

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—March 10, 2011

### Vicar Notes:

Last weekend I was at St. John's Linden Hills leading a retreat on Saturday, preaching and meeting with young adults on Sunday. At all three services I talked a bit about *Spirit of the Wilderness*: I told them that if they're in Cook County, there's no more sleeping in on Sunday morning for them!

It was very enlightening for me to be at a church that has been very clear on who they are and who they are reaching out to....for twenty years. The joy of visiting a really healthy church—with its many ministries, fine worship, and clear mission—made me feel excited about our journey here at Spirit—as we continue to discern who we are and who we are reaching out to. A number of new members were welcomed, and promised to help fulfill the church's mission.

Here's how their mission statement reads: "We celebrate the gift of Christian community and welcome all, without distinction, to share the joy and pain of life's passages. We commit ourselves to personal and spiritual maturity, both traditional and innovative worship, the healthy nurturing of children, and reaching out, beyond the Church, seeking Christ in all persons."

Pray for Spirit of the Wilderness as we seek in an ongoing way to be open to God's call to us.

Peace, Mary Ellen+

- Please get agenda items for the Bishop's Committee to Rolf by March 16th.
- The funeral for Tom Danielson's sister Audrey will be held this Friday. Please pray for all of them during this time of grieving.



### Don't forget to Spring Forward this Sunday!!!

- **Sunday, March 13th: Baptism at Spirit 10:30**
- **Wednesday, March 16th: Bishop's Committee** meets with facilitator 6-9 Reed and Barbara's.
- **Saturday, March 19th: Chili competition** with proceeds to Feed My Starving Children—who would like to enter?
- **Tuesday, March 22nd: House Warming and Potluck Social @ Kathy Sullivan's house—6:30-8:00.**
- **Wednesday, March 23rd: Bishop's Committee** regular meeting
- **Sunday, March 27th: Bishop's Committee Retreat** 12-6—place TBA.
- **Wednesday, April 6th: Adult Forum @ WindCradle** on the gospel of Matthew
- **Sunday, April 10th: Art Colony Collaboration, exhibit** opening-
- **April 12th, 14th, 17th, and 24th:** Need volunteers to be at the Art Colony for extra open hours.