

## WILDERNESS WORDS

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### This Sunday:

**Leading:** Beth  
**Preaching:** Mary Ellen  
**Presiding:** Carolyn

### Readings this week:

**First Reading & Psalm:**  
 Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15

**Alternate First Reading & Psalm:**  
 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17

**Epistle:**  
 Hebrews 4:12-16

**Gospel:**  
 Mark 10:17-31

(Click on citation to go to the reading.)

### Vicar's Sabbatical Report:

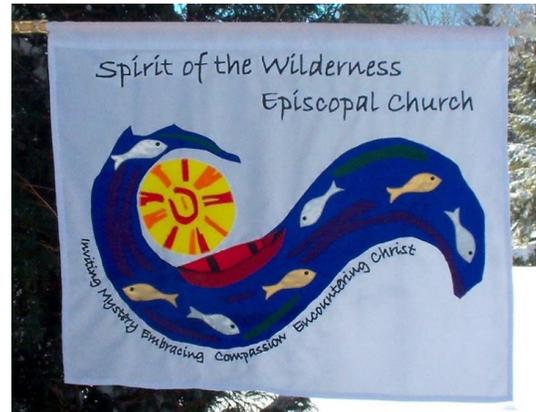
As you know, I was supposed to be away on sabbatical in South Africa from mid September to

December. And SOTW was all set to be and learn and grow in my absence. My son's diagnosis changed all that.

The Lilly Foundation, when I contacted them, agreed that I could take the first month of my sabbatical separate from the other three months, for which I'm grateful. That time away was enlightening and healing, but not too long to be away from family as the dust settled. We are moving from crisis mode to an ongoing chronic situation.

I am so thankful for everyone's prayers—I've been hearing from Barb and Marg who are in Ireland, lighting prayers for Steve!—and indeed, he is feeling so well and responding remarkably to the chemo.

The Lilly Foundation folks made clear to me that one of the requirements of the grant is that I have a three month chunk away at one time. I had planned to do that a year from now, but I started thinking/feeling a week ago that I should go sooner. I'm feeling somewhat like a pregnant woman whose due date has come and gone and....



And SOTW is also in that position....all ready and.....pacing in the waiting room?

SOTW has stepped up wonderfully—when I was unexpectedly away just as the diagnosis hit and since. I'm aware that my concentration is not what it could be—hoping long term growth in wisdom will make up for that! And the loving support—SOTW is what a church is meant to be...

Anyhow, having consulted with wardens and other clergy, I plan to take the sabbatical next mid-January to mid-April. I'll be taking some retreat time closer to home before and after, and then be in South Africa for two months. I'll then be back, hopefully refreshed and re-envisioned, before next summer.

**Save these Dates:**

**Oct. 9:** Brainstorming & Dinner at Windcradle (see notes)

**Oct. 13:** Ruby's Pantry (see notes)

**Oct. 18:** Annual Meeting after Church.

**Sunday, October 11:** Hillary Freeman - A Relook at the Good Samaritan

**Sunday, November 15:** Carol Mork: Year C - A Look at Luke

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I had originally planned on fall so as not to be away for Easter or our art show.....however, I think folks are well set to make those happen without me!

I am so proud to be part of a community like SOTW! We are blessed to be part of each other, and part of the Spirit's work here. I am trusting that this sabbatical will be a gift to all of us.

Blessings, *Mary Ellen*

***Pastoral Care Committee Assignments:***

(week starting) October 11, Lee; October 18, Lee; October 25, Dave + Shawn; November 1, Dave + Shawn; November 8, Sarah + Kyle; November 15, Sarah + Kyle; November 22, Ellen; November 29, Ellen; December 6, Milan

**NOTES**

**Brainstorming & Dinner:** This Friday, October 9th, 6 pm at Windcradle. I'll make a main dish: you bring something to go with. After dinner we'll work with Bob Gordon on expressing who we are as a church. Here is a question...if we sponsored on WTIP, what would we use as a tagline? All are welcome .... *Mary Ellen* [To facilitate planning please "advise if coming" contact: Bob Padzieski 218-877-7551 or [padzbob@gmail.com](mailto:padzbob@gmail.com)]

**Ruby's Pantry:** Tuesday, October 13!!! Ruby's is late this month! Hope you're all ready. Volunteers start arriving at the school cafeteria at 2:30, but we need help throughout the entire distribution. If you can't come until 6:00 or later, we're looking to add a couple more volunteers to our clean up crew. (<- from Larry Spaulding) **Beth Kennedy adds:** *Ruby's Pantry* is still 5:00pm til 6:30pm We need more help for clean up 6:30 til 7:00pm. People who can come after work for just one half hour would really help us out! Barb and Larry start at noon and are really tired by the end! Please keep bringing toiletries especially tampons! The secretary said she keeps getting asked for them and runs out! Also can use zip lock gallon bags!

**Sunday Treats:** Just a reminder about treats for Sunday -- please call me if you are bringing treats because I usually bring some if no one else calls but then we have duplicates or none at all. **Beth Kennedy:** 387-1314 just leave a message if I am not home!

**Some Meals for Sarah & Kyle:** Would be a big help with a few more weeks for recovery from her surgery. Sarah Stover is a vegetarian but Kyle is not so it helps to bring both kinds of dishes! She still has 3 more weeks that she needs to rest and take it easy!! Food can be brought to Sarah at her home or to church or she may also be working a little and there is a refrigerator at Higher Ed with freezer. Sarah and Kyle live across from Hedstrom's Mill .