

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—June 17, 2010

Mentor Notes:

This morning I wrote an article for the News Herald about Bishop Brian's visit. As I recounted the ad in the paper three years ago, our continued meeting for worship and our application for mission status just over a year ago, I felt "Wow!" I think we have done a great job listening to the Spirit, in the word and in each other—and despite some hiccups and discouragements along the way—we have arrived at this very significant place. With the election of a supportive new bishop, we are being launched!

Karl announced this last week that we now have a tax ID number—hardly the kind of news that normally makes one want to crack a bottle of celebratory champagne—but it indicates our moving into official church-hood. And as we know with most of life's thresholds—births, marriages, graduations—each holds new challenges, but also each is cause for celebration.

I trust that as we prepare for the bishop's visit next Sunday it will be with a sense of intense celebration at the Spirit's work here in our midst.

Peace, +Mary Ellen



July Social ideas?????



Mark your calendars:

Sunday, June 27th: Bishop Prior at SOTW: 3-4 service at Maple Hill, 4-6 potluck and meeting at Howard and Bonnie Gay's house.

Sunday, July 11th: Youth from Trinity Excelsior will be visiting our worship that day.

Saturday, July 31st: Spirit of the Wilderness in Dragon boat race!

Sunday, August 1st: Business meeting after church.

Sunday, August 8th: Adult forum on the Creeds.

Saturday-Sunday, August 14-15: Visiting musician to work with SOTW.

Wednesday, August 18th: Social at Greg and Coralyn's house.

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

Want a way to "visit" Lorraine? Evidently she has started loving candy bars—especially Almond Joy—and because she needs to gain weight, it's a win, win, win. Send a few to our absent organist!