

Wilderness Words



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Weekly News—December 9, 2012

Vicar's Notes

At our Bishop's Committee last night, I was struck by a couple things that are inevitably part of our being a growing church:

First, we need to keep our vision of being 'ministry centered' (with all involved in meaningful ministry) front and center. It seems to me too easy as a church grows for us to become the kind of church (most of us have experienced these) where just a few people do everything. I would invite all of us to consider what ministries we feel we want to be involved in. And to think outside the box: even if you have been in one area in the past, you may find yourself nudged into another one. Maybe you didn't feel good about leading, but you feel drawn toward healing prayers, for example. One of the perks of a smaller church is that we have opportunities to try things. At this point our Reaching Out Committee particularly needs more members to help plan and facilitate wonderful ways to be Christ's hands and feet.

I was also struck by a **second** thing: as we grow as a church we are forced to become more organized (partly to prevent the kind of getting stuck in a rut that can happen when too few people are involved! To this end, Jennye is going to step into the role of organizing our Pastoral Care/Healing/Care Center ministries. We have a number of people who feel called in this direction, and who have real gifts—the issue is helping to coordinate this area. If you have thoughts about how you'd like to be involved in this area, please contact her.

Also to be more organized, we're including a list of Sunday responsibilities in the Newsletter—see further below. For the forgetful—you can check! If you find you can't do what you thought you could, find a sub....or if you suddenly realize you will be in church and would like to read or pray or whatever, simply contact the leader and sign up. Let's see how this works....

Blessings, Mary Ellen

**Ministry opportunities:
would you like to be involved in our Reaching Out Committee?
Please contact Kathy Sullivan.....**

Upcoming events:

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**

Invite a friend!!

- **“Make a felted bowl” class at WindCradle, January 5th, 9-3. Elise Kylo will be teaching the class...invite a friend and sign up through WindCradle....approximate cost...lunch and materials included....75.00. Space is limited.**
- **Look out for a discussion group coming up soon...Rolf's organizing this one!**

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?

Weekly Sign up: December 9, 2012

(so you can remind yourself of what you've signed up for....also, if you need to find a sub)

Leader: Rolf

Music Box: Karl

Homily: Carolyn

Preside: Carol

Chalice #1: Lee

Chalice #2:

OT: Suzanne

NT: Layne

Psalm: Beth

Gospel: Tim

Prayers of the People: Bonnie Gay

Coffee/treats: Milan and Carolyn

Greeter/usher:

Healing prayers #1:

Healing prayers #2: