

## Wilderness Words



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### Vicar's Notes

Invite your dog or cat to church this Sunday!!

Many churches celebrate a Blessing of the Animals service on the Sunday closest to October 4th—the Feast Day of St. Francis. Francis is known as a wonderful example of a person who allowed his life to be changed by Christ. He went from wealth and privilege to a life of service, and of working for peace. Besides writing (most think) the prayer asking God to make him an instrument of peace, Francis also wrote the words to “All Creatures of Our God and King.”

And he said some memorable lines.....one of my favorites is this: “Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary use words.”

This Sunday we'll consider some of what we learn from our wonderful animals as they “preach” to us. What is their “gospel”?

Invite your animal companions—and your neighbors, too.

Blessings, Mary Ellen

### What's happening!!!

This Saturday, October 6th, Carolyn Schmidt will be going to Duluth for a Bishop & missionaries' discussion...if you'd like to go, please contact her!

October 21 Annual meeting immediately after church.

November 4th—Mark your calendars for a social at Schmidts that evening.

We're pondering some ideas: What appeals to you?

- A book group which looks for the spiritual in great novels.
- A quiet meditative mid week service somewhere in town.
- A discussion on contemporary issues and faith, at a local venue.
- Other?