

WILDERNESS WORDS

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This Sunday:

Leading: Suzanne
Preaching: Carolyn
Presiding: Carolyn Schmidt

Readings this week:

REIGN OF CHRIST - PROPER 29 (34)

First Reading & Psalm:
 2 Samuel 23:1-7 and Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)

Alternate First Reading & Psalm:
 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Psalm 93

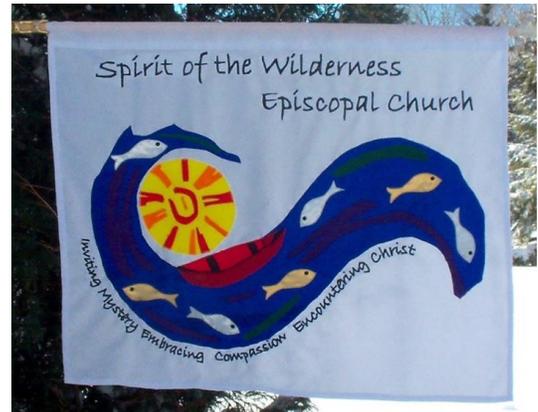
Epistle:
 Revelation 1:4b-8

Gospel:
 John 18:33-37

(Click on citation to go to the reading.)

Vicar's Reflections:

“How do people survive without a faith community?” I’ve found myself thinking over the last few months, since my son’s diagnosis. I really don’t know...



But when I think back over this year, I realize many of us have had occasion to wonder how people survive without a faith community. Life has happened to many, whether in the form of hospitalizations, parental decline, loss of dear four legged friends, and other troubles. How would we survive without a faith community?

A faith community like Spirit of the Wilderness means I am connected with people I know will care for me and support me no matter what. It means I have a place to share my joys and sorrows. Sunday worship calls me to stop and remember what really matters; homilies feed and challenge me. And our life together at Spirit of the Wilderness gives us opportunities for service in the larger community through Ruby’s Pantry and other options.

I am deeply grateful for Spirit of the Wilderness, because of what this church gives me as my faith community. But as vicar of Spirit of the Wilderness, I’m able to see what the church is giving others in terms of support, challenge, and opportunities for service. I’m able to see how our church, though small in numbers, is stepping up in all kinds of meaningful ways, to support those within and those outside our walls.

We’re so fortunate that we don’t have a building to worry about, that we can focus on what really matters to us as a faith community. This Sunday is our opportunity to support that vision, as we bring our pledges forward—either physically in church or electronically—as a symbol of our gratitude and our openness to God’s ongoing work in our lives as individuals and a community.

Peace, *Mary Ellen*

Save these Dates

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.

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Pastoral Care Committee Assignments:

(week starting) November 22, Ellen; November 29,
Ellen; December 6.

NOTES

We will have a new block and a new role starting this week at
SOTW. Here's the info.....

Welcome

While we all welcome at SOTW, your job is before, during and after
the service:

Before: be at the door, making sure everyone gets the bulletin
and any handouts. If someone is new, try to guide them not to
sit at the back. Look and see if you can find someone to sit
with them and ask them.

During: if anyone comes in late and needs help finding a
bulletin or a spot, please help them.

After: Make sure the visitor is personally invited up for coffee,
and introduced to people. Ask them if they'd like to get our
newsletter, and if they're willing, have them write name and
email on a card.

Pass the name and email to pastoral care person for follow
up.

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

Mary Ellen's Blog About Stephen: Several have asked
for more information. The URL of the site is: [https://
allmyhopeblog.wordpress.com/](https://allmyhopeblog.wordpress.com/) Either CLICK on that, OR
copy and paste it into your favorite browser. If you would like
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