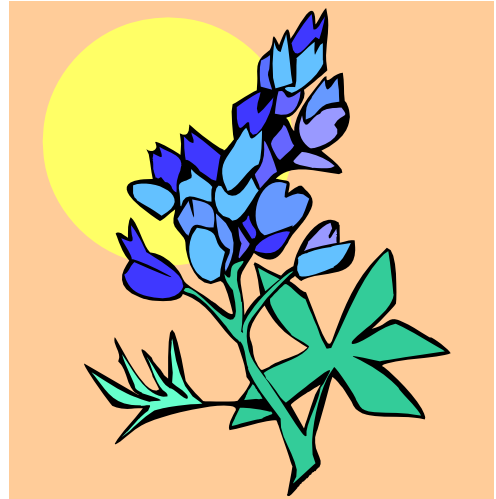


Storying God's Call as We Hear and Follow It

We all receive whispers from the divine. The more we notice and reflect on moments, memories and dreams in which we felt touched by God's voice in some clear or subtle way, the more we become aware of God's call.

Savoring and sharing experiences of both triumphs and traumas, intuitions and awakenings, we are drawn closer to God's purpose for us in this life. We may feel called to a particular art such as singing, sewing, painting, sculpting, gardening or any activity that brings us joy. Parenting and grand-parenting, serving the sick, gathering food or clothing for the needy, walking in nature, running or biking for a cause, simply smiling at strangers - all these and more are invitations from the Divine.

Over 4 Thursdays we will share memories and moments of sensing the pull of God's call. We'll work one-to-one, listening deeply and taking turns as tellers. As a whole group we may share poems or stories on this topic written by others. Our call to a life of purpose changes over time yet beckons to us at every age. Sharing strengthens our awareness.



Marni Gillard, Storyteller

has brought the joy of sacred storytelling to parishes, schools, prisons, libraries and faith groups far and wide. Her book Storyteller, Storyteacher shows how reading aloud and memory-sharing helped middle schoolers find a deep sense of community. Without a Splash, her CD of life tales, awakens memories in both young and old. Marni can be reached through <http://www.marnigillard.com>.

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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