

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—August 3, 2011

Vicar Notes:

Dragonboat! I had wonderful conversations with a number of local folk about *Spirit of the Wilderness*. I loved our singing, both in the boat and when we clustered in our shelter when it rained.

But above all, I think Dragonboat is a perfect example of a great truth: when we work together, using our own gifts—great things can happen.

Working together: “It’s not how fast or strong any one member of the team is, it’s how well we work together.” True for Dragonboat racing, and true for our life together as a church. Working together, sensitive to each other, with a strong sense of the whole—that’s who we are and want to be as *Spirit of the Wilderness*.

Using our own gifts:

- Folks who couldn’t paddle feeding us with delicious food.
- Karen being turtle, Carol buying suckers to enrich our parade presence.
- Jennye pounding on the drum and shouting encouragement.
- Cheers and smiles from old and young as we drew our boat toward the dock.
- Alyssa’s genius in organizing our team.
- Val’s working over the year to pull the team together.
- Ellen’s photography skills.
- Layne and Rolf bringing the bbq and tent, etc.
- Strong arms and good humor in the race.
- People who donated so others could paddle.

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Blessings, + Mary Ellen



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Upcoming Events:

Over these next weeks, we’re doing an “official” signing and info collection in preparation for our first annual meeting. If you won’t be in church, let us know so we can make sure you’re on the list!

- August 16th—Mary Ellen speaking at Trinity Hovland summer series.
- August 31st—Bishop’s Committee Meeting—agenda items to Lee or Rolf or Mary Ellen.
- September 18—Annual meeting held after church.

Please Pray:

- For Lorraine and Jerry as they move to Duluth so that they can be together as they deal with health issues.
- For Beth’s mom and Beth as she cares for her.
- For our summer visitors that they might experience soul nurture while they are with us.