

## Wilderness Words

Newsletter—

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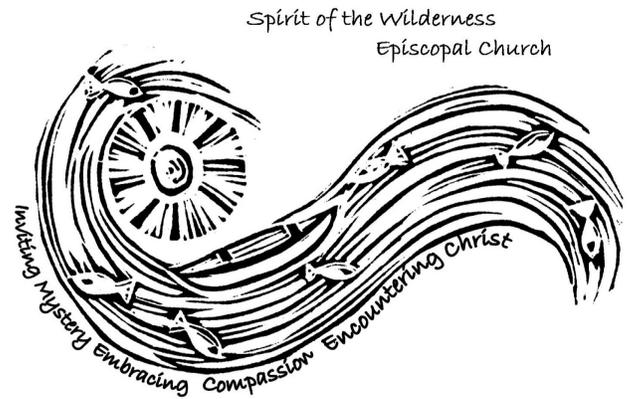
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### Vicar's Report

Sunday before last I was at Holy Apostles in St. Paul (which is a largely Hmong Episcopal Congregation). I realized that I hadn't led a service in a long time, since we have lay people do that. (I'd forgotten some of my lines, which made the deacon a bit nervous.) I did remember how to chant!

I was very struck by the way these wonderful people, many of whom I've been working with to train for on-going ministry, are quite different from us, (many, for example, have lived in refugee camps at one time) but also part of the Episcopal Church. I'm thankful to be in a church whose tent is so big!

And then Spirit of the Wilderness this last Sunday, with many who are newly back from warmer climes, many getting involved in different ways in the church. And then in the evening down on the beach making s'mores over a bonfire. Church Cook County style!

Evidence of Pentecost! From that first Pentecost, the Spirit is not just for one person here or there—like Abraham who is especially called or a bishop—but the Spirit is poured out on all flesh (the passage from Joel that Peter quotes in the Acts 2 story of that first Pentecost.) The Spirit poured out gives us joy and comfort, but also gifts and passions—and a responsibility to use them for the good of the whole. (And so Sue is using her gifts of hospitality and Kathy and Beth their passion for those in need—I could go on and on.....)

Church is not about a few, but about all of us. All of us can continually ask God—what do you have for me to be and do? How can I be your hands, your feet, and your heart today? Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Blessings, Mary Ellen

## Who would like to plan our July and August socials?



## Coming Up!

Sunday, June 15, noon-1:00—Matthew revisited, Carol Mork.

Sunday, June 22nd, Welcome Sunday—who will you invite?

Saturday, July 5th, Lemonade stand to raise money for the Good Samaritan fund—at Schmidt's. Sign up sheets at church.

Wed., July 9th, Bishop's Committee.

July 23rd, 4-8, Michael Pipkin, missionary for finance visits with the Bishop's Committee.

Saturday, July 26th—Dragonboat races. (Please sign up with Karen Kobey).

Please sign up soon for the Dragonboat team—we need to get t-shirt orders in by July 1st. Talk to Karen Kobey to sign up!

## Adult Forums—Notice changes

**Sunday, June 15** noon-1:00—Matthew revisited, Carol Mork.

**Sunday, July 13**, Historic service. Karen Halbersleben.

**Sunday, August 10**—The Canon of Scripture—how were the books of the Bible selected? Mary Ellen.

## Readings:

June 15, Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a

Psalms 8

II Cor. 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

You'll notice the brevity of these few passages about the central Christian doctrine of the Trinity. Why do you think there is little in scripture "spelling out" the Trinity? Where did the idea come from? How do you experience God as trinity?

## Sunday responsibilities—June 15

Leading: Karen H.

Preaching: Sarah

Presiding: Mary Ellen

Music: Layne

Treats: ?????

## Outreach News:

**Kody's Closet**—Kathy and Beth met with the social worker at the school and this idea is much supported! Besides toiletries in general—special need for boy's deodorant—smallish toiletries are needed for small bags to go to students in health class when school starts back. Also—because we're not officially a part of the "Kody's closet" movement, we have to come up with our own name. Any ideas?

**Ruby's Pantry:** on hold....

**Mentoring:** The YMCA has hired its youth coordinator, so this will be another opportunity beginning in September, to mentor students after school.

**Good Samaritan fund:** We need to continue to find ways to put money into this fund, so that we can be faithful to our commitments, but still have enough in our operating fund.

The Holadays have committed an extra 150.00 a month to go to this fund and are challenging others to join them!!