

Wilderness Words

Newsletter—

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Vicar's Report

Over this past year we've been having a variety of forums, monthly for an hour after church—opportunities to learn more about many aspects of our faith. For our forum in July, we are having an historic service. This will give us an opportunity to learn more about our Anglican heritage, about some of the issues which were at the fore-front of people's minds during the founding of our denomination. We'll learn more about Cranmer and the beginnings of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

For this particular Sunday, we'll begin (10:30) with input from Karen Halbersleben, as she helps us understand what it might have been like for us to show up for church in 1570 in Whitby, a town in NE England. She will help us see what some of our fears might have been, what concerns we would have had—in our lives in general and our faith in particular.

After this introduction, we will proceed to have a service as close to what might have been in 1570 as possible. (Although as I mentioned Sunday, I'd really need you all to stop bathing, and I'm struggling to grow a beard...)

After the service is over, we'll have time for discussion and questions, led by Karen. (I guess we'll serve coffee and treats, unless someone would like to try to find out what they might have had for after service treats in 1570!)

This is a great opportunity for all of us to learn about our tradition and to appreciate those who have gone before. (And perhaps to appreciate where we are now.) If you have friends who might be interested in this kind of learning experience—our very own historical re-enactment!—invite them along!

Blessings, Mary Ellen

Lemonade Stand:

Don't miss it—Saturday, July 5th, 2-7 at Schmidt's. This will also be our July social, so please bring something to go with hotdogs and marshmallows cooked on a bonfire out back!



Coming Up!

Thursday, July 3, 6 pm, Centering Prayer at Schmidt's.

Saturday, July 5th, Lemonade stand to raise money for the Good Samaritan fund—at Schmidt's. Sign up sheets at church. (This will also function as a social, so don't miss it!)

July 7-8th—Community appreciation days at Hedstrom Lumber Company.

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

Sunday, July 13, 10-12 Historic service. Karen Halbersleben helps us understand our tradition, setting the stage before and leading a discussion after a historic service.

Thursday, July 17, 6 pm, Centering Prayer at Schmidt's.

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).

Saturday, Aug. 9th—Regional meeting here in Grand Marais—more details to come.

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

Sunday, August 17—SOTW at the Care Center.

August 27-29—SOTW women in the Boundary Waters (contact MEA if interested)

Paddles UP!!

Please contact Karen to get your name on the list to paddle. (stonefly5@msn.com) Our practice time is 3:00-4:40 on Friday, July 25th. Races begin 9 AM on Saturday. Checks can be mailed to SOTW, Box 1115.

Sunday responsibilities—July 6

Leading: Suzanne
Preaching: Carolyn
Presiding: Mary Ellen
Music: Karl
Treats: from Welcome Sunday

Please let me know if you are interested (even slightly) in a Deepening Roots course beginning in September!

June 29 Readings:

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45: 11-18
Romans 7: 15-25a
Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

In the gospel passage, Jesus speaks to the crowd—on the one hand telling them they're like children and on the other hand offering them comfort. How do you understand this?

Several requests:

- We could use some **bibles** at church for our forums. Do you have one sitting around that you don't use? Or if you're in a thrift shop and see one would you pick it up?
- Continue to bring **toiletry items** for the closet at the High School, to put in the box in the back of the church. (And if you have a suggested name for the program, let someone know.)