

**From the Rectors Desk**

February 2012

["Supreme Court Decision: Hosanna-Tabor Evangelical Lutheran Church and School v. E.E.O.C."](#) *New York Times*, January 11, 2012.

**Baptism?**

I have recently had to grapple with the question: "Why is Baptism important?" We are promoting the position for the church that would not prohibit those that are not baptized from full participation in the Eucharist.

We proposed the opening of our Eucharistic feast to all who would come at our diocesan annual convention and it was adopted as a position we as a diocese would like to take at the National Convention. That may seem to say that we at St. Matthew's question the value of Baptism itself. Nothing could be farther from the truth of the intent of the proposal. As a community of faith, everything we do is seated in our proclamation of faith said at our Baptism. The incarnation of God in Man that we celebrate at Christmas is for all of us.

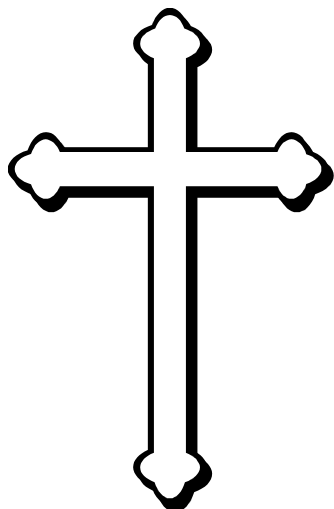
Certainly, Jesus was not joining a "church" as much as making a statement with John at the Jordan River. Our prayers and our serving of a broken and troubled world is a result of our commitment made at our Baptism. When we feed the hungry, extend healing hands to the afflicted, offer comfort to those who are hurting, we do so because we understand our life in Christ in the light of what Jesus taught. Those we serve and pray for may or may not be Baptized. After reading about this issue in the Anglican Theological Review I understand better, the opposition

many in the church will take to this proposal. However, I find the arguments in opposition to be unconvincing in light of how we are to emerge into to new life as a community of faith.

A few years ago, I made an ambry as a place to store sacred oil and reserved sacrament. It is made from wood taken from the original altar of St. Matthew's Church here in Ontario. It is literally made of the life and labor of this congregation. In researching how it should be constructed,

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## [Martin E. Marty on Ministerial Exception](#)

Martin E. Marty [writes on his blog](#) at The University of Chicago Divinity School on

the recent supreme court decision. Here is an excerpt: "With liberty and justice for all . . ." is an ascription in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, one that sets up a difficult balancing act. The founders, among them James Madison and others who quoted Montesquieu, were nervous. They quoted him: granting privileges to religion, as America does, has

many upsides, but it can also contribute to downsides. If you want to destroy religion, Montesquieu had advised, give it favor. By granting "tax exemption" and now "ministerial exceptions," the citizenry and its courts (unanimously in this case of the Supreme Court) are giving favors unmatched by policies of European nations which have or until recently had "established churches." These years one hears from some cultural and political factions the gross generalization that religion in general and Christianity in particular are

being discriminated against and are suffering from the actions, policies, and expressions of secular society. Cases like the current one counter evidences. There are many assaults on faiths, including Christianity, in the culture at large. But the generally free ride given religious institutions even in a "secular time" should inspire thought: With all its contradictions, the United States remains a wonderful place in which religions can prosper. They do well when they serve the common good freely and openly.

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I found that it was to have a lock so that these sacred items could be secured. I could not bring myself to do it. Rather, there is a small cross made of curly maple and metal latch. Access is simply raising the latch and entering through the cross.

Who can steal that which has already been freely given? When one comes forward to participate in the Eucharist having been moved by the Holy Spirit to do so, is he or she a thief?

I say no, he or she is not a thief. Rather the church becomes the thief by withholding the nourishment he or she is seeking, and we are ordained by our Baptism to provide.

Yours in Christ,

Jim



### Ramblings from the Senior Warden.....

I can not believe it is February already! Praise God we have had some precipitation ....rain, snow – it matters not. The Annual Meeting is over for another year; thank you so much for attending. Your input is very important for the health and well-being of our church community.

Now we are moving toward our annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, 21 February with Ash Wednesday to follow on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. LENT!! I like to add something during the Lenten Season---I do much better at that than “taking away” (chocolate?).

The Lenten Bible

Study sessions being planned would be a great addition to our 40 days of prayer and reflection. Watch for time and location information.

The Next Chapter Food Pantry Board is planning a fund-raiser during February...we have soup bowls donated and for \$10 you can purchase a lovely bowl and go to a designated restaurant of your choice and have your bowl filled with hot and yummy soup. Then you take your bowl home!! There will be more details on this very soon so watch for it! The Food Pantry really needs the financial support this time of

Year. I attended the Court of Honor – awarding of the Eagle Scout – for Scott Bentz recently. What an impressive ceremony.....watch for the announcement of another ceremony for the Snyder brothers later this spring.

That’s all for now...

....Shalom - Julie



### Secretary Snippets.....

Hello ~

I am very excited about Father Jim holding confirmation classes and learning more about the faith in general and the Episcopal Church. I hope that more people will sign the sheet that is in the foyer. If you are unable to sign this form please let me know that you are interested in this class by either calling me at the church or sending me an e-mail. I would love to take this class with a bunch of people and am eager to learn more.



With the snow, rain, and bad roads, I hope this finds you all in good health, high spirits, and safe.

With Love and Respect... God Bless... Jenny Scown

**Ramblings from the Junior Warden.....**

Thankfully I have help keeping the "physical part" of St. Matthews running.

I wish to thank Wally Kinney for personally taking care of the "balloon" problem.

A helium balloon had floated to the ceiling in the sanctuary and the string became wound up in the ceiling fan blades.

I don't know about you, but I would never want to go up that high to remove the balloon.

Wally spearheaded the project and had Fruitland Electric remove the balloon.

Another example:

As many of you know – a few weeks ago the furnace in the sanctuary went out on Saturday night.

This was discovered at the beginning of the 7:30 AM service. Between Glorian Crosby and Bob Lanterman – they got Jim's Refrigeration called

immediately – and the furnace was up and running within just a few hours. Because of their quick action – we were still able to host the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Lindsay Norman and Cliff Bentz son Scott Bentz that afternoon.

These are just two examples of our members giving their time and talent to keep St. Matthews running.

Thank you!  
Tim Lanterman



The Vestry met and approved the 2012 Fiscal Budget.

This will be presented at the annual meeting.

PLEASE NOTE NEW HOURS FOR ST.MATTHEW'S OFFICE ....  
MONDAYS 9:30AM-12:30PM AND  
TUESDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM –12:00 PM

**Need a Ride?**

You can contact one of the people listed below.

Roberta Barrie	541-889-5804	Linda Quinn	541-889-5616
Glorian Crosby	541-889-6595	Carla Sloan	208-452-6379
Wally Kinney	541-889-8016	Julie VanMatre	541-889-9436
Bob Lanterman	541-889-7313		

~ February 2012 ~							March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			<b>1</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall <b>Mid Day Prayer @ 1:00PM</b> MM- 6:30Pm Idaho Pizza	<b>2</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 8:00PM Parish Hall AI Anon: 12:00-1:00PM Guild	<b>3</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 6:30PM Parish Hall AA: 8:00PM Parish Hall	<b>4</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall	
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<b>12</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany <b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>13</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 7:00PM Parish Hall	<b>14</b> VALENTINES DAY AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 7:00PM Parish Hall AI Anon: 7:00-8:00PM Guild	<b>15</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall <b>Mid Day Prayer @ 1:00PM</b> Vestry Meeting : 7:00pm Guild Room	<b>16</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 8:00PM Parish Hall AI Anon: 12:00-1:00PM Guild	<b>17</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 6:30PM Parish Hall AA: 8:00PM Parish Hall	<b>18</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall	
<b>19</b> Last Sunday of Epiphany <b>HE: 7:30AM</b> <b>HE: 10:00AM</b>	<b>20</b> Presidents Day AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 7:00PM Parish Hall	<b>21</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 7:00PM Parish Hall AI Anon: 7:00-8:00PM Guild Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER	<b>22</b> ASH WEDNESDAY AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall <b>Mid Day Prayer @ 1:00PM</b> Imposition of Ashes at 7:30am 12:00pm amnd 5:30pm	<b>23</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 8:00PM Parish Hall AI Anon: 12:00-1:00PM Guild	<b>24</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 6:30PM Parish Hall AA: 8:00PM Parish Hall	<b>25</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall	
<b>26</b> First Sunday in LENT <b>HE: 7:30AM</b> <b>HE: 10:00AM</b>	<b>27</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 7:00PM Parish Hall	<b>28</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall AA: 7:00PM Parish Hall AI Anon: 7:00-8:00PM Guild	<b>29</b> AA: 12:00PM Parish Hall <b>Mid Day Prayer @ 1:00PM</b>	<b>Notes: If there are additional items you would like to see on the monthly calendars or if you need to reserve a room at the church please contact Jenny Scown at 547-889-6943 so that the date and room can be reserved, and there are no over laps in room scheduling. Thank you</b>			

## St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Announcements February 2012

### Confirmation Classes



A confirmation class is being offered at a time which will be most convenient to those who wish to take the class. If you are interested in learning more about the faith in general and the Episcopal Church in particular, please sign the roster found in the entry way of the church. Your name and phone number are needed as well as the preferred time you have for the class. While we can not accommodate everyone, we will endeavor to accommodate most. The name of the class: "Confirm not Conform." All are welcome to this class. Confirmation does not need to be your goal. However, confirmation will be offered at the conclusion of the class. A sign up sheet is in the foyer.

### Season Of Lent

During the Season of Lent, a bible study conducted by Linda Quinn and Pat Koehler has been scheduled. We have not had a study of this kind for a number of years, and it is an exciting prospect. Most likely, it will only be for an hour each time we meet. We encourage everyone to attend. Dates and times to be announced.

### Bake Sale February 19th

There will be a Bake Sale at St. Matthews on February the 19th after the second service. All funds will go towards the St. Matthew's Altar Guild. We invite anyone to bring items for the sale including the recipe on how to make them.

### EMS February 10Th

New EMS sheets are up on the bulletin in the foyer. EMS will meet at Prudi Sherman's February 10th at 6:30 3921 Clark Blvd, Ontario Oregon

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21st.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper helps raise money for the Cove Scholarship fund. There will be a Sign up sheet for volunteers to work at this event, and to bring supplies placed on the bulletin board in the foyer. It will be in the Parish Hall on February 21st @ 5:30pm-7:00pm. Tickets will be sold for this event at \$6.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children age 10 and under. Please contact Jenny Scown if you would like to purchase a ticket. You can pick these up at the St. Matthews office between 9am-12pm Tuesday through Friday, and Mondays 9:30am-12:30pm. If you would like to pick up tickets to sell to other organizations please contact Jenny Scown at 1-541-889-6943



### Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes will be held at 7:30am, 12:00pm and at 5:30pm

<b>FEBRUARY 2012</b>	<b>Sunday February 5</b>	<b>Sunday February 12</b>	<b>Sunday February 19</b>	<b>Sunday February 26</b>	<b>Sunday March 4</b>
<b>Flowers In memory of...</b>	John & Lois Taggart in memory of Johns Parents, Max Sr. & Victoria Taggart	Dorothy Kincheoloe in memory of her husband Dan Kincheoloe	Kathy Hoch In memory of her husband, Harry & their parents Ray & Mary Hoch, Charlie & Mary Lewis, & Kathy's sister, Charlene Bair, and her granddaughter Keely Sheilds	NO FLOWERS	NO FLOWERS
<b>Celebrant</b>	Fr. Jim Mosier	Morning Prayer	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier	Fr. Jim Mosier
<b>Reader(s)</b>	Vicki Mosier Ken Crysler	Prudi Sherman Linda Quinn	Julie VanMatre Ken Crysler	Cheryl Quigley Linda Quinn	Vicki Mosier Ken Crysler
<b>Acolyte(s)</b>	Hannah & Molly Bond	K.J. Crysler	Evan Crysler	Tyler Snyder	Molly Bond
<b>Music Leader(s)</b>	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler	Betty Moscrip Pat Koehler
<b>Usher (10:00)</b>	Robertta Barrie	Wally Kinney	Linda Quinn	Fran McLean	Robertta Barrie
<b>Greeter (10:00)</b>	Bob Quinn	Bob Lanterman	Bob Quinn	Bob Lanterman	Diana Garcia
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Glorian Crosby Rose Novotny	Trina Sherman Glorian Crosby	Carla Sloan Julie VanMatre	Joy McLean Vicki Mosier	Vicky Wiens Trina Sherman
<b>Sunday School: Nursery Pre/K Elementary Middle/ High</b>	Judy Snyder Donna Bond	Judy Snyder Donna Bond	Judy Snyder Donna Bond	Judy Snyder Donna Bond	Judy Snyder Donna Bond

# February 2012 Birthdays & Anniversaries

2/3/12	<i>Trienna Hiatt</i>
2/10/12	Vicki Mosier
2/18/12	Isabel Feibert
2/22/12	K.J Crysler
2/24/12	Roberta Barrie
2/24/12	<i>Eric Sloan</i>
2/25/12	Hannah Bond
2/28/12	Scott Sloan

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# Power of Prayer

## Urgent Prayer

Gary Bowne	Bobbie Justus	Shirley Rodrigues	Zach & Kelsey Hundersmarch
Lynn Elbert	Wayne Kinney	Grant Saito	Leo Balliet
Debbie Foster	Kathi Lamm	Dixie Shartner	Mitch Pettet
Dan Gray	Ryan Leslie	Steward Family	Scott Sloan
Bill Hendricks	Jake Merriman	Liz Turner	Matt Pettet
Rick Hill	Don Partington	Raymond	Kathy Hoch
John Gentry	Cinda Holderman	Judy Snyder	Evan Crysler
Zoe Orcutt	Karen Kearns		

## Blessings & Recovery

Michael Andrews	Zona Koopman	Kody Justus	James Fowler
Jon Dentinger	Michael Mannila	Jane Sweaney	

## Long Term Prayer

Dennis Alter	Tim & Betty Gaskill	Randy Miles	Bob & Maureen Rogers
Cathy Arritola	Michael George	Ted Molder	Safe Court Participants
Rob Beazizo Family	Clay Hart	Ricky Nickalous	Ron Seiler
Kellen Burdic	Chris Hampton	Zoe Orcutt	Kelsey Smith
Patty Burns	Wally Hinze Family	Bill Peutz	Megan Strawn
Rachael Cornett	Grace Hollansworth	Eleanor Phillips	Emily Swetland
Tish Croom	Tish Ireland	James Pinscher	Pat Tysor
Ken Sr. & Sabra Crysler	Dorothy Kincheloe	Larry Powers	Julia Villec
Larry DeHaven	Diane Locey	Alyssa Quinn	Tracie Leonard
Cathy Gardner	Eleanor Miles		

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