

Wilderness Words

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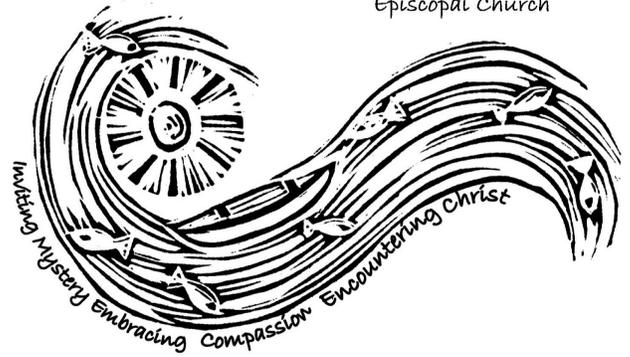
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Vicar's Report

Growing as a church is exciting, but it also pushes us to organize ourselves in new ways. We now have an overall list so that we are clearer on who is leading, preaching, and presiding out several months. We have several small groups going so that people are in touch in a more intentional way. Our worship committee is doing more than choosing hymns, but really working out our worship priorities for each season. Our Bishop's Committee has a more formal agenda than it used to. Our forums are planned out six months.

We need to figure out a way to do this with our pastoral care ministry. This will include several areas—Sunday healing prayers, prayer chain, Care Center ministry, and pastoral care. Much of this has been handled in a rather ad hoc way—the prayer chain guided by Patsy Coleman, Sunday healing prayers with a block in the basket, Care Center rotating around.

As we grow, and especially with my going on Sabbatical, we need to get more organized in this area. I would value your ideas on this:

1. Do you feel called to do this kind of ministry? (This includes caring for those in any kind of need.)
2. Would you like to be a point person in this area?
3. Some of us are better than others at expressing our needs than others. Are there ways we can encourage people to more fully and easily share areas of concerns so that we can share those burdens?
4. How can we “bear one another's burdens”?
5. How can these needs be best communicated?

I'd like to gather a group to meet and chat about this area. Please let me know if you'd care to be involved in this!
Blessings, Mary Ellen

We are planning to do a sponsorship on WTIP, but need your brainstorming help to come up with a great tagline.

Bob thought we should include something about being liturgical, reaching out, and our website. Karen Kobey suggested: “We welcome dogs; not dogma.” I thought maybe something like, “We welcome your questions and your imperfections.”

“Brought to you by Spirit of the Wilderness Episcopal Church, where we _____”

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Please send your ideas my way, and at the next BComm we will pick a couple.

This Sunday:

Leading—Suzanne
Preaching—Lee
Presiding—Carol
Music—Layne, Bob and Karen
Treats—

(If you want to bring treats for next Sunday, please contact **Beth Kennedy—387 1314.**)

Adult forums:

March 8: on The Minor Prophets. (Hillary Freeman)

March 22nd: The history of the Episcopal church in Minnesota. (Ben Scott)

May 17th: Historical Service—1670. (Karen Halbersleben)

June 7th: Sacraments—(Mary Ellen)

Ellen Stubbs will be presenting on medical issues—date TBD

Our Good Samaritan Fund is running a bit low. Please contribute to it!

Also if you have ideas for getting more money in there, please let me know! (Kathy Sullivan suggested a summer bake sale; I think we could ask people to donate at the Seder.)

Lessons for Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20: 1-7;
I Corinthians 1: 18-25;
John 2: 13-22

The ten commandments and Jesus cleansing the temple—what do these have in common? What makes Jesus so angry about this temple use?

We have some books purchased by Spirit of the Wilderness, and some that have been donated—they are in a box at near the name tags—anyone feel called to make them more accessible?

Mark your calendars:

Tuesday, March 10th—Illuminations art show materials will be dropped at Johnson Heritage Post. (Help needed 10-6!)

Friday, March 13th—show opening including presentation on the St. John's Bible. (Help needed for this too!)

Saturday, March 14th—class 10-12 using St. John's Bible.

Sunday, March 15th—SOTW at the Care Center.

Wednesday, March 18th—worship committee meeting—concerns to members Lee, Karen K, Ginny or Layne.

Sunday, March 29th—Palm Sunday service, art show closes.

Wednesday, April 1st—Bishop's Committee meeting 6:30-8:00, venue TBD

Thursday, April 2nd—Seder Meal at Hedstroms.

Friday, April 3rd—Good Friday service, 1-2 at the Dental Office.

Sunday, April 4th—Easter celebration!!

How about our nifty new name tag holder? Thanks to all involved in getting this and putting it up, and for new name tags! Please tell Karen Kobey or Bonnie Gay if you'd like an illustration!

Summer—aaaah!

