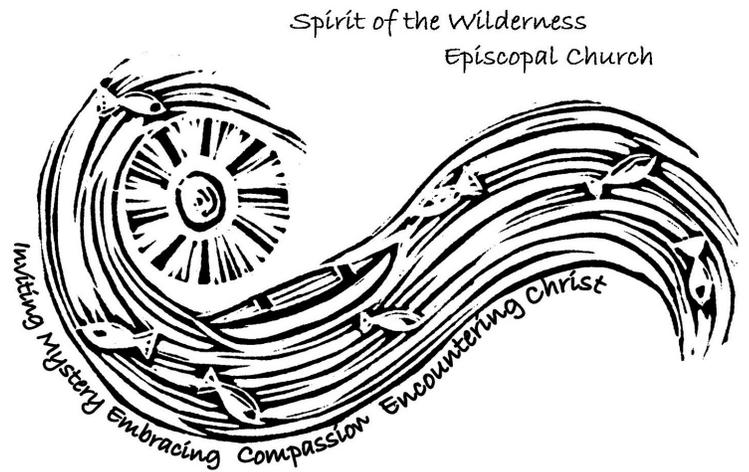


Wilderness Words

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Vicar's Report

I was telling someone the other day about a great South African expression: “later” means sometime in the future, “soon” means the foreseeable future, “now” means the near future, and “now, now” means immediately.

Our Outreach meeting after church Sunday was full of energy! Here’s a report on what we’ll be following up with the South African classification:

Now, now:

- A community meal—Rolf and Suzanne will be spear-heading this idea, beginning with a once a month meal at the Senior Center. I will announce this to ministerium and see if others are interested.
- Mariano looked into something called “Cody’s Closet” which has a stock of donated toiletries at school that kids can pick up and use; there was a lot of energy around this, so it will be followed up.

Now:

- Mentoring through the Y is looking great! They’re hiring a Youth Development person who would do much of the background work, so we’ll let you know when you can sign up to mentor!
- A play about sex trafficking in MN—a tour of “Bottom” will be heading on tour in May; I’ll discuss with the ministerium to see if there might be support for this.

Soon:

- Patsy and Dave Coleman will begin working with the school on science enrichment in the fall.
- Supporting a boy’s program at the school; some fund raising for this is already going on—Carolyn is thinking that the lemonade (and mint julep) stand on Croftville Road might aid this.
- Ruby’s Pantry program is being worked on by someone else in the community—look out for more news on this!

Later:

- Mariano also checked into the idea of venison on food shelves, but found that it’s a bit complicated with DOA regulations. Still... might be an idea. Thanks Mariano for checking!!!
- Community wood sharing program. Still working on this one!
- Sex ed programs—a great program but with too many hurdles for us right now.

Please prayerfully consider what God is calling you to—now,now, now, soon, or later!

Blessings, Mary Ellen

Getting through the winter—a social!!

This Sunday, March, 2nd.

3:30 meet at Caribou Rock to snowshoe.

5:00 meet at Trail Center for food and time together.



One approach to winter.....

Sunday Lectionary Readings:

Last Sunday of the Epiphany, Transfiguration, March 2

Exodus 24: 12-18

Psalm 2

II Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17: 1-9

What does “transfiguration” mean to you? How have you been transformed?

First Sunday of Lent, March 9

Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7;

Psalm 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

Our lessons focus on sin and temptation. (This is Lent, after all...) How do you think of sin? What pulls you from God? Are there things you could add to your life that would help you grow in this area? Are there things you could let go of?

Coming up:

March 2nd, 3:30 or 5:00 Social (see above)

March 5th—6 pm. Ash Wednesday service at WindCradle,

March 28-April 5th—Entry Points to the Creative, Johnson Heritage Post.

Sunday, March 2nd:

Leading: Karl

Homily: Mary Ellen

Presiding: Carolyn

Music: Jennye

Treats:

Adult Forums

Sunday, March 9, noon - 1:00 - Exploring some Old Testament Roots of Jesus - Hillary Freeman

Sunday, April 6, noon-1:00—John’s gospel—Mary Ellen

Sunday, May 4, noon-1:00—Why liturgy? Carolyn Schmidt

Sunday, June 8, noon-1:00—Matthew revisited, Carol Mork.

Sunday, July 6, We’re thinking of having a historic service—turning back the clocks to what would have been when the prayer book was first used! Karen Halbersleben will set up the historical context, and then we’ll proceed with the service, with time following for more input, questions and reflection. (For verisimilitude, I’m going to start growing a beard right now, and if you all could stop bathing until then.....)