



The Ring Lake Carillon



Ring Lake Ranch – Dubois, Wyoming fall 2008

An ecumenical retreat center – “renewal in a sacred wilderness”

“I will lure you into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to you.”

Hosea 2.14

**“When despair for the world grows in me . . .
I come into the peace of wild things . . .**

For a time

I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.”

--- from “The Peace of Wild Things” by Wendell Berry

Renewal in Sacred Wilderness *Carl Koch, Director*

Right now the Ranch is tucked under a blanket of fresh snow. When the 2008 summer season ended on September 14 as a group of Episcopal deacons drove out our gate on their way home after a short retreat, summer still reigned, though fall’s chill ruled the crisp nights.

Two months have passed, but memories still echo from the season: laughing children splashing through Ring Lake on the backs of Dolly and Diamond, Emily and Don Saliers singing songs from “Saturday Night and Sunday Morning,” the high school boys summiting Arrow Mountain in a June snow storm, Roberta Bondi sharing stories of the desert mothers and fathers, Laura Biddle entertaining us all with Pedro the puppet, Tink Tinker blessing us with sage, feather, and chant, and Gary Keimig amazing us with one of his quick draws—in 45 minutes painting a stunning view of the Absarokas.

Why is it that for forty-two years, hundreds of people have made the long journey to Ring Lake Ranch? Certainly riding horses and hiking in the Wind River Mountains are attractive, but clearly not enough. We come for re-natal, re-freshment, re-creation, re-treat. Ask just anyone—even retirees—how they are doing. The typical reply is: **“Too busy.” Too busy to breathe, to stop, to reflect, to switch off our automatic pilot. Too busy to keep our attention on what’s important.** Thus, we seek retreat to ask those fundamental questions of a vital spiritual life, starting perhaps with the question God asked Adam and Eve: “Where are you?” Or maybe to pose Mary Oliver’s question at the end of “The Summer Day”: “What is it you plan to do/with your one wild and precious life?” Or maybe to simply offer our attention to beauty -- Middle Mountain, blue bells, scarlet lichen, mother

moose, the big horse Moe, or our sisters and brothers with whom we break bread.

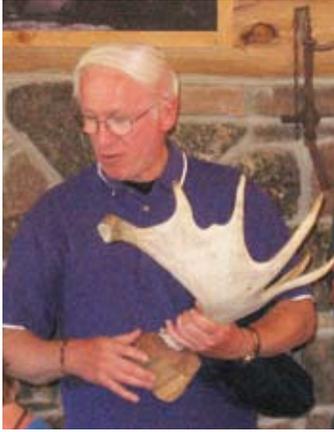
In his book, *Sabbath*, Wayne Muller recounts the story of a South American tribe “that went on a long march, day after day, when all of a sudden they would stop walking, sit down to rest for a while, and then make camp for a couple of days before going any farther. They explained that they needed the time for rest so that their souls could catch up with them.” This is as good an explanation of renewal as I can think of – a period of stopping from the “long march” so that our “souls can catch up” with us. I saw that happening all summer at the Ranch for guests worn out on their journey.

And, where better to renew than in “sacred wilderness.” Torrey Valley and specifically the Ranch were sacred places for the original inhabitants. The petroglyphs testify to

their encounters with the spirit of this place. During the time when these visionaries carved the petroglyphs between 4,000 BCE and 800 CE, other mountains served as sites of testing and revelation too. Moses and Ezekiel, Jesus and Muhammad all went to the mountains to pray and received divine words there. I believe that same impulse still draws us to the Wind River Mountains.

The programs for 2009 again return to the themes of renewal and sacred wilderness.

We are invited to reclaim Sabbath spaces, come apart and rest, encounter Thomas Merton and contemplative living, appreciate the living land, experience wilderness spirituality, listen well to each other, the earth, animals, and write about what matters. So we continue our mission of renewal in a sacred wilderness. Come, rest, and renew with us.



Dan Kreimer



Fred and Susan Webb



Paul Vogelheim enjoys a cup of coffee with Terri Schulz

Milestones

On July 11, 2008, we celebrated the tenth anniversary of boys from Cincinnati coming on retreat to Ring Lake Ranch and honored Dan Kreimer who directs the program and his assistant Greg Alig. The moose paddle trophy designed by Ben Verheul, our Facilities Manager, reads: "Thank you, Dan Kreimer, from Ring Lake Ranch for 10 years – transforming the lives of Elder boys. Peace and all good." Nearly 700 young men have made retreat at the Ranch during these years. Some have returned with their own families. May Dan, Greg and all the young men receive abundant blessings. Thank you for joining us for renewal in this sacred wilderness.

Also celebrating ten years of retreats at the Ranch was Fred Webb's Fly Fishing and Theology group. In celebration, we presented Fred with another of Ben Verheul's antler art pieces – a fly fisher sculpture. To Fred and Susan Webb and all the fly-fishing folk, thank you!

This August, Paul Vogelheim, President of the Ranch's Board, was appointed to the County Board of Commissioners for Jackson Hole, Wyoming (Teton County). As a result, Paul has had to curtail his many non-profit board commitments, including his leadership of the Ranch's Board. Even so, he has agreed to help us finalize a conservation easement for the Ranch. Paul has made an invaluable contribution to making sure the Ranch can continue its mission. He will be sorely missed. We thank him for his five years of wise and generous service.

Vice-President of the Board, Terri Schulz of Ft. Collins, CO, will capably assume the presidency. Terri has been coming to the Ranch since she was a child, returned as a junior staffer and staff member, and has attended many retreats. She works for The Nature Conservancy in Colorado. Her husband, Keith, and daughter Lily are both Ranch regulars as well. Thank you, Terri, for taking on this leadership role.

RLR's Leadership Blessed with Renewal

by Paul Vogelheim

We try to disorient--in a nice way--our guests especially on their first visits to RLR. With the adventure of a mountain horseback trail ride, the wonder of wilderness vistas and wildlife or the emersion into the RLR community, we try to introduce a break from our guests' familiar routines. Disorientation can be a window—opening to opportunities of renewal and growth.

Serving as President of the Board these past three years has offered a ride of disorientation with tragedies, major organizational changes, celebrations and renewal in the Ranch's leadership. The grieving of our friend Henry Everding (President, Board of Directors) and Mary Murphy (Caretaker), the transition with Joan Guntselman, Ann Mebane and other staff departures, and term-limits for many of our wonderful longtime Board members have left me and your ranch leadership disoriented at times. However, we were able to: recruit Carl, Joyce and Ben to manage operations of the Ranch, successfully host our 40th Anniversary and a tribute to Henry, expand our endowment, and evolve into an effective board of directors. Plus, as a true test, we served a record number of guests in the summer of 2008, who have offered glowing feedback about the staff and sustaining contributions of fees and donations to cover our operating expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, to grow and to be part of your new young Board's vitality and spirit of renewal. Back in 1996 when the Board (mostly long-term elders) established term limits, they demonstrated tremendous wisdom in their intent to transform and renew the RLR Board. Well done. Peace and renewal until we meet at the Ranch. -- Paul

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Your Support -- Thanks & A Request

*Nathan Bachtell, MD
Cambridge, MA, RLR Board*

Another great summer has come and gone at Ring Lake Ranch. Every fall, the RLR Board and staff look back to see what worked and what needs improvement. Clearly a stand out in the “what worked” category was the excellent staff. After reviewing the guest feedback, the Board was reminded once again of how much a great staff contributes to the Ranch experience. Our investment into selecting and supporting our staff is perhaps our most important one.

As part of our commitment to stewardship of this sacred place and to supporting our staff, the Board has decided to break ground this coming spring to build an environmentally friendly, winterized addition to cabin B. The value brought to RLR by providing the proper conditions needed for a caretaker to live on site twelve months a year is well worth the cost. Ben Verheul, our current facilities manager, has been an invaluable asset in our stewardship of the Ranch. Our decision to support the new cabin is, in part, our response to his long term commitment to RLR and our acknowledgement that investing in people is certainly as important as our investment in horses and hay.

Another important investment in the human experience of RLR is through our scholarship programs. Every year a percentage of guest fees are supported by donations from our generous Ranch community. While we ask scholarship applicants to pay what they can, we remain committed to help them

come for renewal in this sacred wilderness. These comments from 2008 scholarship recipients make clear the value of your help:

“Since my last trip to Ring Lake two years, I have become the primary caregiver for both my mother and my sister. Because of the generosity of a scholarship, I was able to attend a session at Ring Lake this past August. To say that it was a lifesaver is not an overstatement. My time there helps me better deal with the on-going demands of a family and church. Thank you so much!” G. W., pastor

“As a single mother of three teenagers, senior pastor of an urban church, I haven’t been away from home in 20 years. I’ve been leading retreats for women in prison and in shelters, but never been able to treat myself to a retreat in all these years. The scholarship to the Ranch allowed me to venture across the country to the Ranch; now I am translating the experience in creative ways in my sermons and music. Thank you!” L. B., pastor

Finally, we are living in uncertain times -- financially, politically and environmentally. As a nation and a global community, there is no more important time than the present to look at the fabric of our lives and recognize the things that matter most. We hope that despite the tough times upon us, you can find the means to support us, so we can continue to invest in the people that make the Ranch experience so wonderful year after year.

In Memory of Don Rolfs

In last spring’s *Carillon*, Gene Tucker wrote a moving tribute to the late Don Rolfs, long time friend and former director of the Ranch. Those who knew Don in the RLR community continue to grieve his passing. To honor Don, the Rolfs family invited friends to make a contribution to the Ranch. The response was most generous and heartening. Here is a list of those who chose to honor Don with gifts—thank you all:

Erin & Tim Bardar, Lucille & Carl Brandt, Maureen & James Banks, Geraldine Barrett, Ina Cobb, Shirley Collins, Tom & Norma Gehner, Marge & Warren Gessmann, C. J. Hess, Lucinda Hess, Leonard & Dorothy Mongo, Edwin & Hollis Pearson, Donna Rolfs, Mark & Melinda Rolfs, Marylee Schreibeis, Bruce Smith, Tomicia Spencer, Paul Tanico & Nancy Berthold, Gene & Charky Tucker, Courtney Weeks, Michael & Leona Weeks, Margaret & Michael Weeks, Doreen & Thomas Venables

Bequest-Giving

When it’s time to plan for the disposition of your estate, you think about the people and institutions that have played a positive role in your life. You can help provide for Ring Lake Ranch’s future for generations by including a charitable bequest in your will or revocable trust.

A bequest is easy to arrange. If you wish for more information about bequest-giving to Ring Lake Ranch, please contact Carl Koch, Director, at carl@ringlake.org or by calling 888.458.5253 toll free.

Ring Lake Ranch – 2009 Schedule of Programs

For more details check our website: www.ringlake.org

May 31 - June 6 Volunteer Week.

June 7 - 13 High School Group from Cincinnati



June 14 - 20 Katherine Turpin Sabbath Spaces: Reclaiming Time and Making It Holy

From the keeping of Sabbath to honoring rites of passage, marking sacred time is a spiritual practice well worth recovering. In a culture where time is money, we often consider time as a commodity rather than hallowing it in the presence of God. Can we reclaim life cycle celebrations and holy days from the world of consumption and restore their religious significance in our common lives? We'll consider practices ancient and new for the hallowing of time.

Katherine Turpin teaches at Iliff School of Theology in Denver and is author of among other works, *Branded: Adolescents Converted from Consumer Faith*.

June 21 - 27 High School Group from Cincinnati



June 28 – July 4 Karen Kappell & Pauline Wittry Come Apart and Rest Awhile

Come for a week of rest and renewal, spiritual direction, reiki, massage, and quiet rides and hikes. This year participants are invited to feast on the wonders of the Ranch. Participants will have a chance to really look, to pay close attention, and then paint or draw what they see, what they feel, and what they sense needs to be communicated. We will use pastels and drawing to express the beauty that surrounds us. If you paint already, great; if you have the simple desire to see in a different way and try, you will equally enjoy the time. Or if you simply want to come and rest without lifting a brush, come. The Divine Spirit is this week's ultimate presenter. **Karen Kappell, FSPA, MFA** is a gifted artist who has taught art to grade school children, university students and advanced artists as well. She has taught icon writing or painting in Eastern Europe. **Pauline Wittry, FSPA**, is an amateur artist and a spiritual director who will share reflective readings as well as be available for spiritual guidance. For many years, Pauline directed the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at Franciscan-Skemp Healthcare in La Crosse, WI.

July 5 - 11 High School Group from Cincinnati



July 12 – 24 Bonnie Thurston Thomas Merton & Contemplative Living

Perhaps more than any other single individual in the 20th century, the Cistercian monk, writer, and social activist, Thomas Merton made the term "contemplative" a commonplace in American spiritual discourse. Who was Merton? How did he understand "contemplation"? A generation after his death, what practical insights does Merton offer those who want to live saner, more spiritually centered lives? We will address these and related questions in these twelve days with Thomas Merton. **Bonnie Thurston** currently lives in solitude near Wheeling, WV having resigned the William F. Orr Professorship in New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. A founding member of the International Thomas Merton Society she served as its third president and has written more than 20 scholarly articles on Merton, given retreats and lectured on Merton widely in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. She is the editor of *Thomas Merton and Buddhism*.



July 26 – August 1 Alan & Jeanie Mebane The Living Land

Come discover the stories that are hidden in the beauty of Ring Lake's setting in the Wind River Mountains. The rocks speak to us of ancient sea beds and granites, volcanoes, and "brand new" mountains. From lake level to mountain top, plants and animals have their stories as well. Early human inhabitants knew the Ring Lake area as a sacred place thousands of years ago. Come see what they saw on hikes, rides, or strolls; learn more through illustrated evening sessions. Your own home will be more interesting after a week at Ring Lake.

Alan and Jeanie Mebane both came to the Rockies after college graduation. Later Alan worked in northwest Wyoming for 13 years as a park ranger/naturalist. He has degrees in geology. Jeanie has a background in natural history and has been a naturalist with both the National Park Service and US Forest Service. They have both volunteered at Ring Lake Ranch many times and enjoy sharing its wonders.



August 2 – 8
Belden Lane
Wilderness Spirituality

The Wind River Range of Wyoming is an ideal context for reflecting on the spiritual insights of those in the history of Christian spirituality who have discovered God's presence in wild terrain. This retreat focuses on the importance of place in the spiritual life, the letting go that wilderness invites, the prophetic power of life on the edge, and the unexpected solace of fierce landscapes.

Belden Lane is professor of theology and American Studies at St. Louis University and author of, among other works, *Landscapes of the Sacred: Geography and Narrative in American Spirituality* and *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality*.



August 9 – 15
Tom Troeger & Ed Everding
All of Us for All of God

Jesus' first commandment sets the tone for exploring different ways that people learn and know. "You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). Based on their book *So That All Might Know*, we will explore three major theories about how people perceive, process

and respond when they communicate with one another. Participants will expand their repertoire of communicative skills so that they may be helpful from preaching to teaching to leading meetings to writing more effectively and to guiding people toward a deeper relationship with God. **Thomas H. Troeger** is J. Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Professor of Christian Communication at Yale, has written more than fifteen books in the fields of preaching, poetry, hymnody, and worship, most recently *Preaching and Worship, Preaching While the Church Is Under Reconstruction, and Above the Moon Earth Rises: Hymn Texts, Anthems and Poems for a New Creation*. He is also a flutist and a poet whose work appears in the hymnals of most denominations and is frequently set as choral anthems. **H. Edward Everding, Jr.** is Emeritus Professor of Religious Education and New Testament, The Iliff School of Theology, Denver, CO. Ed has been recognized for his professional roles as educator, scholar, administrator and church leader. He currently serves on the Ring Lake Ranch Board.



August 16 – 22
Kathy Coffey
Writing for Ministry & Personal Fulfillment

"How do I know what I think 'til I see what I say?" asked E.M. Forster. Writing can be a superb tool to explore our values and beliefs, make sense of our life experiences and dialogue with the Big Ideas. We'll look at personal forms as well as more public ones: how to communicate with church groups, colleagues or students in clear, memorable ways. Enjoyable exercises will

give participants ways to write independently after our time together at RLR.

Kathy Coffey gives retreats and workshops nationally and internationally, has won fifteen writing awards and the Foley Poetry Award. She has written, among other books, *Hidden Women of the Gospels, The Art of Faith, Women of Mercy, God in the Moment, Immersed in the Sacred, and God Knows Parenting Is a Wild Ride*. Kathy taught writing at U. of Colorado, Denver and Regis University and has been an editor for Church Publishing.



August 23 – 29
Joan Guntzelman
Listening Matters

Remember the words from James' letter, "Let everyone be quick to hear and slow to speak" (1:19). All of our experiences bring opportunities for growth. We are being spoken to from a broad spectrum of sources, but tuning into our experiences requires a conscious and clear effort. This session will focus on listening well to all the ways life may be speaking to us, and how we might be better receivers of the wisdom that comes our way.

Joan Guntzelman, nurse, psychologist, has worked closely with countless dying and grieving people, healthcare and hospice workers, medical students and physicians. She is author of five books, including *Blessing Life's Losses* and *God Knows You're Grieving*. Joan served as director of Ring Lake Ranch for ten years.



August 30 – Sept. 5
Charlene Boyd
Communicating with Animals

Charlene Boyd says, "The bond that companion animals share with their owners is unique in nature. Through this special relationship both owners and their animals have an opportunity to experience love, trust and mutual understanding. As we become more sensitive to our pets, we learn that we are all One, created by the same Divine Spirit. Our ultimate goal is to live in harmony and joy with the animals we love and care about." Charlene will help participants learn how to sustain a positive, rewarding relationship with their animal companions by communicating more effectively with them. **Charlene Boyd** retired from a career as a teacher and a trainer of show dogs (bearded collies) and now teaches people how to effectively communicate with their animal companions. Her clients include veterinarians, dog trainers, and others wanting to live and work more in harmony with animals. For more about Charlene and to receive her newsletter, go to www.talk-to-animals.com.

Sept. 5 - 11
Flyfishing & Theology
FAITH—FELLOWSHIP—FLYFISHING

Though not a regular seminar session, guests are welcome to register with **Fred Webb** for this program. (540) 962-1300



Consider Becoming a RLR Associate

Over the last forty-plus years, hundreds of people have made retreats at Ring Lake Ranch. Former guests and other generous friends have supported the Ranch by volunteering to work at the Ranch, donating to its financial health, inviting others to come for a retreat, and by praying for the Ranch and its mission.

Becoming an Associate of Ring Lake Ranch is simply a way of formalizing our relationship to this sacred place and welcoming community. The Board and Directors invite you into this relationship as an Associate.

How Do Associates Help the Ranch? Basically, we ask that all associates serve the Ranch's mission in the following two ways:

- Pray daily for God's blessings on the Ranch and its mission
- During the year, personally invite 5-10 people to consider coming to the Ranch for a retreat.

We also invite Associates - if they have the means to do so -- to periodically:

- Make a retreat at the Ranch and/or
- Volunteer their time and talents for a week or two in the summer and/or

- Make a financial or in-kind donation to the Ranch.

The Ranch's Commitment to Associates:

- Each month you will receive by email a brief update about the Ranch and other Associates who have news to share.
- Each update will offer a reflection on the mission of the Ranch.

Becoming an Associate:

To become an associate, please contact Joyce Heil, Co-Director, by email - joyce@ringlake.org, phone 888.457.5253, or mail Ring Lake Ranch, PO Box 446, La Crosse, WI 54602.

Web Site & E-Newsletter

Keep track of Ranch news, find out more information about the presenters, and direct your friends to the Ring Lake Ranch website: www.ringlake.org. We also periodically send out e-newsletters. If you are not receiving them, you can sign up by listing your email address on the News page on the website or by requesting that you be added to the list by emailing info@ringlake.org.

Thanks to 2008 Volunteers & Invitation for 2009

During this past season, the Ranch was blessed by the good services of the following 39 volunteers for Volunteer Week and during the rest of the summer: Ken Fuller & Susan Love, Dick & Marge McIntosh, Jack & Marilyn Carlson, Eric & Betsy Azariah, Ted & Renette Laase, Jim Lowrey, Naomi Petersen & Nick Hoyer, Liz & Kevin Sellstrom, Terri, Keith, & Lily Schulz, Tina Anderson, Jeff Gros FSC, Linda McDonald, Gerry & CeCe Balboni, Andy Reitz & Becky Brown, Lyell Montgomery, Dwight Haberman, Lesley Stugelmayer, Cici Mueller, Lisa Landgraf, John Maule, Lauri & Amanda Finn, Susan Harmon, John Withers, Pat Gentleman, Suzanne Hedrick, and Audrey & Howard Eagleton.

A short list of their accomplishments includes: a new porch for Cabin 2A and new steps for 6A, refurbished Ranch sign, curtains for Chapel and for the Library, staining and sealing the Shop, Tack Shed, porches on the Dining Room, Living Room, and Lake Lodge, buck & rail fence in front of the petroglyphs, new wiring in Cabin 7, thorough pre-season cleaning of all cabins, and so on. Volunteers patched screens, hung shelves, baked

dozens of cookies, and scrubbed. "Incredible" best describes the great work of the volunteers.

For all your invaluable assistance, thank you. Maybe more important: Thank you for your caring presence among us. Please return again.

After the success of last summer's Volunteer Week, we're doing it again. Come for Volunteer Week 2009, May 31 - June 6 and/or join us when you have time during the summer. To discuss volunteering, contact Joyce at joyce@ringlake.org or phone 888.458.5253 toll free.

Scholarships Available

Scholarships are available to people needing assistance to attend programs at the Ranch.

In particular, two Linda Scholarships of \$500 are awarded to help introduce new, young clergy families to Ring Lake Ranch. Applicants should be persons in ministry with a young family who have never been to the Ranch. These scholarships are funded by two generous donors wishing to remain anonymous.

Please direct your questions to or ask for our simple application from Carl Koch at carl@ringlake.org or phone 888.458.5253.

2009 Registration

2009 RATES

All rates are per person and based on double/multiple occupancy

Includes lodging * meals * seminars * horseback riding * guided hiking * boating. No charge for children 12 & under.

Scholarships are available: Contact – Carl Koch at mailing address below or carl@ringlake.org

ADULT FEES FOR 6 DAY SESSIONS

Basic lodging with shared bath	\$710
Basic lodging with private bath.....	\$795
Larger cabin with private bath	\$860
Kitchenette cabin.....	\$960

YOUTH FEES FOR 6 DAY SESSIONS

Youth (ages 13 – 17).....	\$545
Child (ages 12 and under)	no charge

ADULT FEES FOR 12-DAY SESSION or 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS

Basic lodging with shared bath	\$ 1250
Basic lodging with private bath.....	\$ 1400
Larger cabin with private bath	\$ 1500
Kitchenette cabin.....	\$ 1690

YOUTH FEES FOR 12-DAY SESSION OR 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS

Youth (ages 13 – 17).....	\$ 940
Child (ages 12 and under)	no charge

All fees exclude sales & lodging taxes.

Daily and off-season rates are available upon request.

To reserve a private room, contact Carl or Joyce about additional fee & availability.

Receive a 10% discount on your session fees by bringing someone new to the Ranch with you. Please indicate on your registration form who the new guest is. When they register, we'll record the discount. Thank you for spreading the word about Ring Lake Ranch.

Deposit:

To hold your reservations, we request a deposit of \$235/adult and \$130/youth for 6 day sessions or \$415/adult and \$180/youth for 12-day session or two sessions. The deposit is refundable (less a 20% handling charge) up to 60 days in advance of the session for which you have registered. After that time, the deposit is refundable (less 20%) only if we can rebook your space in the session.

No. of Registrants:

_____ Adults @ rate	_____
_____ Youth (13-17)	_____
_____ Children(12 & under)	no charge

TOTAL (without taxes) _____

Deposit Amount _____

Session

Dates _____

Registrant Name(s) _____

Names & ages of children (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Cell () _____ Email _____

Accommodation preference:

- Basic/shared bath Basic/private bath
- Large/private bath Kitchenette Cabin A

Roommate preference (registering separately)

- One bed? Two beds?

Is walking over steep or rough terrain difficult for you?

- Yes No

Any other physical limitations?

Dietary restrictions/food allergies:

Will you need transportation from the airport?

(see spring Carillon or website for charges)

- No Yes Jackson/Riverton

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“One flash, one glance upon the shiny pond, and then Asperges me! sweet wilderness, and lo! we are redeemed! Every way we look, lo! rocks and trees Pastures and hills and streams and birds and firmament And our own souls within us flash, and shower us with light, While the wild countryside, unknown, unvisited Bears sheaves of clean, transforming fire.” – Thomas Merton

For more on Thomas Merton come to Thomas Merton and Contemplative Living, July 12-24 with internationally known presenter, Bonnie Thurston (see p. 4).

“The earth is the human body writ large. Mountains and rocks make up its backbone and flesh, water the blood running through its veins, trees and grass its hair, and clouds the breath of its inner life. Touching the earth, therefore, becomes a way of entering more fully the deeper mystery of ourselves and God—as if some vast correspondence linked our being to the mountain’s distant silhouette.”
“There is an unaccountable solace that fierce landscapes offer to the soul. They heal, as well as mirror, the brokenness we find within.” – Belden Lane

For more of Belden Lane’s wisdom, join his session on Wilderness Spirituality, Aug. 2-8 (see p. 5).