

to say that it was uncontroversial, nor was it a perfect translation; however, it soon came to be one of the most beloved translations in the English language. It is also credited as being a vehicle, in conjunction with the Book of Common Prayer, for the increased literacy rates in England by the 19th Century. This translation would come to be known as either "The Authorized Version" or "The King James Version" after its royal patron, James I.

This year marks the 400th anniversary of its publication, and while the language is no longer our colloquial use, it is a part of our heritage as members of the Anglican Communion. In celebration of its publication, in recognition of the role it has played in both religion and culture, as well as its place as the model for the method of translation for the New Revised Standard Version which we use in worship, I have asked that the King James Version be used for the lectionary texts during the Sundays in Lent. I pray that during our Lenten journey we may hear the things "necessary for salvation" anew and clearly in the language of our forebears.

LENTEN SERIES

Our Lenten series this year will be "Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything" by Timothy Keller and will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning March 16. If you wish to receive a participant's guide, please let Fr. Halt know by February 28. The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 5:30 with study to follow. We will conclude each evening by 7:15. Babysitting is available.

WORDS FROM THE WARDEN

Happy February. I think I heard Spring is just six weeks away. It is so cold the dogs are telling me they don't want to go outside. Sorry boys, but you have to. I cannot say I blame them; I don't want to go out either. A book, a blanket and a warm beverage just about fills all my wants this time of year. That and the dog at my feet snoring.

But we have things to attend to, so those simple pleasures need to take their place in line with everything else.

We have new and continuing Vestry members to work with in 2011 for continued activity and growth here at St. Matthew's. We have our Sunday School Program, Adult Forum, ECW, the Wednesday Evening Program and the Men's Breakfast to look forward to, along with a variety of other things happening. We are blessed with our healthy growing Church home.

I am looking forward to seeing the restored window from the old St. Matthew's framed and placed so that we all can admire its beauty and appreciate its history, our history, and be thankful for the hard work and many hours spent by Greg Shaw and Walt Clark as they painstakingly pieced this back together.

There is also the plan to upgrade our kitchen facilities, add new signage for the church, and hopefully in the not-so-distant future, improve handicap accessibility.

A bright and busy year is before us at St. Matthew's. I am proud to be, in some small way, a part of it.

Blessings to you all.

Chuck Palm, Rector's Warden 2010

What is a Deacon's Mass?

By Deacon Bruce DeGooyer

...As opposed to a regular service of Holy Eucharist?

Maybe the first question is: what's the difference between a Priest and a Deacon? Is the Deacon just kind of a junior-Priest?

Good question, and you've probably already guessed that the answer is no. In fact, in the Episcopal Church, the three ordained orders of Deacon, Priest, and Bishop are, in fact, three separate and distinct orders of ordained ministry. But even though they're separate and different, they are also interdependent.

The Bishop is the chief pastor of a diocese. In a congregation, the rector (in a parish) or vicar (in a mission) is a Priest whose liturgical role is to preside or lead the worship, and to preach.

The function of the Deacon is to be the embodiment of the servant ministry of Christ, that ministry that all the baptized share. From earliest times, Deacons have been an extension of the Bishop's ministry, and exercised ministry in three primary areas: liturgy, pastoral care, and charitable or societal concerns. Although they are similar, pastoral care refers to ministries directed toward the flock of Christ, while charitable/societal concerns are more often directed to those outside the church.

The Deacon's *usual* role in the liturgy is to proclaim the Good News in reading the Gospel, to lead the prayers and the confession, to prepare and serve at the altar, to join with Priests and Bishops in administering communion, and to send the congregation out into the world to carry on the work of Christ in the world. Ordinarily Deacons' ministry is one of service, not presiding.

But sometimes a Priest isn't available to preside at Holy Eucharist. When that's the case, and when the Bishop has authorized it (as is the case in the Diocese of Springfield), there can be a Deacon's Mass.

A Deacon's Mass is a communion service led, or presided over by a Deacon. After the liturgy of the word (the first part of the service up through the Peace), the Deacon, with Eucharistic Ministers, administers communion to the congregation from the Reserved Sacrament. The Reserved Sacrament is the bread and wine that have been consecrated at a prior service of Holy Eucharist by a Priest.

The service of Deacon's Mass became popular beginning in the 1950s and 60s, with the growing need for Eucharist services when a Priest wasn't available. Because the 1928 Book of Common Prayer (BCP) did not provide for this service, many Deacons made up their own liturgies. The 1979 BCP is the first Prayer Book to provide for such a service. An outline for the service is included in the Additional Directions for the Celebration of the Eucharist (BCP, p. 408).

The directions make clear that the service is not one of the ordinary liturgies of the church, since its use is limited to occasions "when the services of a Priest cannot be obtained." Other preferred titles, suggested by liturgical scholar Howard E. Galley, are "Liturgy of the Presanctified" and "Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion."

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **January 30, 2011**. There will be one service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a potluck luncheon and then the meeting. Elections will be held for new Vestry members and Synod delegates.

~Youth Notes~

February is here and it seems like only yesterday we were talking about school starting! There are many things going on in the Youth and Children department and it's been an exciting year. Thank you to everyone who's been helping out.

One exciting development is that the Youth will be going on a trip to New Orleans July 17 - 24. We will be working with the Annunciation Mission and their partners in the community. We need to save our spot so I need to know how many people will attend! I have to send in the reservations by Groundhog day (Feb. 2nd) so I need to know quickly who is going. We may be able to add people later but it won't be for sure so it's best to contact me as soon as possible. This trip is open to kids going into 7th grade to recently graduated seniors in high school. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in front of the Fellowship Hall. The website for where we will be staying is www.annunciationmission.org. If you have further questions, please ask me. We're going to soon be starting fundraising so look forward to that. I honestly think that fundraising was one of the best parts of trips when I was in high school so I'm excited to have our kids participate. Thank you for all your prayers and please continue to pray for us.

Sunday school is humming along and we've had a pretty good number of kids attending regularly. I've had some people respond to my request for volunteers to fill in occasionally for the regular teachers, but it's always better to have too many than too few. If you're interested in being a substitute, please contact me. I'm excited for another month of fun and learning. Thank you again!

~Terra

Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry was started at St. Matthew's in the spring of 2008. The shawls are all delivered to the Rev. Mollie Ward for the hospice patients at

Advocate BroMenn Hospital.

We've recently learned that the supply of prayer shawls is running low so hopefully those who knit and/or crochet will take some time to make prayer shawls.

You may use your own pattern or get a copy of directions for the Trinity pattern from Barbara Dennis. Call 829-0402 or email: dennisbarb@yahoo.com

Healing Service

In continuing with our wellness theme, St. Matthew's will be offering a monthly service of anointing and healing on the fourth Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayers and anointing for healing of any type, please plan on attending.

PARTNERS IN HEALING

Every month churches throughout our area pray for the patients and staff of Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center and Advocate Eureka Community Hospital.

During February 2011, St. Matthew's will pray for the staff and patients of the **Intermediate Care Unit** at Advocate BroMenn Hospital.

The **Intermediate Care Unit**, located on 5 West, is a 56-bed unit serving cardiac and pulmonary patients. It is the post Critical Care Unit, particularly for post-cardiac surgery patients. It also serves non-surgical, medical patients.

Please pray for the patients, their families and the staff in the **(IMCU) Intermediate Care Unit** at Advocate BroMenn Hospital.

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

In January & February the Outreach Committee is asking for donated items for **The Salvation Army**, which operates a church, a shelter for the homeless, and a headquarters where people in need can go for assistance. Please be generous to this historic, worthy organization in these hard times and this cold weather. Here are some suggestions for giving:

For general operation of the shelter: coffee, toilet paper, napkins, laundry detergent, bathroom cleanser, bleach, 40-45- gallon garbage bags, latex gloves, dish liquid, dish towels, face towels, gift cards from Sam's Club.

Personal hygiene products for individuals: razors, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, foot powder, lotion.

All these items must be unused and unopened. Please place them in one of two baskets: one in the narthex, one in the hall near the fireplace. The Outreach Committee will deliver the items to Salvation Army headquarters. Many, many thanks to all who donate so generously!

~ *The Outreach Committee*

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops in your hands.

Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us

in our time of need.

And give us peace.

I ask this in the name of

Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Our troops:

Andy Grant, Runyon Henderson,
Shane Kupferschmidt, Jason Lynch, Jeff Riggs,
Jared Spaid, Paul Ward



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **February 19th** at 8:00 AM. in the Fellowship Hall.

Breakfast will be catered by Kep's restaurant and will include eggs, toast, pancakes, and sausage. Please bring \$5 to help defray the cost. In order for us to order enough meals, please sign up in the parish hall, and if you wish to have a vegetarian breakfast, please so indicate.

The Men's Club typically meets every month on the third Saturday - watch the bulletin for the location.

Note: Thank you to the Men's Breakfast Group for cleaning the refrigerators in the kitchen. We truly appreciate your time and efforts!



* FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Maureen Angell	3
Donna Dyson	10
June Gault	10
Matthew Owens	10
Peyton Owens	10
Beverley Forde	12
Kelsey Warnement	13
Douglas Veal	16
Donna Griffin Balfour	16
Leslie Dennis	16
Marisa Owens	18
Kenneth Barling	19
Mathew	20
Nadakavukaren	
Laura Clark	20
Bruce Chandler	21
Ronald Gordon	21
Carlos Levine	24
Madison Williams	24
Elliott Genge	26
James Holderby	27
Bob Cooper	27
Dexter Hebert	28



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Charles and Charlotte	1
Casperson	
Rutger and Ora Bachman	9
Loren and Kathie Dyson	9
James and Kathy LeBreton	18
Al and Jennifer Warnement	20
Leslie and Barbara Dennis	23
William and Tami Rolley	27

Heart of Faith Gala

Saturday, February 12

The Parke Hotel & Conference Center
6 pm—Cocktails (cash bar), Dinner,
Silent & Live Auction, Entertainment
\$50 per person
For reservations, call 309-827-7780

Proceeds benefit

Bloomington-Normal Faith in Action

MUSIC NOTES



Children's Choir rehearsal has been moved, on a trial basis, from Wednesday evening to Sunday mornings. The children's choir will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the basement chapel. The rehearsal flows into the Sunday School gathering music time, and all are welcome to join in whenever you arrive. In January, some of the Sunday Singers joined the choir in presenting Praise Him/Praise Ye the Lord as a joyous offertory anthem. We hope that the schedule change will give more of our young members a chance to sing praise to the Lord. The children have already begun preparing an anthem for February 20. The song, which is included in the Lift Every Voice & Sing II Episcopal hymnal, is based on a folksong tune from Ghana. The refrain sums up in a few words our shared ministry:

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with your love, Teach us how to serve the neighbors we have from you."

The Chancel Choir continues preparing and offering anthems each week, and leading the

music during services. The Handbell Choir is also working on anthems and hymn accompaniments. Four additional ringers joined the group during the fall, giving the group an opportunity to play music that requires more bells than a smaller number of ringers can manage.

~Melody Palm, Choirmaster

MID-WEEK COMMUNITY GATHERING

Our Wednesday midweek gathering continues!

MEAL - POTLUCK – 5:30-6:00 PM

Please bring a dish to pass.

Program:

BIBLE STUDY 6:00-7:00 PM

Reflection on next Sunday’s lectionary texts led

by Shelley Carter

Looking Ahead –

“The Reason for God”

February 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, March 2

March 9—Ash Wednesday

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

Lenten Series—“Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything” by Timothy Keller

For more information, contact the office.

RECYCLING AT ST. MATTHEW'S

BLUE BINS - RECYCLING ONLY

Please do not put dirty stuff in the blue bins!! What is dirty stuff? Used paper towels, messy kleenex, a used paper cup. Put those things into wastebaskets that aren't blue. In the kitchen, please rinse out glass, plastic and metal containers before placing them into blue bins. Otherwise, they will smell.

Our volunteer recyclers, the Davingman family, are NOT garbage haulers.

Thank you, Ann Sokan

WEEKLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Life Together, the St. Matthew’s weekly bulletin, has its deadline on Tuesdays, to allow time for layout, editing and printing. If you have any information for the bulletin, be sure to turn it in to the Parish Office by noon on Tuesdays. 662-4646 or e-mail: info@stmatthewsbloomington.org

THE GOOD NEWS

The deadline for submitting articles for the February edition of **The Good News** monthly newsletter is **Wednesday, February 16 at noon.** Articles are now being accepted for the March issue of **The Good News.**

Please submit to the Parish Office 662-4646 or:

info@stmatthewsbloomington.org

We are unable to publish articles or information received after the set deadlines.



Happy Valentine's Day!