

Wilderness Words



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Weekly News—November 29, 2012

Vicar's Notes

We are *Spirit of the Wilderness Episcopal Church*. Not just a cool church named *Spirit of the Wilderness*. We are part of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota; we are part of the national Episcopal Church. We are part of the Anglican communion—a worldwide body of Anglican churches.

In our reaching out as a church, we reach out on all these levels, thereby strengthening our bonds at all these levels. We reach out to each other within the church here in Grand Marais; our Good Samaritan Fund supports those who most need it in Cook County. And each year the deacons of Episcopal Church in Minnesota choose a cause for the churches of Episcopal Church in Minnesota to focus on and support. This year that focus moves us toward the worldwide Anglican communion—as we support the Mama Ada Foundation in Kenya.

Our small church here, connecting through the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to learn about, learn from, and share with part of the Anglican communion—it's not all we do, but it's a great opportunity to connect and to think about those who are in a different part of Christ's body.

Starting this Sunday we will be learning more and focusing on this work. In the meantime, check it out at http://www.mamaadafoundation.org/Mama_Ada_Foundation/About_Us.html

Blessings, Mary Ellen

This Sunday—bring your pledge cards for a time of dedication of our stewardship.

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

Upcoming events:

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

Wednesday, Dec. 3rd, Bishop's Committee meeting, Schmidt's 7 pm.

Sunday and Monday, Dec. 9th and 10th—Community Christmas concert at Bethlehem Lutheran.

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.

