

## Wilderness Words



## Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—April 15, 2010

### Mentor Notes:

Last Sunday I attended Sunday worship in Duke Chapel with close to a thousand worshippers in a gothic cathedral style building. The choir numbered 120! Afterwards as I reflected on similarities and differences between Spirit of the Wilderness and Duke Chapel, some were obvious, but some more subtle.

I was struck by a couple things: one, is how wonderful that worship experiences can be so different and yet with a strong common thread. The other is how in our services at Spirit of the Wilderness, we have the gift of “family,” of knowing each other, which is a part of our worship.

A number of faculty at the Duke Divinity School asked me about Spirit of the Wilderness, and as I talked, I realized how much and how well we’ve done. I think we need to pray about our next steps—in terms of outreach, working with children, etc.

I’m meeting with Bishop Brian this Saturday in Duluth; Diocesan Council meets on April 22nd. Please keep all these in your prayers.

+Mary Ellen

### Ideas for your input:

- How should we follow up on our successful Stations of the Cross?
- Who would like to help plan some alternative places and times for worship this summer? (In addition, I assume to our regular worship.)
- Who would like to be involved in finding out more about Godly Play or some other children’s worship enrichment?
- Who would like to host/plan a social in the next few weeks?

### Mark the Date:

- **Sunday, April 25th:** Plan to stay after church for business meeting and to discuss some of the above questions.
- **Sunday, May 2nd:** Adult forum on creeds and the church.
- **Music and liturgy people:** can we meet an evening of the last week in April for a longer term look at our music and liturgy? 27th? 28? 29?



**Inviting Mystery;  
Embracing  
Compassion;  
Encountering Christ**

