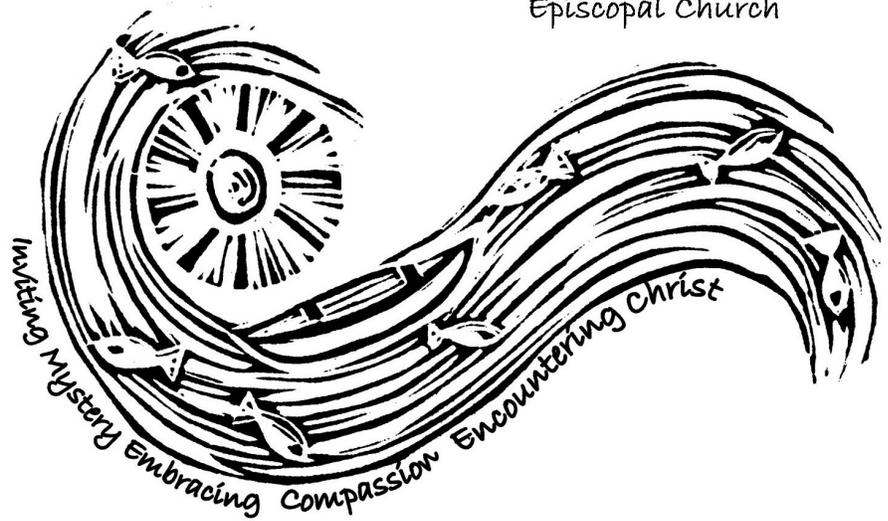


Wilderness Words

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Vicar's Notes

On Sunday, Carol likened faith to the tectonic plates that we can't see but we know are under our feet. Not only can we not see them, but they also don't guarantee ease—in fact they can shake us up sometimes!!

Like Abraham who ventured forth following but with little idea of destination or out come, so we venture forth—following, not sure where we'll end up

Here's the prayer Carol left us with—which could be a good reminder in our morning prayers:

O God, you have called your servants to venture of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings, Mary Ellen

Countdown to Good Sam Garage Sale

The Holidays' garage sale (with proceeds going to our Good Samaritan Fund) is fast upon us. Here are some ways to be involved:

- Thursday and Friday, (August 15th and 16th) we need help pricing and moving items.
- The sale itself will be on Saturday, August 17th. We'll need help 'manning' the sale, and probably doing some 'haul away' at the end.
- If you have items you've been thinking about getting rid of, this is a great opportunity. Bring them along Thursday or Friday with prices.

This is a great opportunity to help get more money to our neediest neighbors (and have some fun!)

Put this on your calendar:

Centering Prayer, August 13, 5:30 for 6:00

Garage Sale, August 15, 16, 17 (see other side)

Social, August 18th (see below)

Bishop's committee, August 26th (if you have agenda items please give to Lee or Milan)

In September.....

A book group re-starting in September—please contact Howard if you're interested.

There will also be a house group starting in September; please speak to Lee to indicate interest.

Sunday Lectionary Readings:

Proper 15, August 18

Isaiah 5: 1-7

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-18

Hebrews 11:29-12: 2

Luke 12: 49-56

Our passages from Hebrews and Luke set a high bar for following Christ—'laying aside every weight and running with patience the race set before us' and Jesus telling us that he hasn't come to bring peace but division. How do you understand these demands of discipleship? How do you live them?

Proper 16, August 25

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalm 71: 1-6

Hebrews 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-17

My sense is that in all these passages God is calling the people to "look up"! How does God call you to "look up?"



Getting this
Cincture on
Is serious
Business!!

Social!!

On Sunday, July 18th... we'll be heading up the trail—for a hike, early dinner at Trail Center and then celebratory pies at Sutphins (won for best tent at Dragon boat!) Directions to Sutphins from Trail Center: north on the Gunflint Trail, left on to Voyageur Point Rd... #77

You can decide where to join the fun—hiking at Caribou Rock at 2:30; early dinner at Trail Center at 4:00; Pie at Sutphins at 5:30.

Aug. 11— Sunday service responsibilities

Leading—Val

Homily—Mary Ellen

Presiding—Carolyn

Music—Karl

Treats—