

Wilderness Words



Spirit of the Wilderness

Weekly News—November 29, 2011

Vicar Notes:

I've had so many amazing, "chance" conversations recently—ones when I've run into someone, sat down and talked for an hour or ten minutes but about deep, heart-felt issues. Somehow, I think maybe this dark time of year gives us permission to have that unexpected, deep conversation. We're not rushing, and we're aware of needing each other.

Darkness is palpable this time of year. I find myself feeling disoriented: what time is it? Both in the evening and in the morning....

The dark reminds me of heat—I'm sure many of us have travelled to a tropical place and the heat/humidity is so strong it feels inescapable, ever present.

In that darkness, we long for light. Advent is the time when we are very aware of the need for light. We know we'll be making a turn soon—and the days will begin to lengthen rather than shorten. And while that won't mean days are immediately warmer, it will mean we're heading toward spring.

The darkness of this time of year parallels Advent, its longing, its awareness of the need for light and connection.

Soon we'll celebrate that light coming into the world. And that light turns us toward new life.

Blessings,

Mary Ellen

Check it Out!

- SOTW website for important stewardship info!
- Diocesan website for a story on Deepening Roots course and pix of SOTW members!



Upcoming Events:

- December 4th, bring your pledge cards to our morning service for dedication.
- December 4th and 5th, community Christmas concert, Bethlehem Lutheran.
- December 6th, 3:00 PM Outreach Committee at Holadays.
- December 6th, 6:30 Women's Spirituality Group, WindCradle.
- December 14th, 7:00, Bishop's Committee at Layne and Rolf's.
- December 24th service at 10 PM.
- December 25th service at 10:30 AM.