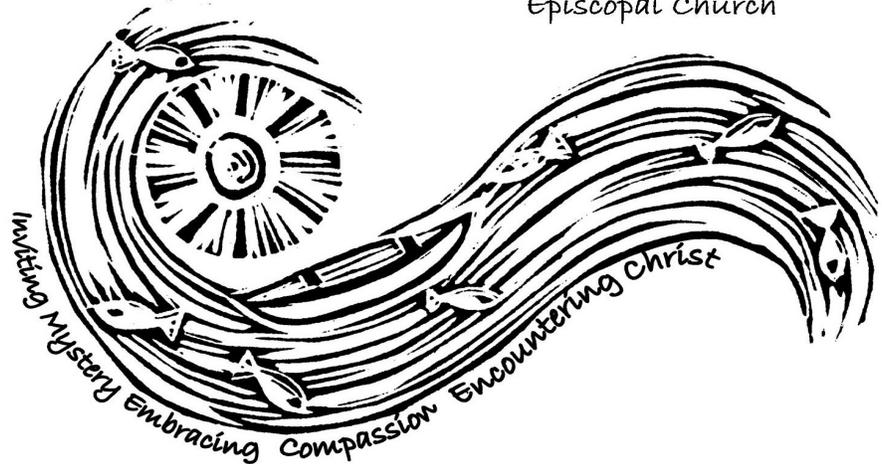


Wilderness Words

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Vicar's Notes

This newsletter looks different because of our SOTW retreat last weekend! One thing we realized was that we're not using our logo and vision enough, so look above and see it. Does it fit who we are? Also you'll see this is coming from a different address....SOTW has an email address!

During the retreat we talked about where we've been, what is working and challenges for the future. To summarize—many joys and yet we need to figure out some ways to consolidate and organize so that needs continue to be met by gifts.

To do this we are organizing into different ministry areas; each will have two or three leaders called Ministry Facilitators. Others will be part of that Ministry Team. So, for example, if Jennye and Suzanne are Ministry Facilitators of the Pastoral Care Ministry Area—they will be the organizers of the various ministries, the “go to” people who will funnel needs into certain areas. The ministries themselves will be done by members of that team. (Many already are, like Patsy Coleman organizing our prayer vine.)

The areas we settled on are these:

- **Community Presence** (Reaching Out plus things like Dragonboat and Art Colony collaboration)
- **Small groups/formation** (ongoing growth for members)
- **Communication**
- **Kids**
- **Pastoral care** (healing prayer, prayer vine, cards, support, Eucharistic visits, care center services)
- **Sunday Experience** (music and liturgy)

I would like to set up meetings of people interested in being a Ministry Facilitation Leader. In other words, if you think you'd like to be a person who helps to brainstorm, oversee, organize SOTW's “Community Presence” or our communication, please let me know. Or if you have strong feelings about formation or kids and want to help think about those areas, contact me. After an initial meeting with those who are interested in guiding these groups, we'll make sure any one else who feels called is plugged in.

So....please email me with your interest and I'll put together some meetings over the next few weeks.

We're hoping this will keep us on track as a ministry-centered congregation, but also assure that things don't “fall through the cracks.”

Blessings,

Mary Ellen

For your calendar....

- **February 9, 9:30 First mission area meeting** of the year at Trinity Church in Hermantown. Carolyn is planning to go...who else would like to join her?
- **February 15, 6-8:30 PM Ash Wednesday** evening at WindCradle.
- **February 19, 6:30 PM Bishop's Committee** at Jennye's.
- **February 28-March 3 "Seen through Native Eyes"** collaboration with The Art Colony—priests Robert Two Bulls and Johnson Loud will be working with youth and others.

Thanks to all of our members who are further afield who sent input for our retreat!
We really value your thoughts.

Val Groth's mom
Audrey died.

The service will be held Saturday Feb. 2nd at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Center MN, with a gathering at 2pm and Memorial service at 3pm.

Please hold Val and John in your prayers, as well as Audrey.



Reach Out!

A book study to deepen our cultural understanding of Islam will be held March 7, 14, and April 4 and 11.

Book choices
TBA soon.

Seen Through Native Eyes: A Celebration of Native Art updated/corrected schedule (Underlined items we'll need help with)

Thursday and Friday, February 28th and March 1st Artists in Residence at local schools.

Thursday evening, March 1st, 7:30 (Cook County Higher Education) The 2012 documentary "38 + 2" about the hanging of the 38 Dakota 150 years ago will be shown; a discussion, led by Robert Two Bulls will follow.

Friday, March 1st 6 pm (Grand Marais Art Colony): Opening reception for exhibit of Two Bulls' and Loud's work, and presentation—*Seen Through Native Eyes I*. Music by Briand Morrison.

Saturday, March 2nd ((Grand Marais Art Colony): Workshop: *Seen Through Native Eyes II*) To register, contact *The Grand Marais Art Colony*. Scholarships available to students at local schools.

Sunday, March 3rd (Maple Hill Church) 10:30 AM Two Bulls and Loud will lead worship at *Spirit of the Wilderness Episcopal Church*. Potluck to follow, place TBA.