

Wilderness Words



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Weekly News—June 26, 2012

Vicar Notes

Some of you will have heard that Lorraine Carpenter died this past week. She was one of Spirit of the Wilderness' founder members, and was such a wonderful person.

For the first couple years of SOTW's life, Lorraine drove in from Seagull Lake and played the organ for our services. But it wasn't just her playing that was so wonderful—it was her spirit. Lorraine had a spark like no other! She really loved people and she loved to dance and she loved music. She loved the great outdoors.

And she loved the church. Lorraine was so excited that there was going to be an Episcopal Church in Cook County. She came to the meetings we had to plan and to tell her story. She is truly one of the fore-mothers of our church!

Lorraine had a deep faith in God, although she had been through some tough circumstances.

Sadly Lorraine was diagnosed with cancer during a trip to the Mayo clinic a couple years ago. And while the treatments put the cancer into remission, it also put Lorraine into chronic pain. That pain seemed to take the spark went out of her....It was hard to see this change...

She and Jerry moved to Lakeshore in Duluth, closer to treatment and more care.

On Sunday in church I felt Lorraine's presence. Especially when we sang, "I am the bread of life," I imagined Lorraine in heaven with her sparkle back, with her dancing shoes on!

I'm grateful for the part Lorraine played in starting SOTW, and for the joy of knowing her. I look forward to kicking up my heels with her in glory!

Blessings,

Mary Ellen

What's happening?

Other SOTW events:

July 16th: Bishop's Committee Meeting at Lee and Karl's house.

July 17th: Reaching Out Committee.

Please pray:

- Gratitude for Lorraine's life, and support for her grieving husband, Jerry.
- For Barb Weller and Marg France, SOTW members who live near Two Harbors and have experienced significant flooding in the last couple days.
- Reed Holaday, who goes in for heart related tests on Monday.

Invite a friend to welcome Sunday
this week!
Donuts from 10:00,
BBQ after.

Five Years of Spirit!!

- July 1—Welcome and anniversary celebration—donuts before church and a barbecue after!
- July 15th—Tim Hodapp, Missioner for Mission in the Episcopal Church in MN will be with us for service, and then a potluck after...Holadays have invited us out to Greenwood that afternoon!
- July 27-28—Dragon-boat—sign up with Kathy Sullivan if you want to paddle. We'll have a tent full of music and fun, so plan to join in—even if you're not paddling...For Dragon-boat, a few church musicians from St. Matthew's are going to be visiting to be in our tent and then in services on Sunday. We're full up at WindCradle.....could you host a couple? (there will be two, I think.....)
- August 22nd—Dwight Zscheile (mission church expert who met with us early in the process) will spend an evening with us—potluck and meeting at Wind-Cradle.

