

## **Julian of Norwich.**

You have heard me, the preacher writing this notice, you have heard me cite Julian any number of times. Julian of Norwich is the first woman to write in the English language. She did so in the 1400s, God actually revealed Godself to her and through her for all of his creatures, in a series of revelations she wrote down after experiencing them. These Revelations or, as she called them, *shewings*, open us to finding God is really with us ! Unbelievably so!

I INVITE YOU TO FIND YOURSELF IN THIS REALM OF UNBELIEVABLY LOVE.

HOW??

1. Join our reading group to share the small book, *An Explorers Guide to Julian of Norwich*, by Veronica Mary Rolf. She writes luminously of the world of 14th century England from which Julian wrote, and helps us understand its impact on this ordinary/ extraordinary person. We also read the actual revelations or shewings one at a time. They are short and profound.
2. Let me know you wish to join so I can furnish you with a copy and give to you in advance to read an assigned section we will share at our first session.

Just to try to tempt you, here are a couple of assessments of the book.

The first is by Richard Rohr, Franciscan spirituality leader some of us admire.

"The grand and optimistic vision of Lady Julian is fully presented and profoundly supported in this excellent guide by Veronica Mary Rolf. I have been fed for many years by Julian, but this book is a new and generous feeding, It can serve as a first time introduction to this marvelous mystic or a fifth time deeper journey."

The second assessment is by Andrew Marr, OSB, Abbot of St. Gregory's Abbey.

Julian of Norwich is among the most radiant of Christian mystics. The radiance is all the brighter for Julian's frankness in questioning the darkness she experienced in her culture and in herself in a deeply troubled time. The unequivocal and insatiable love of God for all his creatures rings in her words throughout the book. Veronica Mary Rolf is a scholar with a deep heart that probes the mysteries Julian probes and uses her historical and textual research to shed clarity and light on Julian's teaching that speaks to our own time with increasing urgency.

### **SUMMARY:**

1. Using *An Explorer's Guide to Julian of Norwich* by Veronica Mary Rolf, St. Luke's reading group reassembles after coffee hour on Sunday, July 6, for one hour
2. Please speak to Bruce to obtain an advance copy in order to do a brief reading assignment before we meet. The assignment will ask you to jot down a couple of thoughts or questions that surface for you as you read.
3. In the group session, we will read aloud around the square of participants.

Those who have expressed intent to participate to whatever degree is possible include: John Hoover, Sally Hoover, Janet Hunter, Rick Hunter, Sean Whalen, Joanne Erenhouse MacDuffie, Karlaine Livingston, Gina McAllister, Nicole Cota. Several of you already have copies of the book.  
Cost: \$12.00 or whatever you can afford.