

## Bishop Withholds Approval to Form New Diocese

After hours of prayer, consideration and consultation with diocesan leadership, the Rt. Rev. Russell E. Jacobus, Seventh Bishop of Fond du Lac, announced today he will withhold his approval to form a new diocese. Separate conventions of the Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Eau Claire, meeting in October, had mutually agreed to form a new diocese pending consent of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Church law also requires approval by the Bishop of each diocese.

The vote to junction in the Diocese of Fond du Lac is now in question. At the request of members of the Standing Committee, the ballots were recounted and an irregularity discovered. The clerical order 32 yes, 28 no votes was confirmed. However, the lay order 53 yes, 51 no votes may have been in error. The recount by two members of the Standing Committee who voted on opposite sides, found a result of 51 yes, 53 no votes. This result was confirmed by an additional count by the diocesan staff.

"My concern as Bishop is not the specifics of the vote in the lay order, but the closeness of a vote on so important an issue," Bishop Jacobus stated following the recount. "The fact that one person changing their vote in the lay order or two changing their vote in the clerical order made me realize moving forward with junctioning now would most likely be divisive and pastorally damaging. I am called to guard the faith, unity and discipline of the Church. Because of the uncertainty of the vote, I may not be living up to that vow if we move ahead with forming a new diocese at this time."

Bishop Jacobus explained he believes forming a new diocese may be in the future, but now is not the time. The closeness of the vote shows that the diocese is not one in this matter. "Jesus noted in the Gospels that a house divided against itself cannot stand. A vote this close, one that is uncertain, has led me to make this decision."

In conversation with Bishop Ed Leidel of Eau Claire, Bishop Jacobus emphasized the commitment made to working together in the future, regardless of the decision. "I plan to move ahead in discovering ways we can cooperate in ministry. That hasn't changed. We've talked about junctioning for a long time, and I am sure we will continue. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I hope we can reach a decision that brings us together, not drive us apart."

Bishop Jacobus has sent a Pastoral Letter to be read in every congregation this Sunday to the clergy and senior wardens of the Diocese.



# The Good News



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## My Brothers and Sisters, We are Blessed!

Celebration Sunday was exactly that, a wonderful time of coming together as family and celebrating together as we paused to recall the many blessings of God in our lives.

Some of us were moved when we considered the many things in our lives that we take for granted, but better understood we now see as blessings from God. Ordinary and everyday items such as a water faucet testify to the goodness of God and the richness of his blessing. My brothers and sisters, we are blessed.

Some of us were moved as we gathered shoulder to shoulder for a wonderful time of worship in music, word, and eucharist together. My brothers and sisters, we are blessed.

Some of us were moved as we had the opportunity to intentionally pause and by filling out a stewardship card committed to returning to God a portion from the blessings he has bestowed upon us. My brothers and sisters, we are blessed.

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### TIME CHANGES THIS WEEKEND

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to sleep this Saturday, November 5th!

If you would like to be added to our email list... please send us your request to [stannesoffice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stannesoffice@sbcglobal.net)

Newsletter Submissions need to be in by the 25th of the Month.

Some of us were moved as we gathered in Miller Hall following the service for a sumptuous feast of entrees, sides, and deserts...that never ended! Over 50 families combined to provide our tasty luncheon! My brothers and sisters, we are blessed.

But it was clear that all of us were moved as we were together for those few hours...because the Holy Spirit has fashioned us into the Body of Christ. My brothers and sisters, we are blessed.

My appreciation and thanksgivings are extended to each of you for being a faithful member of the Body of Christ that we call St Annes. For joyfully gathering and participating in Celebration Sunday.

Likewise, I want to acknowledge the Vestry of St Annes. Each of these vestry members, their spouses and their families, were true servant leaders through the entire month long process culminating with Celebration Sunday and the luncheon. Each vestry member had key roles that were taken extremely seriously and in which they faithfully accomplished. From announcements to sharing, from organizing to calling, from setting up to cleaning up. And special thanks to our Senior Warden, John Simonis. John served as the Vestry leader for all of the Celebration Sunday activities. I know that I speak on behalf of the entire parish when I say: "Vestry, well done and thank you for a great Celebration Sunday!"

Finally, I am moved by the blessing that St Anne's has been, and is, in my life and the Mills family. St Anne's is only St Anne's because each of you IS St Anne's. Thanks to each of you for being a blessing in our lives!

My brothers and sisters, we are blessed!

En agapé  
Fr Eric



Has anyone noticed the changes to our sidewalk along Libal and Chicago?



In case you never have the chance to walk on those sidewalks you should know that the grass was quickly overtaking each side of the sidewalk all the way around our property...hundreds of yards of sidewalk. I noticed one and sometimes two of our parishioners out there on several occasions this past month. They were quietly busy edging and cleaning up the sidewalks, adding a crisp curb appeal to the campus. In quiet and anonymity they served...and God smiled!

# *Thanksgiving Eucharist!*

Redundant words really...because the Greek word Eucharist really means "thanksgiving". Let us plan to join together as a parish family on Thanksgiving Eve (Wed, 23 Nov), at 7:00pm. It is a powerful thing to have intentionally taken the time to bring our eucharist to Jesus. If for some reason you are unable to join with us for worship, I encourage you to turn to page 836 in the Book of Common Prayer and pray the Litany of Thanksgiving. We will pray this Litany at the Thanksgiving service as we offer up the petitions attached to our Thanksgiving Tree

(See our Christian Education article for more details).



Hello All,

In the movie "Forest Gump", Forest is conversing with several people on a park bench while waiting for his bus. He has on his lap a box of candy to give his girlfriend and says to one lady sharing his bench that, "My momma said life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're going to get."



Well, I know what he was talking about. I don't think there are too many of us that anticipated that the merger of the two Diocese was really going to happen. And then the "box of chocolates" happened. Now what do we do with this unexpected surprise that looks us in the face? As I mentioned in my September message, we really have two options, fight it or embrace it.

St. Anne's has never backed down from any controversial situations, be they church or community related. And I see this as a time for us to be the strong family that we are. Some of us can remember the move from the old church downtown to where we are now. It traumatized many, but we did it. And did it with strength, conviction and success.

Well, now we have the same opportunity. This is "where no Episcopalian has gone before". I think the worry about other parishes shouldn't be at the top of our prayer list. We can be leaders like we always have been and show others how it can be done because we did it. What we do here at St. Anne's can be a model for those who may be looking for direction. We have been blessed with some very good leaders both in the clergy and the laity of our church family and they, with our support, will keep us going in the direction God wants us to go.

Let us continue to pray for all of our Leaders, Clergy, Vestry, Ministry Teams, Bishop, Diocesan Committees, and Councils, that they keep the goal of Jesus Christ in sight and keep at a minimum those "box of chocolate" surprises.

*John*

## Junior Warden's Report

A Special Thank You to all those who helped with Fall Work Day last month including...

- Steve Novotny
- Sarah Pettus
- Emily Hamilton
- Alec Hamilton
- Vic Van Gemert
- Rebecca Cleveland
- George Murphy
- Tina Ackerman
- Sara Dodge
- Ray Dodge
- Dcn. Dale
- Fr. Eric



**It was a great success and so much was accomplished!**

## Treasurer's Report

We had a pretty good August for collections, but this led to a lackluster September, and we are at 93% of budget for collections year-to-date. Although we are at 98% of budget for expenses, we are still showing a net loss of \$17,859 for the year.



The vestry approved a distribution from the endowment of \$12,000, and these funds were received in October. Even as we talk about stewardship for next year, it remains important to keep current with our pledges in 2011. Statements will be mailed in early November to reflect pledge status as of October 31. Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss our finances.

*John Eggers*

### As of September 30, 2011

	Actual	Budget	% of Budget
Revenue:			
Collections	\$210,590	\$225,336	93.46%
Other	<u>6,634</u>	<u>8,678</u>	76.45%
Total	217,224	234,014	92.83%
Expenses:			
Compensation	153,699	152,927	100.50%
Other	<u>81,384</u>	<u>86,027</u>	94.60%
Total	235,053	238,954	98.38%
Net	\$(17,859)	\$(4,940)	

*From the Christian Education Coordinator.....*

## ADVENT EVENT

Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Potluck dinner followed by Advent Activities for ALL Ages ( Adults Included!)

Please join your St. Anne's family in getting our Advent Season off to a great start. The Christian Ed team is currently planning Intergenerational Activities to help us plan and prepare for the Birth of Jesus.

**Volunteers Needed Also!** We will need some Adults/ Youth to help lead activities/sessions. Please see a member of the Christian Ed Team if you have any activity suggestions or if you would like to help.



**\*\*\*Sign up sheet will be available in the Narthex by November 9th.**



### **Mark Your Calendars....**

- **November 27<sup>th</sup>**—No Sunday School. All age teaching/activity scheduled in Miller Hall. Christian Ed team is taking ideas and volunteers to lead this.
- **December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>**—No Sunday School
- **January 8<sup>th</sup>** Epiphany Pageant 9:00 am ( one service)
  - Costume Fitting – Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – during Sunday School
  - Practice – Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m.
  - Dress Rehearsal (all participants) Saturday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. – Noon (lunch will be served)

# Thanksgiving Tree



Beginning November 13<sup>th</sup> St. Anne's Thanksgiving Tree will be in the back of church. Our Sunday School classes will be focusing on their thanksgivings and writing them on leaves. We encourage all parishioners to participate in this. We will have leaves for you to offer your thanksgiving and place on the tree at the back of the church. Our Thanksgiving Tree will be available for expressions of thanksgiving up until the start of St. Anne's Thanksgiving service, which is November 23 at 7:00 pm. During the service our tree along with all its thanksgivings will be recognized and blessed.

## United Thank Offering

The Blue Box- A small blue coin box is the symbol for the United Thank Offering (UTO). Placed in the home on a counter or dresser for you to drop coins in for those things you are thankful for. During May and November the coins are collected and sent to the National Church. UTO then grants the money to Episcopal parishes for projects to improve the physical church or serve the community. Examples of UTO grants would be to improve a church to make it handicap accessible or provide a food pantry for the community. If you have not been collecting coins there will be envelopes in the Narthex should you choose to donate. **Collection will be taken at both services on November 20th.** Coin boxes will also be available if you wish to start the tradition of giving thanks with your offering of coins.



## St. John's Shelter Collection

We are starting to collect new or gently used blankets and pajamas for St. John's Shelter. Items . A detailed Wish List is posted in the Narthex or found at: [www.stjohnhomelessshelter.org](http://www.stjohnhomelessshelter.org).

## Christmas Giving Trees

St. Anne's will again participate in the Angel Tree program and through De Pere Christian Outreach serve local families in De Pere.



The Angel Tree program is through Prison Ministry and provides two gifts each to the children of incarcerated parents. Locally De Pere Christian Outreach screens families in De Pere for their desired items. in 2010 we served six families with three gifts for each member. Parish members will be able to select items for both programs starting Sunday, November 20th. Please consider helping in this effort by purchasing an item indicated and returning it with the Angel Tree tag attached, before Dec 11th.

## De Pere Christian Outreach Food Pantry

The Food Pantry opened its doors to Boy Scout Food Drive on Oct 22nd. The Boy Scout Food Drive netted quite a bit of food for the pantry. Many of the pantry's regular volunteers (Joan Junkhan, Kathy LeBlanc, Sue Casper, Nancy Hess, and Rikki and Pete Overman) worked alongside two Scouts (Mitchell Junkhan and Austin Schuh) and many volunteers from the community, augmented by others from St. Anne's (Dave Gruber, Sarah Pettus, and Linda Montgomery). We thank BSA Troop 1043 and the many community & church volunteers. God Bless!

This food help the pantry through the holidays, most especially with the higher number of new clients. In September alone, we serviced 110 families; consisting of 206 adults & 146 children! From January-September 2011, we had 69 new families. We need to keep in mind many of these clients are on between jobs, on fixed-incomes, have medical challenges, or just no means of transportation.

Though the Scouts' drive partially replenished our shelves, we still find the pantry short of basic items, namely peanut butter, cereal, tuna, spaghetti sauce, and canned fruit. If your neighborhood did not have Scouts collecting (as mine did not), perhaps you would like to help us replenish our basic needs.

\*\*Look for an important update later this month regarding the building of a New Food Pantry at St. Anne's!

## Ecumenical Partnership for Housing

Jon Darling is working with the Counsel to purchase 2 duplexes for EPH due to the need, as 22 families are yet on the waiting list. As always, volunteers are needed for general home maintenance or repairs. Let Jon or Vic Van Gemert know if you can help in any way.



**Our next meeting is Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 9-9:50**  
*(moved 1 week ahead due to our holiday events)*

# PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.



Our Theme this is year is The Nativity!

This is a great time to go Christmas Shopping or  
enjoy that Date Night you have been meaning to take!

**We will need at least 10 adults and 10 Junior leaders (12yrs and up)  
to help with this Outreach Event.**

Sign up sheets will be posted soon.

Contact Rachel Annis for more information.

### From the Youth Group Coordinator.....

*Oh how I LOVE fall in Wisconsin and I don't think I'm the only one. From seeing the marvelous colors of the leaves turn every color imaginable, to the smell of fresh baked apple pie and lastly how about watching your favorite sports team win!*

*For some, however it can be a transition time; it is dark in the morning and also early in the evening. For our youth there can be added pressure at school with homework, exams, peer pressure, etc.*

*Even as adults, sometimes we face tough situations that we are not always certain how to handle. With proper resources and the right spiritual direction, we are able to get the assistance we need. November is a time to give thanks for all the blessings this life has to offer us. We are blessed! (I think we recently heard this, but it never hurts to be reminded) I know now as an adult, God has a plan for me. When I was younger, I wasn't so sure. Today, I am a youth leader here at St. Anne's. As it says in Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

*The Youth Group Leaders (Deacon Brien Beck, Deacon Mike Scolare, Keri Tessmer, Angie Hoey, Shawna Johnson, Ray Dodge, Sue Mills and Steve Novotny) of St. Anne's Youth Group are here to listen, guide and teach the Word of God to our youth. We understand they are our future.*

*Blessings,*

*Julie Dashnier*



Join us for the 6th annual  
Women's Ministry Christmas Dessert



This year the program will feature music by  
Wyndsong followed  
by desserts and conversation.

Monday, December 5th  
6:30 until 8:30 p.m.

Please sign-up in the Narthex.  
Childcare and transportation are available.

## *From Honduras.....*

Happy October!

I hope that you're all enjoying the falling of the leaves and the cool fall weather! We've had our own share of fall weather here as a cold front rolled in mid-October due to some tropical storms in the Pacific. Although there was major flooding in the south of the country, God kept us safe up on our mountain and we braved the "cold"-weather like champs. (Ok, I complained a little...I mean, Honduras is the tropics, I shouldn't have to be wearing wool socks, a winter hat and a sweatshirt!)

Thank you for your continued prayers. October flew by with only a few "surprises" and we are looking forward to November: Thanksgiving, the end of the school year (graduation), and a mission team coming to visit. November is also my last full month in Honduras (which is hard to believe) so please pray that I would be able to wrap everything up in the time I have left.

Love and Blessings,

*Katie*



***Stay in Touch!***

***Check out my blog: [icouldneverwalkalone.blogspot.com](http://icouldneverwalkalone.blogspot.com)***

***Email: [katie.hutjens@gmail.com](mailto:katie.hutjens@gmail.com)***

## And From India.....

Dear St. Anne's,

First of all, I miss you a great deal. I am astonished at how comfortable our lives are in DePere. For instance, there are many roads here, but you almost have to take another person to ride 'shotgun' so you miss the rocks and traffic in the road. I would NEVER drive here, but millions do. An essential is a loud horn to alert other citizens that YOU have priority on the road. Of course, they are honking THEIR horns just as vigorously.

I have been in Durgapur over a month, and I thought I would be emailing you right away, but there are recurring, though not permanent obstacles: the electricity goes off several times a week, the internet goes off at other times, and I have yet to find a way to use my Mac regularly on the internet. So I am on a PC right now. It makes India seem primitive, but it's not at all. The business offices have a computer system which is in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and works efficiently. I could relate to you everything I am *doing* and there are lots of beautiful young voices and wonderful rehearsals and programs to plan for. But just as we learned in our training in Toronto, I have first accepted a call to *be here*. The school here on the church campus works mostly with children from the slums who do not know they live in the slums. The goal is to educate these children through middle school so they can go on to high school and perhaps choose a life different from their parents. Education is always the focus. But even at the tuition schools there are 50 students per classroom. I am learning how to support their lives and let God help me find joy in their way of living. One important task is to adapt to IST, which is Indian Stretchable Time.

I am definitely in the right place at the right time. I have also donated \$300.00 of OUR money to purchase cement which will help finish the cathedral. The Bishop was delighted with our gift, as this is a sizable donation for the church.

Blessings and Peace, Lynn

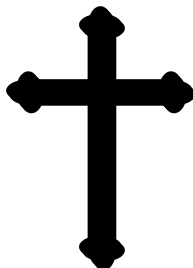
## Pastoral Care

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If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, please contact the church office so that we may add your concern to the Parish Prayer list for intercession. Individuals will be prayed for and remain on the intercession list for two weeks. After two weeks we ask you to renew your prayer request. For special consideration, please contact Fr. Eric. Remember to keep us up to date on any changes during the two week prayer window.

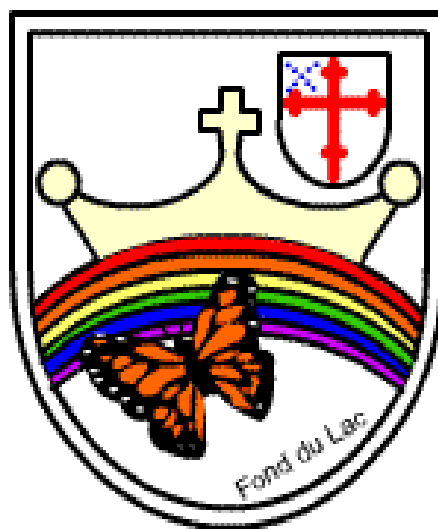
If you or a loved one are admitted to the hospital, please contact the office so Pastoral Care may be provided.



### Cursillo News

Remember the **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** at St. Paul's, Plymouth, WI. Is Saturday, November 12th starting with a Eucharist at 4:pm. Many of St. Anne's family have attended Cursillo. It would be wonderful to re-connect with friends there.

Contact Bob Cleworth, Cursillo lay director to register. Phone: (715) 421-5504 or e-mail at [laydirector@monarchcursillo.org](mailto:laydirector@monarchcursillo.org)



Mark your calendars for the **INVITE A PARISH ULTREYA** at St. Anne's on **Thursday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**. It will be a pot luck starting at 6:00pm. Hope to see many of you there. Rachel Annis

## St. Anne's Calendar

# November



- November 2 Healing Eucharist 9 AM  
Food Pantry 10– Noon  
Youth Group 6pm  
Mary Choir 5:30 , Bells 6 PM, Choir 7 PM October 9
- November 3 DPCO Food Pantry Meeting 7 pm
- November 4 Diocesan Youth Lock-In
- November 5 Youth Group: Power Of One (SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR)
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- November 6 8 & 10 AM Services (Baptisms @ 10 am)  
9 AM Sunday School & 9:15 AM Adult Forum
- November 8 Vestry Meeting 7pm
- November 9 Healing Eucharist 9 AM  
Food Pantry 10– Noon  
Youth Group 6pm  
Mary Choir 5:30 , Bells 6 PM, Choir 7 PM
- November 12 Altar Guild Meeting 10 am  
Cursillo 30th Anniversary Celebration in Plymouth
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- November 13 8 & 10 AM Services  
9 AM Sunday School & 9:15 AM Adult Forum  
Outreach Team Meeting 9 :50 am
- November 16 Healing Eucharist 9 AM  
Food Pantry 10– Noon  
Youth Group 6pm  
Mary Choir 5:30 , Bells 6 PM, Choir 7 PM
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- November 20 8 & 10 AM Services (UTO Ingathering)  
9 AM Sunday School & 9:15 AM Adult Forum
- November 23 Healing Eucharist ...To be determined  
Food Pantry 10– Noon  
Service 7 PM
- November 24 OFFICE CLOSED - Happy Thanksgiving!
- November 25 OFFICE CLOSED
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- November 27 8 & 10 AM Services  
No Adult Forum or Sunday School  
11:15 Parish Life Team Meeting
- November 28 Worship Team Meeting
- November 30 Healing Eucharist 9 AM  
Food Pantry 10– Noon  
Family Advent Event 6pm  
Mary Choir 5:30 , Bells 6 PM, Choir 7 PM