

WILDERNESS WORDS

Editors

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This Sunday:

Leading:

Preaching: Carolyn
Presiding: Mary Ellen
Treats: Karen & Ellen

Readings this week:

Third Sunday of Easter, 30 April, 2017

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23
Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

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



Reflections:

By Carolyn Schmidt



*Inviting Mystery, Embracing
 Compassion, Encountering Christ.*

On April 8th I attended our Northeast Mission Area Gathering (MAG). This once a year all day gathering was held in Grand Rapids this year. The topic was Racial Reconciliation & Native American Communities. I was particularly moved by the "Blanket Exercise" led by the Rev Robert Two Bulls. We were taken on a journey through North American history from the Native American point of view. A description won't do. We must bring Robert back up here so we can host this as a community event!

I always find our Mission Area meetings interesting. I learn about what is going on in Ely or in Duluth from the point of view of people who live there. And I find out what our Episcopal Churches are doing, or not doing, all around our Northeast area. The purpose of these gatherings and meetings is to share our struggles and our successes. We realize that we are a part of a larger community where we share many of the same challenges and many of the same gifts. We at Spirit of the Wilderness are the Episcopal Church gathered in Cook Co, MN. But we are also a part of the Northeast Mission Area of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota. And we are a part of the Episcopal Church in the USA and of the Anglican Communion world wide. We are organized in this way to learn from one another and to challenge one another and to remind one another of our common calling in Christ.

Our Northeast Mission Area meets 3 times a year for a morning of sharing and learning together. The next meeting is August 5 at Holy Trinity in International Falls. I imagine that one thing that will be talked about at that meeting is this year's Convention of the Episcopal Church in MN. We, the NE, are the hosts for that meeting in Duluth on September 16 and 17. Everyone is always welcome to attend these events. We also have one elected Lay Representative and one Alternate we expect (hope) will attend. All clergy are automatically invited, so

Forums: 2016 - 2017

Forums — immediately following services we grab our coffee and treats and spend an hour learning.

April 30th — The Ten Commandments by Carol Mork.

May — Prayer

when I go to these meetings I am not technically your representative. I am there in my role as Priest (see the Prayer Book Ordination Rite to see what that means). I do talk about SOTW so maybe you want to come with me so you can speak up about all we are and do at SOTW.

Forum this Sunday, April 30: Following worship on the topic of "The Ten Commandments - what are they really and what might they have to do with us." by Carol Mork.



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Notes:

1.) Save the Date: Karen Halbersleben and Jane Shinnors will both turn 60 on June 25 this year. Please plan to attend a grand party and "Festival of Friends" they are planning for that date. Details to follow!

March for Science in Grand Marais and Philly.

