

The Vine

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Mission:

“Striving to Grow in Christ’s Love and Share it With Others”

We are a welcoming and diverse family united in Christ.

Calendar of Events

May

- 8- Mother's Day - Breakfast served at 9:15 and 11:30
- 11-International Youth Choir Rehearsal at 5:15 p.m.
- 13-14 ECBF meeting in Sioux City
- 22- Millpond
- 22-Homeless Meal
- 25-International Youth Choir Rehearsal at 5:15 p.m.
- 30-Memorial Day

June

- 4-5 St. Anne's Garage Sale
- 8-International Youth Choir Rehearsal at 5:15 p.m.
- 19-Trinity Sunday - International Youth Choir performs
- 19-Father's Day
- 22-International Youth Choir Rehearsal at 5:15 p.m.
- 26-Millpond
- 26-Homeless Meal

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

International Youth Choir

Natalie Steenson is no stranger to forming choirs and teaching music. She leads music instruction for pre-school through adults. She stays active in teaching the importance of music and worship working together in church settings. She often provides private voice and instrumental lessons. Natalie also directs the Iowa Youth Chorus and met two of our youth Anja Gjullin and Annika Baker who have participated in Iowa Youth Chorus over the past few years.

Natalie has embraced the strong vision of our leadership at St. Anne's to help us sponsor an International Youth Choir for ages 3-12 here at St. Anne's. Already the joy and enthusiasm from our youth has been evident in their rehearsals. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays every other week from 5:15-6:00 pm. Older youth ages 6-12 begin at 5:15, younger children ages 3-5 at 5:30 pm as they will sing together.

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Natalie Steenson

Natalie has been hired by the Roanridge Grant Program to help us build a

Congregational Development Goals

St. Anne's leadership met over six months in 2010 to establish one-year and three-year goals for St. Anne's future. These goals are listed on page 5 of this newsletter with the name of those who have volunteered to work toward these goals. We are in the process of recruiting more volunteers to serve in one of these areas.

next year to determine how best to accomplish these goals. The progress of these goals will be reported to the Vestry each month once the process is up and running. You may sign up for these areas on the clipboards in the Parish Hall or online at www.saechurch.org.

The volunteers for each goal will commit to meet monthly for the



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PINE RIDGE MISSION TRIP - JULY 23-31, 2011

It's that time again. St. Anne's is preparing for its 10th annual mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Our mission is to provide daily breakfast, and lunch for 75 to 100 Native American children, along with Vacation Bible School (VBS) activities. These include Bible Stories, outdoor recreation, crafts, music and worship. We also present each child with a backpack full of school supplies to ensure a good start to their school year.

Over the years, we have developed relationships with the Rev. Cordelia Red Owl and the families of her congregations in Kyle and Batesland, South Dakota. We look forward to seeing those friends again, and providing a safe, "summer camp-like" experience for the children of the reservation, who normally do not have the resources to go to a camp, like many of our own children do.

In addition to the VBS, youth participate in an ecumenical worship service with the First Presbyterian church, our host church, in Gordon, Nebraska. We also plan educational trips to historic sites, and end the

week with a float trip down the Niobrara River.

Already we have youth and adults signed up from churches in Fort Dodge, Daventry, Ottumwa and Ankeny. However, we have room for more. We would especially like to have two more female adult leaders and someone to take the lead in meal preparation.

Maybe you don't feel called to be a member of the team, but would like to help in other ways. Cash donations are always acceptable. These help fund gas and vehicle rental expenses, along with craft materials, food and other supplies needed for cleaning and meal preparation. They can also be used to provide scholarship assistance for our youth whose lack of financial resources might prevent them from participation, otherwise.

Donations of backpacks, school supplies, gently used books for pre-school to high school readers, gently used clothing, new toys and games that can fit in backpacks are also welcome.

It's always fun to see the children's faces when they open their backpacks and find all that they need and even just a little something for fun.

We have reduced the cost of participation for our youth and adults this year as we recognize that many families are still dealing with challenging financial circumstances. It is also likely we will see an increase in fuel and food expenses. We hope that church members from St. Anne's and throughout the diocese will be generous in their giving. Youth will also be encouraged to hold fundraisers in their local parishes. Please support them.

The cost for youth and adult participants is \$300 per person with \$200 due with the application (now) and \$100 due by July 1. We hope that church members throughout the diocese will be generous in their giving. Youth are encouraged to hold fundraisers in their local churches and commu-

nities. Please watch for these and support their efforts.

Application forms are available at www.saechurch.org. If you have questions please contact Fr. Bob Kem at 515-964-5152 or rector@saechurch.org or Andi Baker at 515-251-4863 or Andi.Baker@mchsi.com.

Supplies needed for backpack:

- 1 backpack
- 3 two-pocket folders
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 pkg wide-lined filler paper
- 1 ruler
- 6 ball point pens
- 1 pkg 3x5 index cards
- 1 box of 12 colored pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of 24 count crayons
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 3 Single subject spiral notebooks
- 1 pair of scissors



St. Anne's Garage Sale

St. Anne's will be holding its annual garage sale on June 4 and 5.

The proceeds this year will go to the rebuilding of Haiti.

Now is a great time to clean out your closets and drawers and donate all sellable items to St. Anne's.

Call the church office at 964-5152 to make arrangements to drop off your items.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 31 through August 4 at St. Anne's. We will be hosting this year. Ankeny Christian and Ankeny Presbyterian will be assisting our volunteers.

Please contact Karen in the church office if you can help in any way. People are needed to help with teaching, crafts, and preparing meals.

This year's theme is "Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street".



St. Anne's and the ECBF Recasting of Building Assets

What is the ECBF?

- The Episcopal Church Building Fund (ECBF) is an organization – separate from the National Episcopal Church – with a mission “to aid in the building, improvement, and repair of churches, rectories, parochial, and diocesan buildings by providing assistance in planning and loans, and to aid in the development of congregations through providing training, education, and resources.”
- The ECBF Board of Trustees manages a revolving building loan fund, currently worth over \$5.5 Million, that is used to help Episcopal Churches plan and build for future needs

What is the Recasting of Building Assets Process?

- Bishop Scarfe and the Diocese of Iowa have invited the ECBF to work with and coach four Iowa Episcopal Congregations through a 12 month planning process
- This Recasting of Building Assets Process will allow each congregation to determine the best way to use their buildings and grounds for maximum earning potential
- For 2011, the following congregations have been chosen to participate in this process:
 - St. Thomas in Sioux City, IA
 - Grace Church in Charles City, IA
 - St. Andrew's in Des Moines, IA
 - St. Anne's in Ankeny, IA**

What does this mean for St. Anne's?

- Over the next 12 months, a committee of St. Anne's members will be working with the Diocese of Iowa and the ECBF Coordinators to develop a business plan
- This committee will also work with the City of Ankeny to determine what community needs might be met through this endeavor
- The goal of the business plan is to make St. Anne's financially solvent and serve a unique role for the Ankeny Community
- St. Anne's ECBF Committee Members include:
 - Andi Baker
 - Mary Gjullin
 - Fr. Bob Kem
 - Henry Lejukole
 - Joann Olson
 - Heidi Schleicher
 - Tyler Schleicher
 - Dick Tripses

How can you help?

- Throughout this planning process, St. Anne's ECBF Committee will be seeking ideas and feedback from everyone at St. Anne's
- As you see the ECBF Committee distribute surveys or questionnaires, please take the time to read through them and fill them out
- We want to identify a business plan that we can all rally behind and create an exciting path forward for our church!
- If you have any ideas or proposals for us to consider, please contact any of the Committee members!!



Recruiting Volunteers for Summer Lawn Care

Volunteers for summer lawn care are needed, beginning May 1 to September 7. This will require two persons per week working as a team. One person mows and the person other trims. St. Anne's will provide the riding mower, gas and weed whackers.

Please sign up for one week per month. Estimated time is three hours for cutting.

Contact Tim Johnson timjohnson2611@aol.com; cell phone - 515-257-0010.

Thank you for your response in forming a team this saves us about \$3,600 per year.



PARISH HEALTH

Summer Safety

By Joann Olson, R.N. Ed.D. Health Minister



“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:1

After the long winter and rainy spring, everyone is anxious for summer and the activities that take us outdoors. To be sure you enjoy all that summer has to offer, remember to be observant and practice safety measures.

Don't miss out on the summer; fun follow these tips when making your plans:

Camping

- Be sure to plan for unexpected weather or storms
- Carry plenty of water if hiking
- Take a map/compass/GPS to prevent getting lost
- Wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen for sun protection
- Use insect repellent for mosquitoes and ticks
- Wear a whistle to use in case you get lost
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you expect to return

Swimming or Boating

- Drowning can occur in less than two inches of water so teach your children to swim
- Wear properly fitting flotation devices

- Keep children out of hot tubs (they can get dangerously overheated)
- Use the buddy system
- Dive only in areas marked for diving
- Watch for shallow depth in lakes
- Supervise all activity

Fireworks

- Explosions of any kind are dangerous, so handle with care
- Keep sparklers outside and at arm's length (they can reach 1800 degrees)
- Have a bucket of water nearby in case of fire
- Don't allow children to handle them before or after firing
- Keep pets indoors as they get frightened and may get injured.

Bicycling

- Head injuries are common so protect children with properly fitting helmets
- Replace ones that have hit a hard surface
- Wear bright clothing for visibility
- Tie loose pant legs to prevent tangling in the chain
- Teach the rules of the road
- Never wear headphones
- Maintain the bike (inflate the tires, oil the chain, adjust the handlebars, re-

place worn out brakes, and adjust the seat)

Sun Exposure

- Sun damage is cumulative (children gather 50% to 80% of their lifetime exposure before 18 years of age)
- Sun causes wrinkles, sunburns, cataracts, damage to the immune system and skin cancer
- Be extra careful with skin protection if you have very fair skin/hair, a family history of skin cancer, or take medicine that causes increased sun sensitivity (source:www.kidshealth.org)

Additional sources:

www.fda.gov/Food/ResourcesForYou/consumers/ucm109899.htm - food tips from U.S. Food and Drug Administration

www.cdc.gov/travel/ - traveling tips from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Have a fun and safe summer!

2011 Activity Goals for Congregational Development

Christian Formation Activity Goals

ACTIVITY GOAL #1: Develop and actively recruit additional sets of adult small groups to pursue Christian Formation for more individuals. Leaders: Heidi Schleicher, Doug and Lin Karlen, Lorene Harris, Deb Kem

ACTIVITY GOAL #1a: Having a Lenten Series of small group study in 2011 with childcare provided to encourage more families to participate. Leaders: Heidi Schleicher, Doug and Lin Karlen, Lorene Harris, Deb Kem

ACTIVITY GOAL #2: For Epicurean Dinner Group – encourage hosts to invite at least one other individual / couple from the Congregation not on the list. Leader: Heidi Schleicher

ACTIVITY GOAL #3: Working on developing a volunteer Youth Music Ministry Program (ages 3-11). Leaders: Fr. Bob & Lorene Harris

Ministry Coordination Activity Goals

ACTIVITY GOAL #1: Create a list of all groups and events included in Mutual Ministries. Leaders: Mary Oliver & Andi Baker

ACTIVITY GOAL #2: Identify Leaders / Coordinators for each of the ministries and events

ACTIVITY GOAL #3: How can we organize and coordinate all of the ministries more efficiently? Can we use the E-vite and participant reminders for all ministries each week?

- Group Meeting including Ministry Leaders to make full annual calendar & determine best way to relay information to congregation and volunteers

ACTIVITY GOAL #4: How do we expand our resources and get more individuals involved in these ministries and possibly more people sharing the work of leading / coordinating ministries? Creating a RECRUITMENT person? Leader: Kevin Purscell

Mission and Outreach Activity Goals

ACTIVITY GOAL #1: Take list of Mission and Outreach Ministries, and create a group to chart out year, prioritize activities, and recruit volunteers and resources to support them

Neighborhood & Community Relations Activity Goals

ACTIVITY GOAL #1: Reaching out to Ankeny to invite them to St. Anne's for special events. Leader: Audrey West

ACTIVITY GOAL #2: Having more St. Anne's members than just Fr. Bob & Joann Olson attending the Ankeny Ministerial Association so that members of St. Anne's are being more engaged in the community of churches here in town. Leader: Audrey West

ACTIVITY GOAL #3: Possibly reaching out to music students at local colleges for a student teaching internship working with our children (ages 3-12). Leaders: Fr. Bob & Lorene Harris

Stewardship Activity Goals

ACTIVITY GOAL #1: Pursue option of renting out extra meeting room as small office space for income. Leader: Lorene Harris

ACTIVITY GOAL #2: We need to do a better job of communicating to the Congregation what the operating expenses are for running St. Anne's

Activity Goal 2a: Individual Statements. Leaders: Tyler Schleicher & Karen Carter

- Monthly Reminders/statements to individual pledging unit

Activity Goal 2b: Overall Financial Health of the Church. Leaders: Doug Karlen & Ron McCartney

ACTIVITY GOAL #3: LONG TERM GOAL – Pursue ECBF Recasting of Building Assets Consultation Process. Leader: Heidi Schleicher

Worship Activity Goals

ACTIVITY GOAL #1: Inviting members from the community to St. Anne's for Healing Services.

ACTIVITY GOAL #2: Possibly having a way to communicate new ideas for sermon topics to Fr. Bob (suggestion box?)

ACTIVITY GOAL #3: Having sermons posted to website EVERY week. If it is not possible to record during the services on Sunday, then have Fr. Bob re-record the sermon off-line that week so it can be posted.

ACTIVITY GOAL #4: Possibility of adding a new service that is not held on Sunday mornings.

- More of a long term goal for us right now...but Kevin Purscell and Fr. Bob will investigate participation

ACTIVITY GOAL #5: Having an instructive Eucharist (spread over 1 – 2 services) incorporated to explain the meaning & purpose of the rituals included in the Episcopal worship. Leaders: Andi Baker and Fr. Bob

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among our youth through music. We are blessed to have Natalie with us and you will see the choir performances at the 10:30 a.m. worship on **Trinity Sunday, June 19, Sunday, July 10 for SummerFest and our Flag Raising Event on Sunday, October 9.** All youth are welcome to join and bring friends to this group as well.

Please welcome Natalie Steenson at rehearsals

on Wednesday or on Sunday mornings when the youth sing during our special music programs at worship.

Natalie Steenson graduated with a BA in vocal music and religion from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Natalie is a trained and licensed early childhood music educator and has taught early childhood music for children and families from birth through age 7 for over 13 years. She is currently an instructor with Iowa Youth Chorus' Beginnings! early childhood music program, directs Iowa Youth Chorus' Primary Choir for 6-7 year

olds, and is one of the instructors of Children's Choir for 3rd through 5th grade. As a member of Des Moines' Metro Arts Alliance, she also provides educational outreach music workshops for elementary-aged children filled with singing, music-making and interactive storytelling. Natalie also teaches preschool and early elementary music at Sayre Montessori School. Since college she has directed various church choirs and liturgical art expression for children, youth and adults, and is often a featured soloist for church and community events. Natalie also plays

and performs on the lever harp. She is married to David, and has home-schooled their two daughters, Elaina, 16 and Anna, 14.



Adopt Part of St. Anne's Lawn

Contact the church office at 964-5152 or secretary@saechurch.org if you would like to adopt a section of St. Anne's lawn to trim and keep looking nice.

This is a great opportunity for those of you who don't have lawns and would like to use your landscaping skills to beautify the church lawn around the building.

Grow in the Sun With Us at Grinnell College

The Diocese of Iowa invites you to join Episcopalians from all of Iowa to learn, grow, build relationships and praise God together.

What: Diocesan Summer Ministry School & Retreat 2011

When: July 15 - 17, 2011

Where: Grinnell College

Visit the Diocesan website for more information:

http://www.iowaepiscopal.org/ministry_together/summer_ministry_school_and_retreat.php

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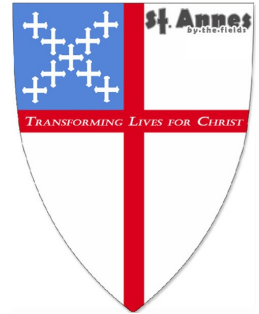
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Iowa Cubs Game

Please contact Fr. Bob if you would like to take in a Cubs baseball game on a Sunday evening. Home games are scheduled for May 22 and June 5. There is a discounted rate for groups.

Ministry Commissions



Clergy and Staff

- **Rector** - Fr. Bob Kem
(rector@saechurch.org)
- **Office Manager** - Karen Carter
(secretary@saechurch.org)
- **Deacon** - Rev. William Magie
(wwmagie@aol.com)
- **Deacon** - Rev. Kathy Tripses
(ktripses@msn.com)
- **Music Minister (Adults)**-Kevin Purscell
(KJCDM5@yahoo.com)
- **Music Minister (Youth)**-Natalie Steenson
(sofa4@msn.com)

Administrative Commission

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

Buildings and Grounds

- **Jr. Warden** - Lorene Harris
(LandRHarris@mchsi.com)

Liturgy/Worship Commission

- **Altar Guild** – Erica Lamb (lambone1@mchsi.com)
- **Chalice** - Steve Hanson (stevehanson@q.com) and Heidi Schleicher (Heidi_schleicher@msn.com)
- **Greeters** - Dan Kem (Daniel_kem@yahoo.com)
- **Lectors** – Dick Tripses (tripses@msn.com)
- **Music/Sound** – Kevin and Julie Purscell (KJCDM5@yahoo.com) and Tyler Schleicher (schleichertylerd@johndeere.com)
- **International Youth Choir** - Natalie Steenson
- **Acolytes** - Ken Finch (KHFinch@mchsi.com) and Phil Hedges (phrunswithdoes@yahoo.com)

New Members

- Heidi Schleicher (Heidi_schleicher@msn.com)

Christian Formation Commission

- **Andi Baker (Youth)** (andi.baker@mchsi.com)

- **Nursery Coordinator** (nursery to age 3) – Jessica Carlson
- **Godly Play** - Mary Gjullin (marygirlsailor@msn.com) and Sarah Eichhorn (saraheichhorn@davisbrownlaw.com)
- **GP Extreme** (grades 3- 5) – Joel Baker (andi.baker@mchsi.com)
- **Rite 13** (grades 6-8) – Andi Baker and Joel Baker
- **J2A** (grades 9-12) – Fr. Bob Kem
- **Adult Formation** – Doug Karlen, Lorene Harris and Heidi Schleicher
- **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)
- **Epicurean Dinner Groups** - Heidi Schleicher
- **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

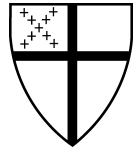
- **Pastoral Care** – Lin Karlen
- **Prayer Chain** – Lin Karlen
- **Mill Pond/New Horizons** -Andi Baker
- **Parish Health Ministry** - Joann Olson (jolson@dwx.com)

Finance Commission

- Ron McCartney (ron.mccartney@mchsi.com)

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We're on the web:
www.saechurch.org

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)

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

Church office email: secretary@saechurch.org

Phone: 515-964-5152

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

All times by appointment.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

5/2-Mary Grace Hanson

5/3-Carol Dixson

5/11-Steve Hanson

5/11-Fr., Robert Kem, Sr.

5/12-Fonda Wettstad

5/15-Jasinta Lejukole

5/17-Annika Armitage

5/18-Sarah Eichhorn

5/20-Farance Fey-Awan

5/25-Wyatt Carlson

5/25-Andrew Waller

5/26-Anja Armitage

5/29-Nyathak Koak

5/30-Barb Canova

5/30-Cameron Groves

Anniversaries

5/11 - Michele & Gary Teague

5/16- Connie & Greg Skinner

