

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—April 29, 2010

Mentor Notes:

Last Sunday Val preached a very powerful sermon about Christ's love. During our meeting after the service we agreed on our desire to bring more people into our fellowship. After the Haiti Party and *The Stations of the Cross* many have heard of Spirit of the Wilderness. And one of the strong emphases of "missional church" is that we, the people, are the ones who most interface with the community—enjoy relationships with our neighbors, co-workers, etc.

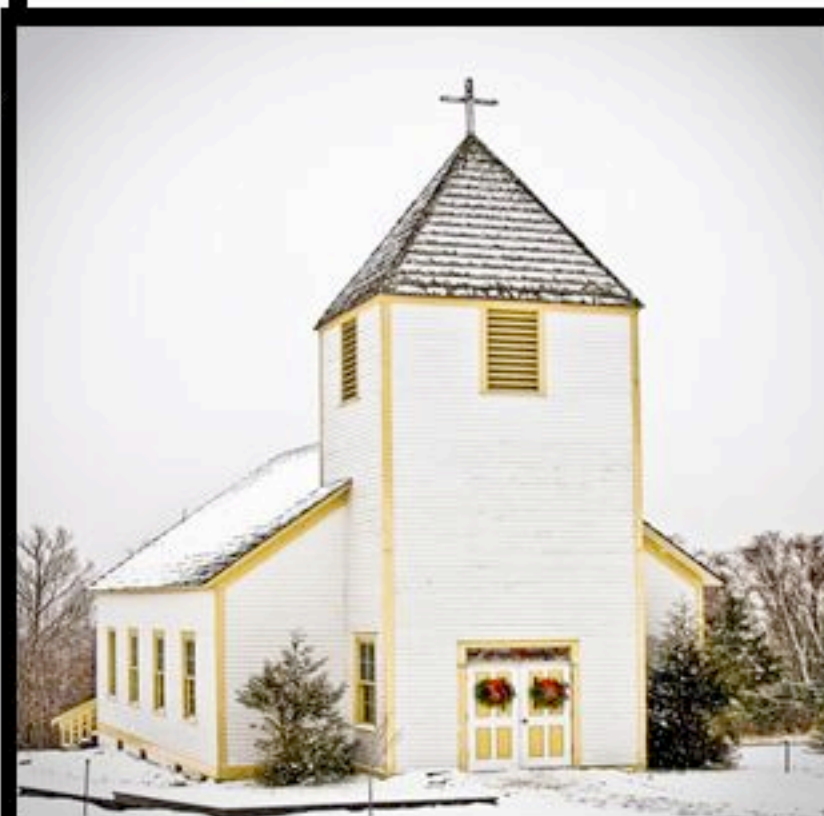
As we plan our Welcome Sunday, June 13th, I suggest each of us spend some time thinking and praying about these questions:

- Who has God put in my life, who might want to be invited?
- Is there someone God has put on my path, who I find myself thinking about and praying for?
- Who do I know needs the love of Christ?

I invite you to spend time praying and thinking intentionally around these questions, and then using what comes to you as the basis for inviting some folks to church that Sunday. I know this is one of the things that's hardest for Episcopalians (and Congopalians)!

It helps me to think of my enthusiasm about other things, and how I talk about them: Have you paddled on Snipe lake? Have you read this book? Have you seen this movie? Tried this restaurant?

Let's let our enthusiasm roll...
+Mary Ellen



Mark your calendars:

Sunday, May 2:

Adult forum after church—The Creeds.
SOTW at the Care Center 2 PM

Sunday, May 9:

Brief meeting after church to train readers, leaders, chalice bearers. Intro to new system for signing up for tasks.

Monday, May 10: SOTW at food shelf.

Sunday, May 16:

Adult forum after church—we discuss New Yorker article on the worldwide Anglican Church.

Wednesday, May 19:

Social at Layne and Rolf's.

Sunday, June 13:

Welcome Sunday, including BBQ afterwards.

Sunday, June 27th: Bishop Prior at SOTW, 3-6 PM (service and potluck meeting)

Oct. 29-30—we are introduced at The Diocesan Convention in Duluth!!!

Liturgy and Music: (Coming out of our meeting, look for...)

- New ways to sign up for various parts of the service.
- Experiments with the bulletin, what goes into it, other Eucharistic prayers, etc.
- For hymn choices, I will be selecting and sending to the L&M committee for approval. If the homilist has ideas, let me know.
- Some Sundays we will have alternative musicians...more on this later.