

WILDERNESS WORDS

Interim Editors

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This Sunday:

Leading: Lee
Preaching: Mary Ellen
Presiding: Mary Ellen

Readings this week:

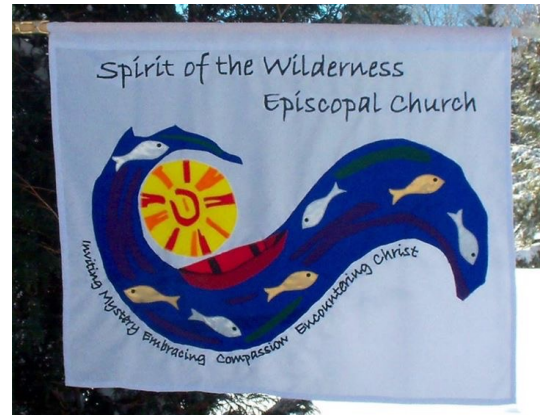
First Reading & Psalm:
 Job 42:1-6, 10-17 and Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
Alternate First Reading & Psalm:
 Jeremiah 31:7-9 and [Psalm 126](#)
Epistle:
 Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel:
 Mark 10:46-52

(Click on citation to go to the reading.)

Vicar's Reflections:

(Vicar's report at the annual meeting, Oct. 18th.)

Pondering this year, I feel as if it has been a test, and that Spirit of the Wilderness has passed with flying colors. I see this in several ways:



1. We stepped up to say 'yes' to Ruby's Pantry, and we are feeding our community.
2. We have continued to serve the community through Mariano's Closet and The Good Samaritan Fund, both of which make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors.
3. We held a very successful art exhibit, including many local artists and high school art classes, bringing the St. John's Bible project to center stage in our community.
4. We continue to be a welcoming community to those who visit.
5. We have a strong core of people who belong, who are Spirit of the Wilderness.

6. Our music ministry has been growing in a wonderfully organic way, thanks to Karen Kobey's leadership.
7. We continue to build opportunities for growth, such as forums, historic services, as well as small groups for support.
8. What other church could simply step in on a moment's notice and do and be church so well, when my son received his diagnosis? Great preaching, leading, pastoral care, as well as work outside the walls. And then flexibility when I wasn't away!

Save these Dates:

Tuesday, November 10:
Ruby's Pantry. Watch for updates.

Thursday, November 12:
Empty Bowls. See Notes.

Sunday, November 15: Forum after Church. Carol Mork: Year C - A Look at Luke

Wednesday, November 25:
Interdenominational Thanksgiving Service. See *Notes*.

Sunday, November 29: SOTW at the Care Center

Sunday, December 13: Forum after Church. Kris Garey: Haiti

9. I have had the opportunity to experience the amazing love and support this community gives in time of need—this is the ultimate test of a church, I believe—and you all have been fantastic.

Wow. Praise God.

Blessings, *Mary Ellen*

Pastoral Care Committee Assignments:

(week starting) 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,

NOTES

Empty Bowls: Thursday, November 12th lots of help needed ... speak to Beth Kennedy

Thanksgiving Service: An interdenominational Thanksgiving service will be held this year, sponsored by the Cook County Ministerium on Wed, Nov. 25 at Bethlehem Lutheran. Fellowship from 6 PM, service at 6:30. Let's all go to this! Mary Ellen

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!

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