

WEEKDAY WORDS

Thursday, February 27, 2025

We apologize for our technology snafu that prevented our live stream service this past Sunday. If you tried to access the service but couldn't find it – it's not your fault, but ours.

PROJECT BEGUN!

It's in the good news/good news category... The good news is that the long-overdue bathroom renovations have begun. The other good news is that we have two functioning bathrooms in the Narthex. Note that on Sunday morning, RFR bathrooms will be closed.

THIS SUNDAY

Faith Formation begins at 9:30. Nikki Lent and Sheri Saddlemire will teach about Jesus' mountaintop experience with three of his disciples. Our Youth will prepare for Ash Wednesday by burning the palms from Palm Sunday in 2024.

At 10:30 as we worship, we will gather at Table for Communion. Samantha Penoyer and Barb Wright are Deacon and Trustee for March. This is the last Sunday of Epiphany, so Pastor Vicki's sermon will focus on the Transfiguration and how, on the mountaintop with Jesus, we can be forever changed. Our choir will sing "How Beautiful". Following the Children's Time, nursery care will be provided. We invite your generosity as we support our youth and Team Stefosaurus! We hope you will stay after worship for coffee and conversation, hosted by the Corbins. If you cannot attend in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at www.homercc.com

INVITATION TO LENTEN GENEROSITY

The Outreach Team is coordinating an Easter Dinner Giveaway, along with items for Easter Baskets, on April 12. We plan to provide 75 Easter Dinners, and as many Easter Baskets as possible. We would welcome help from our congregation by supporting our food collection during Lent. We will collect these donations when you come to church:

March 9	box scalloped potatoes
March 16	canned vegetables
March 23	dessert box mixes
March 30	Easter basket items
April 6	canned refrigerated rolls/biscuits

Watch for sales and stock up! Bring items on Sunday or anytime. We appreciate your help!

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday It's Shrove Tuesday and our Spud Fest begins at 5:30! Bring the whole family for baked spuds, games, and your SPUDTACULAR spud carving. (Prizes will be awarded to the top two entries for adults and kids.) We invite you to bring a spud-topping, salad, or dessert to share. Sign up in the RFR so we're sure about the number of spuds to purchase.

Wednesday Our Ash Wednesday service begins at 6:30. The ashes are the remains of palms from 2024 Palm Sunday – prepared for us by the youth group.

Next Sunday:

9:30 Faith Formation will learn from one of Jesus' best stories:
the GOOD Samaritan.

Adults will receive an introduction to *A Sand County Almanac*.

10:30 Lent 1 - our journey begins.

OPPORTUNITIES IN LENT

Luke 6:12 tells us how Jesus went out to the mountain to pray – all night long. Only after that, could he choose his disciples and begin his ministry.

Mark 6:30-31 includes Jesus' counsel to the disciples, who were so busy in ministry that they didn't even have time to eat. Jesus tells them to "...come away to a lonely place and rest."

Gary McCaslin, Jim McKenna, Jr., and Susan Wilson have agreed to lead a Lenten discussion series based on **Aldo Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac***. They will introduce us to the book during Adult Faith Formation on Sunday, March 9. Each week, we invite you to read a portion of the book and then join in one (or more) discussions:

Tuesdays (beginning March 11) from 12:15 – 12:30 via Zoom

Wednesdays (beginning March 12) from 5 – 5:30, in person, at church.

Sundays during 9:30 Adult Faith Formation.

Copies are now available – pick one up on Sunday.

Youth Lenten Dinners at the manse - Get ready to set your cell phones aside and to "apron up" so you can help prepare the meals. We've got four dinners planned, starting on March 19 at 5:30 PM. Together we will cook, experience devotions with Stef, eat a delicious meal and, yes – do the dishes. We'll be done by 7:30 PM. Stef and PV can't wait to see you!

YOU CAN HELP!

Sheri Saddlemire is asking for egg cartons as she prepares for a Mother's Day craft with our kids. You may leave egg cartons on the silver counter of the dish washer.

Some of our folks need rides to PT or doctor's appointments. If you are able/willing to provide rides, add your name to the sign-up sheet this Sunday.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

5	Carl Applegate, Anne Wingard
6	Rebecca Clark
10	Kelly McKenna
11	Evie Clark-Hardy, Isayah Clark-Hardy, Terre Dennis
14	Laurel Harte-Westover
15	Terry Howell
18	Janice Bacon
21	Carrie Gumaer
22	James D McKenna
25	Shelly Hilts
27	Gail Benedict
29	Andrea Herzog, Ashley Cornwell

Please pray for Gary, Joanne, Kathy, Paul, Pope Francis and those in the midst of life transitions – some happy and some difficult.