

St. Stephen's E-Scene

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**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH,
CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
AND POTLUCK SUPPER**

BEGINNING AT 4:30 P.M. - Saturday, January 24

A new Senior Warden will be introduced

The 2009 Junior Warden and three Vestry members will be elected

Introductions - Brief Reports & Up-Dates - Presentation of the 2009 Budget

Supper at 6 o'clock - Sign-up Sheets are on the bulletin board.

AN INVITATION

Jesus asks each of us, "Who do you say I am?"

Come explore with us as we search for answers. Study what the gospels say; ponder how they impact on our lives and ministries today. We get to know each other, listen to lectures by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, read and discuss multiple translations and interpretations. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a.m. we begin to engage with the "good news" by St. Matthew. At 9:15 a group meets in the church for meditation, healing litany and intercessory prayer. Please join us in prayer for families, ministries, thanksgivings. Bible Study meets on the porch.

For information call Rosemary Snapp 378-9351.

OUTREACH TO OUR MILITARY FAMILIES Thanks to our generous congregation! – 12 turkeys, one ham and a check for \$535 was delivered to the Post Chaplain in time for Christmas. **Keith Stearns**

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH In January, we are renewing a tradition of helping parishioners provide a thanksgiving for loved ones or commemorate a special occasion; at the same time beautifying our church. We will have **The Flower Chart** for people to sign up for a special date (or just because). The donor is then responsible for bringing the flowers or plants to church and putting them on the two shelves at the window behind the altar. After the 10:30 service on Sunday, the flowers will be removed. There are vases available in the Sacristy which must be cleansed and replaced if used. It is hoped that this activity will not require anyone in charge (unless you want to volunteer). The arrangements do not need to be lavish – flowers from your garden or the supermarket are beautiful. If you wish to have your name and/or the occasion listed in the weekend bulletin, please give your information including the date of the gift to Bonnie in writing at least a week beforehand. Questions, comments, ideas? Talk to **Dinah McCreery** (378-1138).

ST. STEPHEN'S CAFE' was a resounding success thanks to the many parishioners who baked, worked, bought. Some of you did all three! When expenses (advertising, supplies) are paid, we should clear over \$1,000.00. If you have suggestions for improvement, please contact Dinah (378-1138) and mark your calendars for the second weekend in December '09 (December 12).

THE ECW (Episcopal Church Women) will hold their next meeting at Noon on Wednesday, January 21st in The

Porch classroom. All women of the parish are automatically members and welcome. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship.

NEEDED Three or four additional Eucharistic Ministers(those who serve the chalice plus other liturgical duties) and three or four Eucharistic Visitors(the ones who take the Eucharist to shut-ins or any who can't make it to church). While we have a reasonable list, we don't always have reasonable availability, i.e. life happens! Previous experience is not necessary, we'll train you. These ministries are vital to the life of the church. Please see or call **Ron McCreery**(378-1138).

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