

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—March 30, 2011

### Vicar Notes:

In our gospel for this Sunday, the man blind from birth refuses to get involved in theological discussions with his Pharisee questioners. He just says this: “One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” That is precisely what being a “witness” or “evangelist” is—telling what we’ve seen and heard. One of our greatest strengths as a church, I believe, is that we have great, long term relationships with our neighbors and fellow Cook County residents. Unlike many churches where all people do is church or preparation for church, we have an opportunity to BE in our community—which is at the heart of being a mission church.

I have never lived in a small town before. One of the most wonderful things about living in a small town is the sense of a community that comes together in a time of crisis and pain. The response to Josh’s death is a powerful example of this—people providing meals, good wishes, prayers, etc. And while we know it’s not always like that, this is another sense in which living in a small town gives us all a chance to be witnesses to our faith. Because our lives in a smaller town are so bound up together, we have great opportunities to be real, honest and open with each other.

Peace, Mary Ellen+

### Please Pray!

- When I saw Lorraine today, she said she’s been ordered to just rest and eat....so no visitors please until next week. Do pray for her.
- About our connection with Grand Portage.
- Please RSVP to Mary Ellen if you plan to attend the April 6th forum.



### Don’t Forget:

- **After Church Today!:** Nets for Life meeting with Carolyn.
- **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—Howard and Bonnie-Gay’s house.
- **April 22nd:** Interdenominational Good Friday service—we need actors please!
- **April 23rd:** Easter Vigil; **April 24th:** Easter!