

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—September 20, 2009

### DON'T FORGET!



Invite everyone (2 and 4 footed) to our annual Pet Blessing, October 4th! (Great opportunity to welcome many who feel a little uncomfortable in church.

### Service Opportunities:

- Empty Bowls: Make bowls (dates TBA)
- Empty Bowls: Make soup (dates TBA)
- Food Shelf: (dates TBA)
- Emergency Preparedness volunteer meeting (Sept. 29 4 pm)
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### Mentor Notes:

We are at an exciting stage here at Spirit: a time of challenge as we work to become "a real church." This weekend I'm going to be meeting with spiritual directors in the Twin Cities and going to Clergy Conference, and I know there will be many questions and much excitement about what we're doing here. Growth isn't easy but it is necessary and rich.  
+Mary Ellen

### Mark your calendar!

- October 4th: Pet Blessing
- October 16th: Social gathering at Nikki's potluck and blessings!
- Foodshelf: announcement on

### Let us know what you think!

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### Ideas:

- Let's start having brown bags lunches again—every week? Every other week? For Christian education.
- How about a day long Advent Retreat at WindCradle, December 5?
- Anyone interested in a monthly spirituality group we can invite friends to?
- I'm thinking of inviting our local artistic community to choose a station of the cross and submit a poem/drawing/sculpture.
- What are you thinking about?

Church Picture here.....anyone have one to contribute?