

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—July 21, 2010

### Mentor Notes:

If you haven't had a chance yet, do take time to look at the link Dave Coleman sent to EPISCOPAL LIFE ON LINE, about a new church starting Kansas.

What I found intriguing were the ways people had come to the church. They were so everyday: meeting someone at the Farmer's Market, at a Business Expo, chatting in the neighborhood.

Everyday, but also face to face. We can put ads in papers, on boreal and on notice boards: these will increase people's awareness of us which is good. But almost always it comes down to the personal, face to face, invitation.

Before the Trinity youth weekend, Gretchen, the deacon who is working with youth said, "What's a loon?" "A loon?!?!?!?!? You don't know what a loon is....oh I can hardly wait till you get to see one and hear one...."

Dragonboat is a perfect chance for us to have face to face encounters and to rave about our faith community that has come to mean so much to us!

Peace, Mary Ellen+

### Dragonboat—

**Friday July 30** - practice 4:30-6pm. **Parade at 7pm.** All are welcome to walk in the parade whether you are paddling or not.

**Races all day Saturday.** SOTW paddles 10:45 and 1:45 pm, and a third time will probably be added.

This weekend Val will be emailing and mailing specifics on where to meet and what time for both Friday and Saturday; and will have info printed and available at church on Sunday. Call or email her with any questions. This is a great opportunity to let the community and beyond know there is an Episcopal church in Cook County. If you would like, bring cookies/grapes/snacks to share at our "tent" area on Saturday for anyone who might stop by to chat.

### Mark your calendars:

**July 29th: 5:30-6:00** Immigration vigil at Congo church.

**July 31st:** SOTW in the Dragonboat Festival.

**August 1st:** Business meeting following worship.

**August 2nd:** SOTW at the food shelf.

**August 14-15:** Visiting musician to work with SOTW. Please plan to come to WindCradle with any instruments/voices Saturday 9-12.

**August 25th:** August social at Greg & Coralyn's.

**Oct. 29-30:** We are introduced at The Diocesan Convention in Duluth!!!



Thanks to Barbara and Reed for a great gathering at Greenwood Lake last Sunday!!

Congrats to Anne Penny's son and his dog Macaroni and their entrepreneurial skills!