving Tree on Sunday, December 14th.

Special thanks to Arline Couture and friends for decorating the tree and coordinating the gift giving.

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.