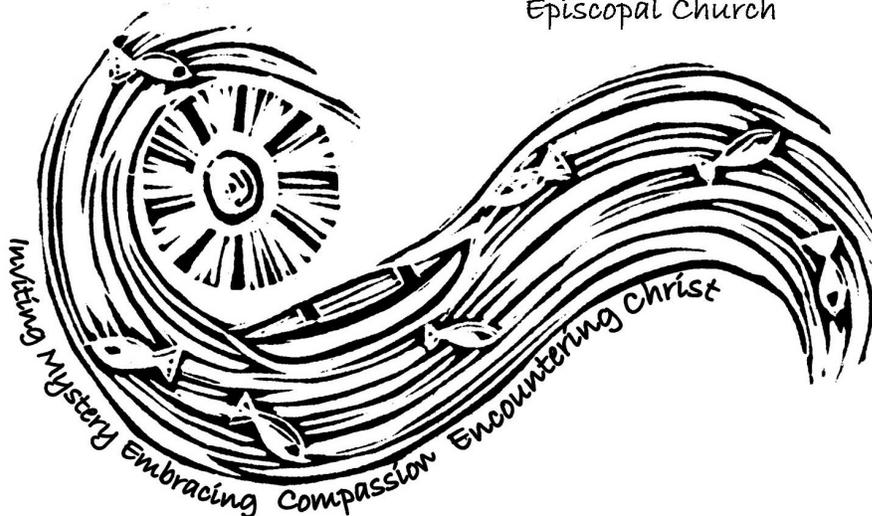


Wilderness Words

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Vicar's Notes

Life is springing out all over! We've been enjoying the bright colors at the feeder—Indigo Buntings, Orioles, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Evening Grosbeaks, Goldfinches, and Purple Finches. And marsh marigolds, spring beauties, violets, in the woods. Esme presented me with a bunch of dandelions (hand harvested) the other day.

The waterfalls are spectacular—we paddled to Rose Lake and enjoyed the tiny leaves and the cascading water. The High Falls were so high that they gave all spectators a shower!

Especially after what has seemed like an interminable winter, all of this color and movement is very welcome. We were—admit it—desperate.

We at *Spirit of the Wilderness* will be aware of other kinds of movement and new color in the next few weeks—summer people returning and more outdoor coffee times.

We're aiming this summer to have some activities that include our summer folk—look out for a book group Howard Hedstrom will be leading on "Dying to Live." Also our socials will be happening—a House Blessing at Carol and Hillary's new place, plus the Holadays have promised us another afternoon at Greenwood.

We're also experimenting with our music, and would love to have any and all participants. Last Sunday we were delighted to have bagpipes. We're hoping folks will not 'hide their light under a bushel' but bring instruments and voices with them to our services. Or if they have visiting friends, invite them to bring their clarinet or guitar. Music practice starts at 10:00.

It becomes especially important in the summer that we have welcomers in place at the back of the church before the service—to welcome, help with name tags, hand out music and bulletins. If you are there, look out for that opportunity.

This Sunday there will be posters inviting people to come to our services, for SOTW folks to distribute.

And June 23rd, will be our annual Welcome Sunday—when we have doughnuts before and a BBQ after church and encourage all of us to invite people we know to come and visit.

I'm thankful that I don't need to remind us to welcome people back for the summer or to welcome visitors. That's simply who we are at *Spirit of the Wilderness*.

Mary Ellen

Looking Ahead

Monday, June 3rd: 5:30 for 6:00 Centering Prayer at Schmidt's

Sunday, June 9th: First a capella group service—come at 10 to practice.

Monday, June 10th: 5:30 for 6:00 Centering Prayer at Schmidt's

Thursday, June 13th: 6:30 Bishops Committee

Monday, June 17th: 5:30 for 6:00 Centering Prayer at Schmidt's

Sunday, June 23rd: WELCOME SUNDAY—bring a friend. Instrumental Sunday— if you can play something, bring it along.

Sunday, June 30th: 12:30 SOTW at the Care Center.

Sunday Lectionary Readings:

I Kings 18: 20-39

Psalm 96

Galatians 1: 1-12

Luke 7: 1-10

The Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel readings seem to all deal with the question of how people identify themselves in relationship with their faith. (Elijah does as opposed to other religion; Paul is angry that the Galatians have slipped away; Jesus finds great faith where he might not expect it.) Ponder how do you identify yourself in relation to your faith?

I Kings 17: 8-24

Psalm 146

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7: 11-17

These readings—especially the Old Testament and the Gospel—focus on compassion and care for those who need it most. Where in your life do you feel the call to compassion? Who in your world needs this compassion most?

Please pray for....

Molly Koschinka, just over a year, going in for surgery to put in an artificial heart valve, on Tuesday, June 4th. For her parents, Tim and Shannon, grandparents, Greg and Coralyn, siblings, Luke and Kate.

For Jay Hanson (and Madge) as he awaits surgery/treatment for a brain tumor.

For Reed's niece Kathy Holaday, fighting cancer.

June 2 Sunday service responsibilities

Leading—Karl

Homily—Layne

Presiding—Mary Ellen

Music—Jane and Karen

Chalice—

OT—

NT—

Psalm—

Prayers of the People—

Treats—

Healing prayers—

What is an a capella group?

ON the second Sunday of each month, a small group of singers will lead our music at SOTW. The music will be chosen to be sing-able (without accompaniment). Carol Mork will be facilitating this group. If you'd like to help lead music on these Sundays, show up at 10:00 to practice.

Spring at Last!!!

New!!! Spirit of the Wilderness Calendar....

Jenny has organized this for us. She says, "I've been using Google Calendar to organize my calendar, find interesting events, and share my schedule with friends and family members. I thought you might like to use Google Calendar, too." This will help us in planning our life together. Go to:

Look out for...

- A book group led by Howard Hedstrom—book is "Dying to Live."
- A house blessing for Carol and Hillary's new digs.

