

Wilderness Words



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Weekly News—December 19, 2012

Vicar's Notes

In his sermon on John the Baptist last Sunday, Howard pointed out that lots of people came to hear John preaching, asking him, “What shall we do?” and that his answer was pretty simple. Feeling bad isn’t enough; live in a way that is loving and moral, John the Baptist answers.

Bishop of Washington D.C., Mariann Budde (whom many of us know from her ministry in Minneapolis) wondered in her sermon last Sunday what John the Baptist might have said if we asked him the same question in response to the shootings in Connecticut. “What shall we do?” Feeling bad is not enough. Even prayer, while important isn’t enough—we must consider action in response to this tragedy.

Budde and Dean Hall at the National Cathedral have decided to lead a movement to ban assault weapons and ammunition for them. She points out while there are many complex issues (like media violence and care for the mentally ill) banning weapons whose only purpose is to kill large numbers of people is obvious.

“Given the slaughter of innocents in the midst of a holy season,” she says, may help strengthen our resolve. Also, we “occupy that briefest of moments now, when our political leaders are not under the immediate pressure of an election.” Now is the time, they suggest, to meet the gun lobby with a “power of the cross” lobby.

As we grieve, let’s ask: “What shall we do?” How can we take action that might mean these children and teachers did not die in vain?

Blessings, Mary Ellen

Leader: Lee

Bidding prayer: Rolf

Lesson 1: Patsy I.

Lesson 2: Suzanne

Lesson 3: Milan

Lesson 4: Karl

Lesson 5: Joe

Lesson 6: Howard

Lesson 7: Ella

Lesson 8: Bonnie Gay

Lesson 9: Dave C.

Usher/welcomer: John G.

Sign up sheet for Christmas Eve, 5 PM

Everyone please bring a plate of Christmas goodies!

Remember, this is a great opportunity to invite some new folks!

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 23, 2012

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

Leader: Alyssa/Ella

Music Box: Layne

Homily: Carol M.

Preside: Mary Ellen

Chalice #1: Milan

Chalice #2: Lee

OT: Howard

NT: Joe

Psalm: Bonnie Gay

Gospel: Layne

Prayers of the People: Lee

Coffee/treats: Suzanne

Greeter/usher: Rolf

Healing prayers #1: Carolyn

Healing prayers #2: Suzanne