

## Wilderness Words



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### Vicar's Notes

Thea's baptism was a wonderfully joyous occasion, with such a sense of the family of God and the Spirit's presence. As I watched people going up to receive Eucharist, I thought about the vision God gave Layne and Rolf five years ago—a church where they could gather with family and see their grandchildren baptized. Here it was—happening as they'd hoped. And yet so much more.

For so many of us, Spirit of the Wilderness has become a place of faith and hope and love, of growth and joy.

I thought, "Isn't that just like God!!! You want one small, wonderful thing....and instead you are showered with blessings, beyond what you could have imagined.

That is just one thing I'm very grateful for this Thanksgiving!

Blessings, Mary Ellen

**Thanksgiving service at 7 PM Wednesday.  
We come together and give thanks!  
Please bring a lantern or two if you have one....  
it gets really dark up at Maple Hill.**

Check out our website for  
updated information on  
our Stewardship Campaign!

**HELP!!!  
SPIRIT OF THE WILDERNESS  
LEADS THE SERVICE AT THE CARE CENTER  
THIS SUNDAY, 2 PM.**

## Upcoming events:

**Wednesday, November 21st**, 7 PM, Thanksgiving service at Maple Hill. Light some candles and sing some Thanksgiving hymns and be grateful.

**Sunday, November 25th**, 2 PM, Spirit of the Wilderness at the Care Center.

**Thursday, November 29th**, 6 PM Light Up a Life service of remembrance at the hospital.

**Sunday, Dec. 2nd**, Blessing of our pledges in church.

## Christmas!!

- **Christmas Eve, candlelight service of 9 lessons and carols, with Eucharist. 5:30 PM**
- **Festive gathering 7-9 PM at WindCradle—bring a favorite holiday treat to share.**
- **Christmas Day Eucharist, 10:30 AM**

## Looking further ahead:

- **January 27th SOTW retreat 1:00-4:30 at WindCradle.**
- **February 28-March 2**—For our event with the Grand Marais Art Colony we will be bringing to native American priests to Grand Marais. They will be presenting and offering workshops, and leading our Sunday worship. We also hope to have an event or two at Grand Portage. Who would like to help plan this?

The Reaching Out Committee is looking for volunteers to spend an hour a week helping elementary students at Sawtooth.

Contact Kathy Sullivan.