

## WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, February 24, 2022

### THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, as people return from school break, Faith Formation begins at 9:30. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

It is Transfiguration Sunday – the last Sunday of this Epiphany season. Pastor Vicki's sermon, *Remove the Veil*, is based on Exodus 34:29-35 and Luke 9:28-36. This is the last Sunday collecting for the Heifer Project. Preparing for *The Envelope Please*, the children of Faith Formation arranged envelopes corresponding to the days in February (1 – 28). If you took one, now is the time to bring your envelope with (at least) that number of dollars enclosed. (Don't feel limited! If you want to add zeroes to the number, they'll be thrilled!)

11:45            Outreach Team Meets

### NEXT WEEK

Monday through Thursday, the Homer Elementary Staff will undergo training in our building. They will be using the RFR from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. We are glad to welcome our neighbors.

### COMING UP

THIS Tuesday at 5:30 PM:            *Winner, Winner, Chicken (soup) Dinner*  
Join us as we keep our tradition of sharing a meal and some games for our kids on this Shrove Tuesday (the night before Lent begins). Throughout February, you have been supporting our efforts on behalf of the Heifer Project. On Sunday, we will announce which team has raised the most money for Heifer and that team will serve the meal on Tuesday evening. After the meal, our teams will decide which Heifer animals we'll purchase.

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

From December through June, Christian churches remember Jesus' life. The Word made Flesh, dwells with us from birth into childhood. His cousin John-the-Baptizer helps kick off an adult public ministry. A storyteller at heart, Jesus uses common images (different soils for planting, a *good* enemy, a mustard seed) to tease his posse into understanding a new Way of life. We follow. We learn. We, too, are changed.

Years ago, Nancy Stockholm's daughter Karyn was preparing for a long trip. When questioned if she was dreading the driving she laughed and reminded me that if one had "good tunes", the trip was manageable.

Still following Jesus, we now turn our heads toward Jerusalem. The journey through Lent is about being more mindful. It is a time of slowing down and it offers the chance to consider *Am I really being the person I intend to be?* The "tune" that will accompany us on this trip is:

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.

Oh, nobody else could walk it for him. He had to walk it by himself.

And this year, our wilderness journey will include a stone – selected next Wednesday and carried through the season. It will be a reminder, a symbol, perhaps a scapegoat. Ready? Here is how we begin...

