

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—January 21, 2010

### Mentor Notes:

We had such a lovely evening at Val and John's last night. Besides enjoying delicious food, we discussed a couple Spirit of the Wilderness issues:

- We agreed to have a party in mid-February for the community—with proceeds going to Episcopal Relief Fund in Haiti. We are figuring out the date, the venue and entertainment. Those are up in the air, but we do know that we'll cook something to serve and that we'll encourage folks to "dress up" in those mother of the bride, bridesmaid type clothes. More by Sunday, I hope.
- We discussed our "vision statement" motto and came up with the following:

Spirit of the Wilderness:

Inviting Mystery,  
Embracing Compassion,  
Encountering Hope

I'm meeting Kelly Dupre on Saturday to see her work on a woodblock design...perhaps I'll have a sample on Sunday.

Blessings— +Mary Ellen

### Mark your calendar:

**January 31st: Adult forum** on the subject of translations of the Bible and how we got them, how true they are to the original, which are better for what purposes, etc.

**Food Shelf help needed:** Monday, Feb. 1, 3-5.

**Party:** Dig out those mother of the bride outfits for a "do" on February 10th. More later.....

**Ash Wednesday:** At WindCradle 6:30 PM. A service with imposition of ashes.



### Please Pray—

- For Doris, as she adjusts to a new living situation in Duluth, and for Reed and Barbara as they help her.
- Ongoing healing for Lorraine and Jerry.
- For Nikki's nephew Alan.
- For the people of Haiti, especially for our Anglican brothers and sisters there.
- For the bishop elect, Brian Prior that he will be given grace and wisdom.

### Focus:

Last Sunday Lee delivered a wonderful homily. If you didn't get to hear it, make sure you get a chance to read it. What a great kick off for our focus (from now until Easter) on love, and what it means for our church community to love one another.

As we focus our thoughts, prayers, and preaching on this, I invite each of us to ponder and pray...what do you think it means for us to love one another?