

WILDERNESS WORDS

Editors

If there is anything that you would like to have included in the Newsletter: 218-388-9903 and dmc@chem.wayne.edu or pcoleman@chem.wayne.edu

This Sunday:

Leading: Lee
Preaching: Rolf
Presiding: Hillary

Readings this week:

Second Sunday in Lent

First Reading:
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm:
Psalm 27
Epistle:
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel:
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

(Click on citation to go directly to the reading.)

Reflections:

by Mary Ellen Ashcroft

Hope all you SOTW folks are well! I had a lovely (though very rainy) ten days out in Washington State—hiking amongst some huge trees (one Sitka Spruce 60 feet in diameter), walking on ocean beaches, seeing friends, knitting and writing. I also visited the Grunewald Guild near Leavenworth, WA, which focuses on spirituality and the arts.



Inviting Mystery, Embracing Compassion, Encountering Christ.

In the Twin Cities, Suzanne and I have spent time together: highlights include some delicious ethnic food and an exhibit at the Weisman Museum on the role of the arts and social change. And we’ve also seen grandchildren: highlight was sledding with Esme and Henry. (Though I’m so sore I can hardly move...)

I’m off tomorrow to Santa Fe where I will be staying in a Benedictine Monastery in the mountains near town, writing and praying and hiking. I’ll then be in Santa Fe itself for a few days with my friend Lisa from Columbus, looking at art.

Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers. Steve has chemo tomorrow, so I’ll report more later on that!

Love, *Mary Ellen*

Continuing best wishes to our very own Ella Hedstrom. She qualified for the Minnesota State Championship competition in Varsity Swimming in breast stroke and other events. Go Ella!

We hear from Howard Hedstrom that Bonnie Gay’s knee replacement surgery went exceedingly well. Prayers for rapid and effective recovery.

NOTE: During Mary Ellen’s sabbatical leave Carolyn has graciously agreed to be contacted as needed.



Save these Dates**Saturday & Sunday, Feb. 27th/**

28th: Jeff Kidder will be our guest musician and will work with our musicians. *See Notes!*

Sunday, March 6th: SOTW @ the Care Center.

March 4th - 26th: SOTW 2016 Art Show at the Johnson Heritage Post. *See Notes!*

Sunday, March 20th: Forum. Carol Mork on the Passion Narrative after hearing them in the reading at worship that morning.

Thursday, March 24th: Seder @ Howard & Bonnie Hedstroms' home. Hillary is facilitator.

Friday, March 25th: Good Friday Service @ the Dental Office.

Sunday, April 3rd: Forum after Church by Inger Andress (President of Kai-Zen Solutions LLC). Discussion of sexual predation by older men in Cook County.

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Notes:**1.) Jeff Kidder Visit**

Musician Jeff Kidder will be leading a workshop on music for worship for Spirit of the Wilderness on Saturday, February 27 at 10 am. The workshop is open to anyone that loves to sing and is interested in learning some new songs! The workshop will be held at #9 Terrace Point (next to Bob and Ginny Padzieski's). For more information and directions, please contact Karen Kobey (663-7298) or Bob Padzieski (877-7551).

There will be a potluck held at Ginny and Bob's on the evening of Saturday, February 27! **Please contact Ginny if you are interested in coming and what type of dish you will bring** (main dish, salad, side dish, dessert) . We hope for a good turnout for fellowship and food! <ginnypadz@gmail.com>

2.) Spirit of the Wilderness 2016 Art Show

As the days lengthen, the Spirit of the Wilderness art show is drawing near. "I have heard some questions about whether it would take place this year", said Ellen Stubbs, a member of the SOTW art committee. " The answer is an emphatic yes. We are looking forward to participation from many artists, so if you have been waiting to start, wait no longer."

"Sense of Wonder: Expressing This Place" invites participants to consider how the landscape, light, atmosphere, seasons and community of the North Shore have shaped them as artists. Interpretation is, of course, an individual choice, and the variety of expression is always fascinating to experience.

Art work will be accepted at Johnson Heritage Post March 1st and 2nd between noon and 4 p.m. The opening will be at 5 p.m. March 4th, with appetizers followed by a discussion.

We are delighted to have Chel Anderson speaking at 6 p.m., March 4th. Chel is an extraordinary interpreter of the natural history of the North Shore, with a gift for simplifying its complexities. She demystifies the science while expressing a sense of wonder -- a perfect match for this show.

There's still time to participate in this year's show. So paint, draw, carve, sculpt, photograph, throw a pot, embroider, quilt, or just come and enjoy! The show will run from March 4th through the 26th, Thursday through Sunday.

Questions? Contact Ellen Stubbs 663-7298

From the Bishop:

Dear Friends,

I am reaching out to you in hopes that you can help us meet our goals around Mission Opportunity 2016: Engaging God's Mission Through Engaging All God's Creation. With your help, the Episcopal Church in Minnesota can green our own operations, nurture life on our properties, and support the deeper work of changing the systems that marginalize and threaten the planet and its inhabitants.

Our goals for Mission Opportunity 2016 are:

- Each faith community takes two new steps in each of the following three areas: Practical Action, Spiritual Practice, Systemic Change
- Each faith community completes an energy audit if they have not already done so, and takes the recommended steps that have a payback period of two years or less
- Faith communities share stories and learn from one another through posts on the [Episcopal Earthkeepers Circle Facebook page](#) and in various ECMN news outlets
- Include each faith community in the Episcopal Earthkeepers Circle
 - Establish a primary point of contact
 - Help create faith community circles

As a foundation for this work, we ask that by the end of February you:

- Let us know if someone will be leading your faith community's work on Engaging All God's Creation
- Complete and send the [Next Steps](#) and [Energy Audit](#) covenants to The Rev. Tom Harries at the address below

The Rev. Tom Harries

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God bless you and your faith community as we join in caring for the Earth, our island home.

Blessings,



The Rt. Rev. Brian N. Prior

IX Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota

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Sense of Wonder: Expressing this Place Call to Artists: 2016



**Spirit of the Wilderness
Episcopal Church
invites artists to participate in
our 7th annual art show:**

**Johnson Heritage Post
March 4-28**

Opening talk—Chel Anderson March 4.

Context shapes us: where we find ourselves affects us in ways of which we may be unaware. Artists are drawn here; some who wouldn't have called themselves artists begin to create art when they're here. Here's a chance to ponder how you as an artist have been formed by the landscape, atmosphere, light, seasons, and community along the North Shore.

Use these questions to spark your artistic juices for our annual show:

How would your artistic expression be different if you lived somewhere else?

How is your spirituality (and your artistic expression) rooted in this particular place?



Artists need to submit work with title, price and artist statement by March 1st.

Questions: students contact Mary MacDonald; Bonnie Gay Hedstrom (387 2538) or Ellen Stubbs (663 7298).

New this year: not only will high school art students submit work, but younger students will also be encouraged by their art teachers and others to respond to the topic.