

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

January 2011

St. Anne's Congregational Development Process

Calendar of Events

For complete calendar, visit www.saechurch.org/calendars.html

January

- 10 - Stepping Stone Session #4 - Wisdom and Major Prophets
- 11 - Unfinished Business
- 15 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 17 - Stepping Stone Session #5 - Minor Prophets
- 18 - Metro Chapter of OSL at St. Luke's
- 23 - Millpond
- 30 - Homeless Meal
- 31- Stepping Stone Session #6 - The Gospels

February

- 7 - Stepping Stone Session #7 - Paul's Letters
- 21 - Stepping Stone Session #8 - Universal Letters & The Revelation



Last year, St. Anne's began working with the Diocesan Congregational Companions Group to assess what the church does well and what areas could improve in order to better serve the congregation and the community. This effort is comprised of the two major phases described below:

Phase One of the Congregational Development Process was facilitated by Fr. Richard Graves and Bob Joy and encompassed six sessions. All members of the congregation were encouraged to participate while we prayerfully re-evaluated

our vision and mission statements and asked questions about assets, resources and challenges related to the following key areas of ministry (**Ministry Coordination, Worship, Life-Long Christian Formation, Stewardship, Mission & Outreach and Neighborhood & Community Relations**). From this phase, our vision and mission were re-examined and helped identify St. Anne's as **"A welcoming and diverse family united in Christ, striving to grow in**

Christ's love and share it with others."

Phase Two of the Congregational Development Process entails the development of strategies and goals to address the challenges (generated from Phase One) with ideas and support from the folks closest and most passionate about them. The strategy sessions (**dates below**) will be brief and focused on

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Epiphany

Epiphany is the season of the Christian calendar between January 6th and Ash Wednesday. **Epiphany means "to reveal", or to "to make known"** and refers to the coming of the wise men or magi bringing gifts to visit the Christ child who by so doing reveal Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

This presentation of the Christ child to the world is the importance of Epiphany. Epiphanyes may also be manifestations of God to His people. As we continue the

journey of our congregational development during the Season of Epiphany we will see just exactly how God is manifested to us through our visions and our dreams as we look at strategies to help us in planning for our one year and 3-5 year goals. Epiphanyes are ways in which God communicates with us as we seek to follow the Christ-child and his will and purpose for our lives. As the wise men came to see the Christ-child on their journey in life, so we who continue our earthly journey seek this same Christ

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Faith Stepping Stones #4

Faith Stepping Stones continues on Monday, January 10 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a makeup for those who missed Session #4, Wisdom and Major Prophets. On Monday, January 17, Session #5 will be presented which is entitled Minor Prophets.

Vestry Elections

Our annual meeting is February 13 and at this time we will elect two new Vestry members for the next three years.

St. Anne's is calling for those members for the parish who wish to serve on the Vestry for the next three years. Presently there are two positions open. The qualifications for Vestry are to follow the duty of all Christians found in the Book of Common Prayer Page 856. **"The duty of all Christian is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the Kingdom of God.** There are monthly Vestry meetings, a retreat and assignments to be completed each month.

If you feel called by Christ to serve or know someone who would be a strong Vestry member, please notify one of the members of the Nominating Committee and see where the process is with our two vacancies and to make sure the person you are nominating has not al-

Congregational Annual Meeting

St. Anne's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 13 at 9:00 a.m.

- Vestry elections will be held for three openings.
- Congregational Develop progress will be reported.

This will be a time of celebration of 2010 and planning for 2011. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

Live Nativity

The annual Live Nativity was held on Sunday, December 19. A spaghetti supper was held in the Parish Hall with the proceeds going to St. Anne's Youth.

Pictures are courtesy of Ankeny Photographer Lee Navin.



Erik Gjullin as "St. Nicholas"

Kerygma is for You

Need to be challenged in your Bible Study In a group setting? Do you want to be in a group that takes each person where they are and moves them through some fun but substantial Bible Study? Call the church office and put in your name with Karen our Office Administrator

at 964-5152. Cost is \$20 per course of study. You will need to purchase your own bible.

Those responsible for developing Kerygma study resources have worked to avoid unwarranted theological presuppositions in the writing and editing. Thus churches from many denominations have found the study materials

consistent with their traditions. The theological guidelines for publishing resources include the following:

- The best resource for Bible study is the Bible, or better, the Bible whole.
- An awareness of the full scope of the Biblical story provides needed balance for the building of faith.
- Scripture should be allowed to speak for itself. If the Bible is

understood on its own terms, it will convey its own truth.

Biblical understanding should be a prelude to theological belief.

The Bible should inform theology, not theology the Bible.

Kerygma Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the home of Jack and Josie Elliott, 1201 SE Millpond Court, #4360, An-

Pet Blessing - Letter from a Neighbor

Rev. Kem and Staff -

I want to thank you and everyone involved with the blessing of animals you coordinated for the community. I very much appreciated this wonderful event. It was evident that much thoughtful effort was put into the planning of the service.

The ceremony was very meaningful-the program, readings, songs, fellowship, beautiful prayer cad and medal... and of course the individual blessing bestowed on each pet. And... it was a beautiful day. I am sorry there were not more attending-if only they knew how wonderful it was.

I am a member of OLIH. We, too had a blessing offered, although I was not able to attend. Since I am your neighbor behind you on the corner, I took advantage of your invitation. Fr. Steve reminded my congregation

prior to the OLIH event that "...this is a blessing, not an exorcism!"... there are those moments when we might wonder.

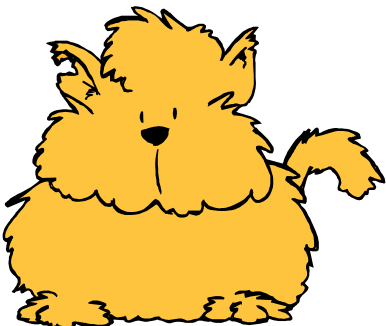
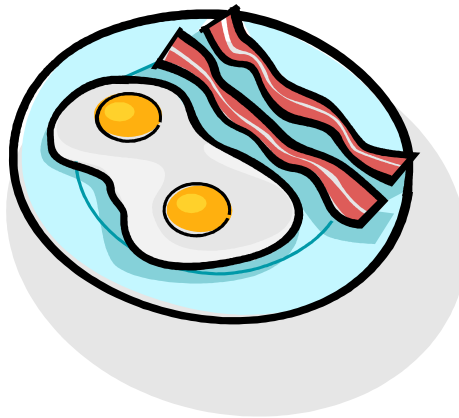
Our dear pets touch our hearts, teach us lessons, love us and add o much to our lives--they are family members. They are constant sources of amusement and joy and as well as the occasional, sometimes frequent, cause for frustration and worry. It is our great privilege to care for them with love and compassion. I have three--two cats (big Freddie) and the small, very social and independent Zorro (dog)--all three of my creatures need mine and God's daily watchfulness.

Thank you again for recognizing their importance in our lives, and as St. Francis did, showing care and concern for all creatures... our extended family members. I appreciate your sharing this event with the larger community. Your neighbor, Deb Davis



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Come to St. Anne's on Saturday, January 15 at 8:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship and food. All men are encouraged to come!



PARISH HEALTH

Family Caregivers: New Year's Resolutions

Submitted by: Joann Olson, RN, Ed.D

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goals that are attainable and supported by the people involved. Both short (1 year) and long term (3-5 year) strategies will be considered. Ideas that are not supported will be abandoned while those that are supported will be encouraged.

Session One 12:00-1:30 pm will be held on Sunday

January 16 following the 10:30 worship, light lunch and the choice of one of three areas of ministry strategy to focus on. This first session includes Mutual Ministry, Worship, Neighborhood and Community Outreach.

Session Two 12:00-1:30 pm will be held on Sunday

January 23 following the 10:30 worship, light lunch and the choice of one of three areas of ministry strategy which includes Stewardship, Life-long Christian Formation, and Mission and Outreach.

In summary, we need every person at St. Anne's to share their gifts and abilities to help us reach our full potential. This means being all that Christ calls us to be as we share his love with others.

Blessings for the New Year;

Tyler and Heidi Schleicher

For the majority of family caregivers who are at their wits end in the demanding role of caregivers the New Year looks anything but "happy." Caregivers can successfully transition into 2011 with hope and success, according to gerontologist and aging parent expert Cheryl Kuba, by committing to 12 New Year's Resolutions.

1. Take control of your situation. Set yourself up to be able to provide eldercare without despair.
2. Take care of yourself. This is the time that you need to be at the top of your game.
3. Delegate.
4. Ask for help. You can't go down this road alone.
5. Don't argue. Take a break. Arguing depletes your energy.
6. Give them a break. Their physical incapacity is usually the source of their aggravation.
7. Don't knock the reruns of life. If your parent dwells on the past, and repeats the same story over, and over again, use it to your advantage.
8. Have a plan for when you lose your job. That's right. Losing your caretaker job is a given. Be prepared. Make a list of things you would like to accomplish when your job is over.
9. Savor the silliness. These little nuggets of joy explode when you least expect them. You will never know when you'll get another chance.
10. Know how to manage your own financial situation.
11. Find your spiritual connection. Everyone has one.
12. Remember your parents for who they really are.

We know you didn't voluntarily come into this role, but neither did your dependent family member. No one is dependent by choice. Take care of yourself, celebrate each moment, and 2011 will be a Happy New Year.

Source: Diversity of Elders Newsletter., Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services, Sherry Knox elder advocate.



VOLUNTEERS THIS YEAR FOR ST. ANNE'S

Utility shed: Many hours were put in by Bob Wissink, Ronda Wissink and Kevin Purscell. Thanks for using your time and talents to help out the shed looks beautiful and is now an attractive piece of building and very useful for our storage needs at St. Anne's.

Living Nativity: Thanks for Saint Nicholas. Erik Gjullin was our Saint Nicholas this year for the Christmas festivities. Thanks so much for being a saint for the kids and you take a pretty nice picture for the newspaper as well.

Thanks to Joann Olson and Audrey West for their help with the Living Nativity this year.

Audrey West with costumes and other activities inside. Thanks to Tim Johnson and Tyler Schleicher for the raising of the stable and shed for the Living Nativity. This year was a great exposure to the community of Ankeny through the Des Moines Register and the pictures taken by their photographer

Thanks to the youth and Andi and Joel Baker for the spaghetti dinner this year which was a great success.

Altar Guild Christmas Decoration: The church was decorated beautifully this year with the greening ceremony and the poinsettias for Christmas.

Special thanks to all of the Altar Guild who helped under the direction of Erica Lamb, Joanne Olson, Mary Oliver, Lorene Harris, Virginia Powell, Audrey West, Jessica Carlson, Debbie Kem.

Poinsettias: Special Thanks to Donna Hendrick for ordering and delivering the poinsettias this year for Christmas.

TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2011

With all the problems the World is facing, it can be unsettling to the mind.

Today, I will share with you ten predictions that are true!

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth..
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever." (1 Peter 1:25)

I hope you found this encouraging! I sure did. Sometimes we need the reminder of just "WHO" is really in control. Till the nets are full, keep on fishing!



Philippine Project

By: Deacon Kathy Tripses

In 2010, as part of their Millennium Development Goals, St. Anne's choose to donate to a church in the Philippines, St. Aidan's of Luneta, Atamok in the North Central Philippine Diocese.

St. Aidan's church was totally destroyed by Typhoon Peping. Here is a link to view the destruction: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=szeNA71lzfK>

The total number of households/families affected in Luneta (name of place) is 144 families. Of these 34 families are members of the congregation of St. Aidan's or 140 individuals. As of 2008, St. Aidan's Church has a total membership of 196 individuals, hence it is not only the church that was wiped out, 72% of the total mem-

bership were also affected.

When it was decided last June 2010 to donate the garage sale income for this church, Fr. Vincent Bete was asked to determine an appropriate place to receive the funds. The Philippine members of St. Anne's asked to continue the fund raising after the sale to bring the total amount to \$1000. Lorna Likigan was chairperson of this effort.

Through Lorna's efforts and the rest of the Philippine members, the total as of December amounted to \$1000.00. These monies have been transmitted to the North Central Diocese of the Philippines for dispensation to St. Aidan's. Currently they have a place to build, and are holding house Eucharists on Sundays.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project. We hope to hear more from St. Aidan's as to their progress and will continue to pray for them .



St. Anne's Prayer

Almighty God, who has united this diverse family of St. Anne's through your Son Jesus Christ, guide us day by day through your Holy Spirit. Draw our hearts and minds to you, fill our imaginations and help us control our wills so that we may "grow in Christ's love and share it with others." This we ask through Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, one God, world without end. Amen.

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child for direction and purpose in our corporate lives as a Christian family.

We invite all members of St. Anne's to this Epiphany celebration on January 16 and 23rd following the 10:30 worship services. Together we will continue our vision and journey towards the Christ-child and his mission for St. Anne's.



Ministry Commissions

Clergy and Staff

- **Rector** - Fr. Bob Kem
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- **Office Manager** - Karen Carter
(secretary@saechurch.org)
- **Deacon** - Rev. William Magie
(wwmagie@aol.com)
- **Deacon** - Rev. Kathy Tripses
(ktripses@msn.com)
- **Music Minister**-Kevin Purscell
(KJCDM5@yahoo.com)

Administrative Commission

- **Sr. Warden** - Doug Karlen,
(linanddoug@mchsi.com) Finance/Personnel

Buildings and Grounds

- **Jr. Warden** - Lorene Harris
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Liturgy/Worship Commission

- **Altar Guild** – Erica Lamb (lambone1@mchsi.com)
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- **Music** – Kevin and Julie Purscell
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- **Acolytes** - Ken Finch
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New Members

- Heidi Schleicher (Heidi_schleicher@msn.com)

Christian Formation Commission

- Anne Sankey
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- **Nursery Coordinator** (nursery to age 3) –
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- **Godly Play** - Joel Baker (ajjbaker@aol.com)
- **GP Extreme** (grades 3- 5) – Andi Baker
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- **Rite 13** (grades 6-8) – Andi Baker
- **J2A** (grades 9-12) – Phil Hedges, Fr. Bob Kem
- **Adult Formation** – Doug Karlen
- **Kerygma Bible Study** – Fr. Bob Kem
- **Order of St. Luke (OSL)** – Andi Baker, Fr. Bob Kem

Fellowship and Parish Life Commission

- Erik Gjullin (egjullin@mindspring.com)
- **Coffee Hour and Kitchen** – Joann Olson

Human Needs

- Mary Oliver (mmo492@q.com) and Audrey West (awest1305@aol.com)
- **Little Roses** - Connie Skinner

Pastoral Care Commission

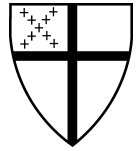
- **Pastoral Care** – Lin Karlen
- **Prayer Chain** – Lin Karlen
- **Parish Health Ministry** - Joann Olson
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Worship Services

Sundays:

- 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. - Little Blessings Nursery (nursery to age 3)
- 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - Adult Class Forum
- 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Godly Play 1 (4 yrs to Grade 2)
- 9:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Godly Play Extreme (Grades 3, 4, 5)
- 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Rite 13/J2A (Grades 6-12)

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist / Healing

Thursdays:

7:00 p.m. - Contemplative Prayer Group

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

All times by appointment.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

- 1/3-Ken & Theresa Finch
- 1/24-Aurelio & Julia Bacdayan
- 1/25-Jack & Josie Elliott



Birthdays

- 1/1-Henry Lejukole
- 1/5 - Leah Eichhorn
- 1/6-Deacon Bill Magie
- 1/8-Chris Purscell
- 1/9-Tristan Teague
- 1/10-Nykuar Koak
- 1/12-Mary Gjullin
- 1/15-Tammy Canova
- 1/17-Shane Morris
- 1/21-Heather Morris
- 1/22-Ken Waller
- 1/25-Cameryn Clifton
- 1/27-Donna Hendrick
- 1/27-James Wettestad
- 1/30-David Canova