

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, February 22, 2024

THIS SUNDAY

Bring **canned veggies** to donate for our Easter Giveaway Food Bags.

Faith Formation will begin at 9:30 am

Pre-K: Mark & Kathy will teach our children in the nursery.

K – 3: Alex will teach about Palm Sunday.

4 – 6: Anne will continue the study of N.T. “she-ro” Mary Magdalene.

7 – 12: Jim McKenna will gather with our youth to experience the wonder of God’s feathered creation.

Adults: We finish Katherine May’s *Wintering* by discussing March.

On this 2nd Sunday in Lent, beginning at 10:30, Joseph Ford will sing us to a quiet place in our hearts, our minds, and our lives. Deacon of the day Cindy Stout will read Mark 8:31-38, and the gourd will remind us about cross-bearing. Jack Carr will sing *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*. After the children and Alex add another dimension to their sand garden, they will be excused for nursery. Stick around afterward for coffee hour, hosted by Carol Costell Corbin and Lisa Jones. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com

11:45 The Outreach Team will meet.

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday

4:30 In-person discussion of the 2nd & 3rd Sundays in Lent - *Poetry of Lent*.

6:30 Church Council meets. All chairs of all committees are a part of the Church Council. Moderator, Jim McKenna will lead our meeting.

Thursday (**LEAP YEAR!**)

12:15 ZOOM discussion of the 2nd & 3rd Sundays in Lent from the *Poetry of Lent*.

5 – 7 ALL YOUTH (grades 7-12) are invited to dinner at the manse. Stef and Pastor Vicki look forward to spending some quality time with you.

Sunday

9:30 Faith Formation for all ages.

10:30 3rd Sunday of Lent – worship with communion. Coffee Hour hosts: the Youth.

FOR OUR PONDERING...

The air was always filled with laughter. On “Dads & Grads” day, the graduates moved to the front and endured an interview. The questions were tailored to the graduate because the interviewer knew the kids. He knew their interests and he knew their storied pasts – especially from church. Each graduate was known because this adult saw each person - really saw them. It’s what we hope to experience in life. To have one or two people in our lives who *really* know us. Jesus assured us – we are known by a God who counts the hairs on our heads (Luke 21:7). What if we worked to really know people who are different than we are? What if our love of neighbor included our effort to know about the life of a person who is unhoused or a person who deals with addiction or a person who cannot hold a job? What if we used, first, “a person” when describing our neighbors who are different? Could compassion or understanding replace our fear? I do not think this is easily done but I do believe humans have heart-rending stories to share, if only we will listen.