

Wilderness Words



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Weekly News—December 13, 2012

**Note the change!!
Christmas Eve service at 5:00 PM (moved back from 5:30)
Festive potluck to follow at WindCradle.**

Vicar's Notes

Advent is about expectation, about waiting for something to happen. What are you waiting for? What am I waiting for?

Advent is about longing for wrongs to be made right. Advent is about looking for ways to bring light into the darkness around us. (Check out SOTW's outreach through The Good Samaritan Fund, grocery cards for Christmas, and the Mama Ada foundation.....)

Advent is about opening—in expectation of God's good work in our lives and community.

Yesterday Esme and I made a nativity scene out of a shoebox, corks, bits of felt, glue, feathers, etc. When we started making the wise men, she suggested "wise girls." As we made them, I thought about how different my perspective would be if I expected wisdom, not only in bearded, turbaned magi form, but from "wise girls" like the children in our midst. And in other unexpected places....

Which is really the message of Christmas....high falutin wisdom in the flesh of a baby.....

Keep your eyes peeled!

Blessings, Mary Ellen

Christmas!!

- Christmas Eve, candlelight service of 9 lessons and carols, with Eucharist. 5:00 PM
- Festive gathering 7-9 PM at WindCradle—bring a favorite holiday treat to share.
- Christmas Day Eucharist, 10:30 AM

For your calendar:

- January 6—visitor at SOTW to discuss Mama Ada Foundation.
- January 13—House blessing at Jennye and Joe's....

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 16, 2012

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

Leader: Patsy
Music Box: Karl
Homily: Howard
Preside: Mary Ellen
Chalice #1:
Chalice #2:
OT: Layne Suzanne
NT: Rolf
Psalm: Bonnie Gay
Gospel: Lee
Prayers of the People:
Coffee/treats: Dorothy
Greeter/usher:
Healing prayers #1: Carolyn
Healing prayers #2: Milan