

WILDERNESS WORDS

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This Sunday:

Leading: Val
Preaching: Carol M.
Presiding: Karen H.

Readings this week:

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading & Psalm:
 Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 and Psalm 127

Alternate First Reading & Psalm:
 1 Kings 17:8-16 and Psalm 146

Epistle:
 Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel:
 Mark 12:38-44

(Click on citation to go to the reading.)

Vicar's Reflections:

At our ministerium gathering yesterday, my clergy brothers and sisters asked me about Steve and his treatment. I

reported, and someone asked if he was a person of faith. "Not at this point," I said. "You know how people tend to drift in their twenties and thirties..."

A couple people mentioned a report they'd just heard about how typical this is of twenties and thirties—and how most of these will never go back to church.

What does this mean for the church? And how could we respond?

Next summer we will have a seminary intern at Spirit of the Wilderness. One of the areas I've raised with her is about this age group—students home from college, international students, other twenties and thirties. I hope she will help us to focus on these opportunities.

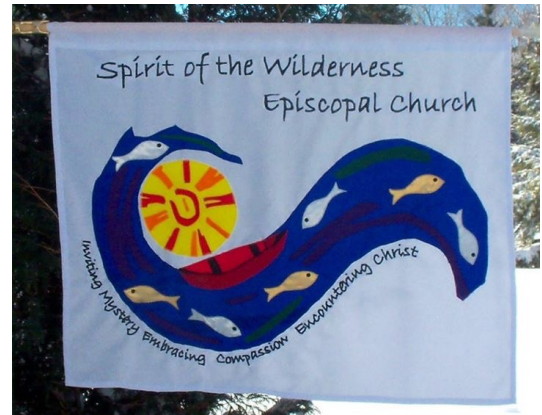
And there's always the challenge—how do we nourish our members for their ministry in the world, while at the same time not offering a worship totally foreign to the unchurched person who comes in our

doors?

I believe that God has placed in each human person a desire for meaning, for connection, for something beyond the day to day. I believe that we at *Spirit of the Wilderness* have been blessed to be fed week by week with meaning, connection and something beyond the day to day.

Join me in praying that we may find ways to hold out the light we have been given to others.

Blessings, *Mary Ellen*



Save these Dates:

Tuesday, November 10:
Ruby's Pantry. See *Notes*.

Thursday, November 12:
Empty Bowls. See *Notes*.

Saturday, November 14:
NE Mission Area Gathering,
Trinity Episcopal Church,
Hermantown. See *Notes*
and flyer.

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

Sunday, Jan. 3: From
12:30-3:30, there will be a
gathering for all of our
preachers at WindCradle. We'll
lunch and talk sermons.

Pastoral Care Committee Assignments:

(week starting) November 8, Sarah + Kyle; November
15, Sarah + Kyle; November 22, Ellen; November 29,
Ellen; December 6,

NOTES

Ruby's Pantry: Our next distribution, Tuesday, November 10, is
back inside!!!! Yeah!!!

I need to get an idea of how many of you can help us out this
month. Please let me know how it looks for you!! Volunteers will
start arriving at the school at 2:30, but remember, if you can't make
it that early, that's ok too!! Just let me know what works for you.
Distribution ends at 6:30.

Hope to see you there!!

Barb Spaulding <lbspaulding@boreal.org>

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

Saturday, November 14: NE Mission Area Gathering, Trinity
Episcopal Church, Hermantown. The agenda is attached. This is
our annual gathering of Episcopal Churches in NE Minnesota. One
own Kyle Stover is one of the presenters. See Carolyn Schmidt for
details.

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**

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Agenda for NE Mission Area Gathering November 14th.**Trinity Episcopal Church****4803 Maple Grove Road; Hermantown 55811; 218 729 7957**

9:30 AM—Coffee and registration, gathering time in the parish hall

10:00 AM—Opening remarks by Bishop Prior

10:00—11:45 AM (with a break)—

Program: How we in our communities can promote the efficient use and stewardship of energy and environment. Q & A will follow.

Our keynote speaker will be J. Drake Hamilton from FreshEnergy (www.fresh-energy.org). Ms. Hamilton led a seminar at our ECMN annual convention. Also speaking will be Kyle Stover of Grand Marais. He has been involved in the development of sustainable forestry with the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and is currently with the U.S. Forest Service. Our third presenter will be Brett Pence from Ecolibrium 3 (www.ecolibrium3.org) and he will explain energy audits for homes, churches and industry. A bio of Ms. Hamilton may be seen below. Also participating in our gathering will be ECMN missionaries.

- Also available in the morning—One on one visits with Bishop Prior in the administrator's office for individuals or wardens, vestry or Bishop's Committees—Sign up available

12:00—1:30 Lunch at Trinity—Free Will Offering. We will use this time also to engage in our sharing with each other as well as have a discussion of any business before us.

2:00—Festive Service of commissioning and re-affirmation of ministry, The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior presiding.