



# The Good News

April 2008

St. Anskar's Episcopal Church  
Hartland, Wisconsin

The Rev. David Drebert,

*Rector*

The Rev. Kay Drebert,  
*Deacon*

Mark Evans,  
*Seminarian*



*International Earth  
Day April 22*

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Dear St. Anskar's Family,

I am beginning to think we may actually have a Spring this year. Perhaps it is because Easter came so early this year, or just the snowstorms that seemed to follow one after the other that made me wonder if the birds would return or the crocuses pop up. Perhaps it takes a bit more faith to celebrate Easter with a blanket of snow on the ground. But of course we are a Resurrection people: Spring and its new life will return, Jesus has been raised from the dead, and death no longer has dominion over us. Alleluia! Resurrection has a way of happening. It is a force of nature, and a characteristic of God.

I am very excited about another sort of resurrection just beginning at St. Anskar's. Our new vision is promising to excite us, unite us, and revitalize us. The Vestry has worked hard to develop some goals and plans around our vision statement. We will be communicating with you in more depth about our new ideas very soon in a separate mailing, and we will have a chance to discuss it at our Parish meeting on April 27. But let me give you a preview.

One of our most important teams will be our Outreach team. The Vestry has determined that we will focus on one agency to which most of our fundraising activity and "hands-on" energy will be directed. The team will need to investigate what kind of projects we can become engaged in and recommend one that would be right for St. Anskar's. They will help recruit ongoing support for it, and keep us informed of its mission and progress. St. Anskar's has always had a strong desire to support Outreach, and I believe that such a project we can all participate in will help unify us.

The Fundraising Team has already been quite active. The Fish Fry was a very successful evening. A beer tasting, plant sale, trivia night, and a vendor fair are already being planned. A Labor Day Event including the Rummage Sale, is also returning. A fixed percentage of the revenue will help support the church, with the majority of the profits going to support our outreach project.

A new Worship and Music Team will help make our services more joyful and attractive, propose ways to lighten the atmosphere of the church, and help plan special services. They will also look at ways to include children in the service and keep the service shorter. I know I would love to have a Blessing of the Animals near St. Francis day, for instance.

The Hospitality Team has a large purview, taking on many of the old Membership, Evangelism, and Fellowship committees. They will be responsible for communications, including the website, ads, and newsletter, as well as other creative opportunities. One of their more important tasks is to find ways for St. Anskar's to have a more prominent "footprint" in the community. We would like to find ways to expand our small group ministry and fellowship groups. They will also find creative ways for inviting new members, integrating them into our community, and retaining the members we have.

The Formation and Spirituality Team will recommend formation programs for all ages, as well as ways to deepen our spiritual lives together and encourage respectful dialogue. A number of ideas are already proposed, including things like an offsite book discussion club, healing ministry, prayer groups, and much more.

Thank you to all of you who helped form our new vision. Thank you to the Vestry for their work and creativity for developing strategy, structure, and goals. It is an exciting time to be at St. Anskar's. New life is in the air! Alleluia!

Blessings,

*Fr. Dave+*

# THE PARISH REGISTER

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

4 Katie Gavin, Krista Werchowski  
 7 Tin & Sue Eng  
 8 Janet Cobbett  
 11 Sarah Gavin  
 11 Art & Mary Poppens  
 13 Ruth Rhinesmith  
 14 Owen Delmore  
 16 Ron & Mary Siepmann  
 19 Tin Eng, Janie French  
 19 Wilbur & Wanda Schwartz  
 24 Chuck Jensen  
 26 Kristen Robinson  
 27 Bob Gavin  
 28 Jim Bast, Jerry Seelig  
 29 Michelle Webster

February 2008 Receipts: \$7,969.25  
 February 2008 Expenses: \$14,478.31  
 March 2008 Receipts: \$13,573.78  
 March 2008 Expenses: \$19,275.44  
 Average Monthly Expenses: \$ 17,263

## April Highlights

April 1—7:15 p.m. Women of St. Anskar's (WOSA), Speaker for the 'Red Door Clothes' Project  
 April 4—5-7 p.m. CCWC Meals-Waukesha  
 April 5— 8:30 a.m., Men's Group Breakfast  
 April 12—9 a.m., Spiritual Practices Group  
 April 15— 7 p.m. Vestry Mtg.  
 April 27—After the late service, Parish Mtg. to Accept Revised Budget & Elect Convention Deputies



## Save-the-Date

May 11—Pentecost  
 Happy Mother's Day!  
 May 17 & 18—9 a.m.-Noon, Plant Fundraiser,  
 Pick up plants from church  
 May 18—Last Day of Sunday School  
 May 18—3 p.m., A Spring Concert,  
 w/ Reception  
 May 26—10 a.m. Memorial Day Holy Innocents  
 Service  
 Office Closed

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*Notes from Our Senior Warden*  
*Bill Webster*

As many of you know, we had our Vestry retreat several Saturday's ago. We had a very productive work day, and we came out of the day with very specific action items in support of our vision. You may find yourself being asked to participate in the various teams that we will be utilizing in 2008. The names may be different from what you have heard in the past, but rest assured that nothing has fallen through the cracks.

The vestry will not be able to do things alone, so your support is vital! If called upon, I hope you'll be able to share your time, talents, and treasure. And certainly if there is something specific about which you have passion, do not hesitate to reach out. We will be discussing the teams and their roles in greater detail at the Town meeting in a few weeks. We hope to see you there.

Speaking of support, I was so pleased with how the fish fry turned out. What was most impressive to me was how many faces I DIDN'T recognize. That speaks to how well we did in spreading the word and getting outside participation in our event. Jeanette did a great job, so thank her when you see her. We are looking forward to a similar turnout for the beer tasting event on June 28th.

Since I wrote to you all last, we also had a very productive meeting about our labor day weekend event. There are still questions to answer, and we are doing our best to get those answers as quickly as possible. So stay tuned.

Last but not least, kudos to Vince and the choir for their outstanding Easter performance! It was a moving event enjoyed by all!

Thanks.

Bill

## *St. Anskar's Vision*

*St. Anskar's Episcopal Church is an open and welcoming community. We especially wish to serve those who want to deepen their relationship with God through spiritual growth, education, and service.*



1. We are a place of supportive fellowship and caring. We seek to offer genuine hospitality to all who come to our doors.
2. We are becoming a center for spiritual growth, offering Sabbath, liturgical worship, healing and renewal, and training in spiritual practices.
3. We are becoming a center of religious education for all ages.
4. We encourage respectful dialogue that considers Holy Scripture, Christian tradition, and voices of reason from all points of view.
5. We seek to reach beyond our doors to serve human need in our communities in the name of Christ.

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## St. Anskar's First Annual Spring Plant Sale!



Spring is here! Now is the time to start planning for your flower gardens. We are offering a large selection of beautiful annuals, potted plants, and hanging baskets from Shady Lane Nursery in Menomonee Falls.

Orders can be dropped off in the church office or given to any member of the fundraising committee. You may also call the church office @262-367-2439 to order. Orders with checks are due by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. Flats are \$15 and hanging baskets are \$22. Please make checks out to St. Anskar's.

Flower pickup will be at St. Anskar's on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-12pm.

All proceeds from this sale will go to St. Anskar's outreach fund.

Thank you,  
Jeanette Bast  
262-966-0411

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## Episcopal Church Women Invite You to a Spring Luncheon United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering

The Diocesan ECW spring meeting will be Sat. April 19th at St. Dunstan's, Madison. It will run from 9:00 (registration) to 1 (completion of lunch). The program will be *Differences Do Count*, a module of Women of Vision, a nationally spiritually based program on leadership. This module looks at communication styles and how they make group work challenging, rewarding and successful. Cost for the day is \$12.00 which includes lunch. Send to Dianne McCoy 2906 Nottingham Way - Madison, WI 53713. Deadline is April 16th. Childcare is available for ages 0-6 years. See flyer on narthex bulletin board.

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## *Thank You to St. Anskar's*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the staff, families and individuals served by Hebron House of Hospitality, I want to thank you for your generous donation of \$600. Your gift will help us alleviate the difficulties of many local families who are currently experiencing homelessness, and to help them to rebuild their lives.

Sincerely,

Bernardine Juno  
Executive Director

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# The New Covenant

Dear parishes,

You will be receiving soon, if you haven't already, your first shipment of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee's new Covenant magazine. This quarterly replaces the monthly Covenant newspaper that was distributed by mail to households on your parish lists. We encourage you to distribute the magazine widely to your parishioners and newcomers throughout the spring, and we hope they enjoy their new diocesan publication. The printed magazine is designed to carry longer, more detailed features than the previous Covenant newspaper, as well as enhanced photos and graphics. Some extras will be available through the diocesan office, but the shipment should contain plenty of issues for you to distribute - approximately as many copies as you have members. Send an e-mail if you need more copies as the spring progresses, or have many left over - we will adjust your order accordingly.

The new Covenant also features The Best of Episcopal Life, a new quarterly publication prepared by Episcopal Life, the official publication of the national church. We're delighted to be the first diocese to partner with the national church on producing a diocesan magazine containing this digest of premier content from recent monthly issues of Episcopal Life.

Debuting simultaneously at Easter will be an Internet supplement to the Covenant magazine, the Covenant Online. The Covenant Online will be available for viewing - and, if desired, printing - at [www.diomil.org](http://www.diomil.org). The Covenant Online is meant as a place for parishioners and other interested readers to learn about upcoming events and other timely news around the diocese. It will be refreshed monthly and updated "on the fly" when necessary as news and notices come in. Any assistance you could provide in letting your members know about this new resource would be much appreciated. And feel free to borrow or excerpt content from the Covenant Online for your parish bulletins and newsletters.

Subsequent issues of the Covenant magazine will be shipped to your parish on or around June 1, September 15, and December 1. As was the case with the Covenant newspaper, submissions and story ideas for both the Covenant magazine and the Covenant Online are welcome at [covenant@wi.rr.com](mailto:covenant@wi.rr.com). Because the Covenant Online is able to be updated as needed, there is no deadline for submissions. Deadline for the printed Covenant is a month before publication, or: May 1, August 15, December 1, and next February 1. More information is included in the first issue of the magazine.

Enjoy your new Covenant!

Sincerely,

Bob Schwoch, editor

## Spring Diocesan Assembly

### Daughters of the King

(All Women and  
Girls Invited)

### *Make Us One*

Presentation by  
Mother Anita Braden, Chaplain

*Saturday, May 3, 2008*

*St. Boniface, Mequon,  
WI*

Hosted by The Diocesan  
Order of the Daughters of  
the King

Registration is  
\$10.00/person  
[Children are free]

Forms are available in the  
narthex.

Deadline is April 25

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### St. Anskar's Episcopal Church

#### Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 7:45 AM & 10:00 AM

Thursday: 9:00 AM

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Elizabeth Cliffe Kucharski (Jan '10)  
Carol McKinnon (Jan '11) Bill Quinlivan (Jan '09)  
Barbara Riek (Jan '10)

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