

# How Can We Help?

This past year St. Stephen's began its partnership with Dakota County Child Protection Services. Our focus is to support children and their families in reunification if separated; and to help meet their needs so they can stay together. We recently received the following request to support reunification between a young mother and her infant child. If you have any of the items to donate please drop off at St. Stephen's and leave in the coatroom. We will collect and determine a plan to deliver.

St. Stephen's is committed to intentionally connecting to our neighborhood. This is a great opportunity for us as we assist this family. As we give let us celebrate that God has placed us in this position to share what we have with others.

Peace,  
Merrill Ziemann

## Pending Need:

A young mother in our drug court has secured housing. She is doing great and has been sober for over 7 months. She was awarded a housing voucher and has leased an apartment in Dakota County. We hope to return custody of her infant son very soon. Unfortunately, her apartment is not furnished. We put a referral in for Bridging but her appointment is not until March 15th. In a perfect world we would not return custody of her child with an unfurnished apartment, but we don't want to delay reunification because she lacks what we consider normal furnishings. I am not looking for anything new. If members of the church happen to have some of these items listed below that they would be willing to donate that is all we would need.

Small Couch or loveseat  
Can opener and other kitchen utensils  
Baking dishes  
Pots and pans  
Knife set  
Silverware  
Floor and Table Lamps  
Bath stuff for baby  
Small Laundry basket for baby.

# Thank you!



# Mardi GRAS PARTY



**SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 19TH | AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**ENTERTAINMENT & GREAT NEW ORLEANS STYLE FOOD**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**



The fellowship committee will serve some tasty appetizers, followed by chicken and andouille sausage jambalaya, baguettes, salads, and King cake.

Please sign up to help us with planning this event.  
Free will donation