

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—February 3, 2010

Vicar Notes:

Last night we had a forum about the Eucharist. One thing that struck many of us is how far back many of our traditions go—we read from *The Didache*, thought to have been written around 90 and even there our Eucharistic service was moving into place. By 150, the overall service—with readings, homily, the peace (called The Kiss of Peace), Eucharistic prayers, distribution, and collection—were seen as a fairly set order of service.

One of the things I love about being Anglican is this: we are part of this tradition that stretches back to those early days. At the same time we are here and now, pushed always to ask the question: what is God calling us to in Cook County in 2011?

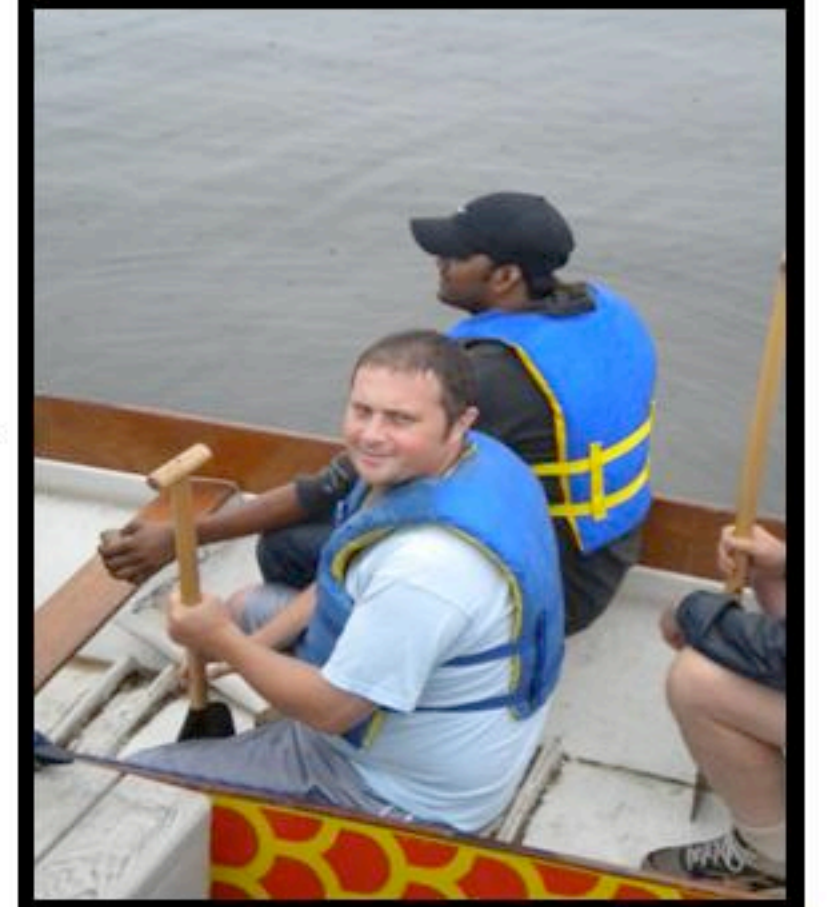
Holding these two together takes constant discernment. It also requires love. Love for each other, and love for those who might become part of our community. Love for God.

One of the main ways we learn to love each other better is by gathering—for Sunday service, but also as we are able, for socials, workshops like the music one last Saturday, forums, service projects like the Food Shelf, etc. The more we discuss and pray and act together, the stronger our bonds will be.

Peace, Mary Ellen+



Have you been practicing your dragon boat moves?



Who would like to.....

- Go to the Region meeting in Duluth 10-3 on Feb. 12th?
- Help Beth and Suzanne organize Nets for Life party?
- Join us at the Care Center, February 20th?
- Plan the next social gathering?

Don't forget!!!

- Monday, February 7th, Food Shelf: 3-5 @ Congo
- Saturday, February 12th, Free Church: 7:30-11:00 Pancake breakfast to raise money for Feed My Starving Children.
- Sunday, February 13th, Collection for Food Shelf at church
- Sunday, February 20th Care Center Service, 2-3 PM
- "Nets for Life" fund-raising party: Contact Beth or Suzanne.
- Friday and Saturday, February 25th and 26th Retreat: A retreat on women in earliest Christianity at WindCradle.
- Art Colony Collaboration, April 10-24 : April 8-9 retreat on Creativity and Spirituality; April 10th opening.