

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—September 22, 2011

Vicar Notes:

Last Sunday, Layne preached a splendid sermon about how easy it is for us to take a perspective that notices what we don't have and claims "that's not fair!" She went on to point out how God offers us the opposite perspective—one of abundant grace. She spoke for all of us when she talked about how challenging it can be to move from the scarcity attitude of the children of Israel and the workers in the parable to an attitude of abundance that God offers.

Since that homily I've had several examples of the truth of Layne's words. One was our annual meeting—first ever—and the sense that all of us have been, and are, working together to make this happen—something no one of us could possibly do.

Then last night we gathered at Bob and Brenda Gordon's for a House Blessing—and of course the food and fellowship were wonderful. After we finished the blessing—driving those bad burglar vibes far away—a beautiful double rainbow planted her glowing feet in Lake Superior. Abundant beauty and promise!

And this morning I have been looking over the *Time and Talent* sheets that many of you filled out and Kathy has put together—and once again ABUNDANCE! Many areas we have felt—"yes, great idea, but who will do it?!" have people signed up to do them.

The children of Israel wonder, "Is the Lord with us or not?" We don't need to wonder about that!

—Blessings,

+ Mary Ellen



Upcoming Events:

- October 9th—Blessing of the Animals service, 10:30 Invite two or four footed friends!

Please bring any older mugs you have for a church collection—we have folks who are willing to take them home and wash them! We need about 40 total.....

Please Pray:

- Dave Coleman as he recovers from surgery in Detroit.
- Lorraine and Jerry in their new home in Duluth.
- For Eleanor Matsis, at the Care Center.
- For Beth Lang as she moves from her long term summer home in Grand Marais to Milwaukee.
- For the sale of Carolyn and Milan's house in Montgomery.