

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—October 14, 2010

Mentor Notes:

As I pray for Spirit of the Wilderness, I'm struck by those who are not physically present with us.

Some are unwell. I took Eucharist to Lorraine on Sunday, and am very aware of how we miss her. I've seen Elinor Matsis several times in the last week in the hospital and am very conscious of her central role for years in Minneapolis Episcopal Church. Or there's Erv Brown (often here in summer) who had surgery recently and is in the hospital.

Some are away on vacation or for the season. More than most churches we have members who are at a distance. (Thank the good Lord for electronic methods of communication; thank God too for our wonderful cards, provided by an often absent member.)

And I believe there are also "members" who are on the fringe, who have perhaps visited once or twice, or who have expressed interest to one of us. There are even those whom God has put on our hearts to pray for.

This speaks to me of the mystery of the church—that we are a family of those who have gone before, those who are here year round, those who are with us seasonally, those who are moving toward us.

This is the paradox: The church IS us at Spirit, and we have a story to tell. Yet at the same time, it's far bigger and more mysterious than our small story. We are part of God's bigger story.

Peace, Mary Ellen+

Dates:

- October 17th: Adult Forum—our stories
- October 19th: Spirit business meeting 7:00 pm @ Holadays
- October 20th: Social at WindCradle
- October 30th: We are introduced at Convention
- November 11th: Empty Bowls
- November 14th: Shakes and Lectio at Emily's
- Thanksgiving Eve: service
- November 27th: Advent Wreath Making



For your prayers:

- Those who are part of our fellowship who are suffering—body, mind, or spirit.
- For on-going guidance as we at Spirit of the Wilderness seek to follow the Holy Spirit's leading.
- That our introduction at Convention might be an encouragement to the rest of the church in Minnesota.
- For those in Cook County who need a church home. That we might be bold in inviting them to join ours.
- For those in Cook County in any kind of need.