

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—October 21, 2010

### Mentor Notes:

Last night at our October social gathering, I had everyone write on a couple pieces of paper: a memory at Spirit of the Wilderness that made them smile and a memory that was inspiring. We put these in a bowl, and then when the bowl was passed, each person took one out and acted it.

We've had some wonderful times, that was clear. I think many of us were struck with how hard it was to tell the two kinds of memories apart! And how much our children are part of our lives as a church.

Today I've been typing up parts of the stories of Spirit of the Wilderness for a booklet for convention, and some quotes for the power point presentation. How amazing to read words about God's work in our lives and in Cook County. Stepping back and looking at the way God has worked is inspiring and makes me smile!

At convention next week, we'll have a chance to tell our story in pictures and words. May this be an encouragement to all who hear it.

We are also at the time of year when we all search our hearts (and bank accounts) to discern how much we can give to further support this work of God.

I am full of gratitude for God's work in each of us as individuals and as a church.

Peace, Mary Ellen+

### Dates:

October 30th: We are introduced at Convention

November 8th: Spirit serves at Food Shelf

November 11th: Empty Bowls

November 14th: Food collection day at Spirit

November 14th: Shakes and Lectio at Emily's

Thanksgiving Eve: service

November 27th: Advent Wreath Making at the Art Colony



### 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.