

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—March 24, 2011

Vicar Notes:

Yesterday I was with a couple of friends from the Cities down near the harbor, watching the huge waves breaking and making ice wrinkles on rocks and a slide down into the water. I could hardly imagine the sunny, hot, still day we had for Dragonboat. I thought—"Could this be the same place?"

Our seasons are so different, as are our liturgical seasons—as we swing from Lent into Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. I can imagine someone from outside thinking, "Could this be the same faith?"

Our lives as individuals and as a church family also have these swings—from celebration—like Berendt's baptism a couple weeks ago, Kathy Sullivan's house blessing—and then our concerns with people who are hurting and broken in so many different ways.

Part of what we're called to as a church is to be "a church for all seasons—" helping people to connect to God in the times of celebration and the times of hardship, times of joy and times of conflict. God is present all the time—even if our life circumstances look very different. Cultivating that rootedness in God in all of life is what we're about—in our own lives and as we share with others.

Peace, Mary Ellen+

Please Pray!

- For vision for our Bishop's Committee as they retreat this Sunday afternoon.
- For Lorraine—strength and comfort body, mind and spirit.
- About our connection with Grand Portage.
- For newly baptized Berendt Atkinson.



Don't Forget:

- **Monday, April 4th: Food Shelf**
- **Wednesday, April 6th: Adult Forum @ WindCradle** on the gospel of Matthew.
- **Creativity and Spirituality Workshop @ the Art Colony** led by Mary Ellen and Lisa Palchick.
- **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.
- **April 21st: Seder Meal;**
- **April 22nd: Interdenominational Good Friday service—we need actors please!**
- **April 23rd: Easter Vigil; April 24th: Easter!**
- **May 21st: Feed My Starving Children food packing.**