**Weekday Words**

Thursday, March 27, 2025

**This Sunday**

Bring your donations of items for Easter Baskets.

Faith Formation begins at 9:30.

Children: Carol Costell Corbin, Sheri Saddlemire, and Acey Sieffert will teach about Jesus and the Good Shepherd.

Adults: We will discuss pp. 50-86 of *A Sand County Almanac.*

At 10:30 we continue our Lenten journey. Pam Kavalesky will bring a symbol of what sustains her, spiritually. Lori Schmidt has the Children’s Time, and then Acey Sieffert and Jenelle Pedersen will provide nursery care. The Tioughnioga Ringers will ring some very special music. Pastor Vicki’s sermon is based on Jesus’ story in Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. Stick around afterward for a coffee hour hosted by our choir. If you cannot attend worship in person, find our worship service live stream on Facebook, YouTube or at [www.homercc.com](http://www.homercc.com)

**Next Week**

Tuesday:

 12:15 15-minute ZOOM discussion for *A Sand County Almanac*.

 Read pages 155-189 about The Wilderness.

 6:30 Faith Formation Committee Zoom

Wednesday:

 5:00 Discussion of pages 155-189 of *A Sand County Almanac* at church.

Thursday:

 5:30 Youth Lenten dinner at the manse.

Next Sunday:

 9:30 Faith Formation will learn how Jesus responded when asked to name

the greatest commandment.

Our Adults will discuss pp. 155-189 of *A Sand County Almanac*.

 10:30 Lent 5 with Communion.

 Bring refrigerated rolls donations and leave them in the box in the fridge.

**April Birthdays**

 3 Anelia Corbin 19 Dora Jones

 6 Indiana Thomsen 22 Gene Wright, Peter Wright

7 Claire Menard 23 Kathy McKenna

8 Bev Berry 25 Darci Gumaer

11 Morgan Menard-Sieffert 27 Pastor Vicki

14 Russ Pedersen

15 Richard Schmidt

**This Week’s Prayers**

We are grateful for another opportunity to practice what was, according to Jesus, the second most important commandment – to love our neighbors:

 Thanks to the team that picked up and delivered 75 Easter Dinner hams:

 Jack Carr, Carol Costell Corbin, Kathleen Dentes, and Teri Pelton.

 Thanks to the Homer Elks who contributed $750 toward the total cost of the hams.

We are grateful for the ongoing opportunity to do as Jesus did – go into the wilderness to be renewed, reconnected, and spiritually sustained amid our busy lives.

Thanks to Gary McCaslin, Jim McKenna, and Susan Wilson for leading the book discussions that embody the words “To see creation is to know the Creator.”

We are grateful for God’s presence in our lives.

We give thanks for the care provided by our nearby hospitals and the enveloping prayers of this family of faith.

We give thanks when hard work allows us to “graduate” from walker to cane.

We give thanks for the work of Hospice teams who embody the compassion of God when our loved ones begin the transition from this life to the next.

We give thanks for those who teach, enabling the faith of generations to be planted within our children during nursery and Faith Formation classes. What a privilege to be one of God’s gardeners for our children, youth, and adults.

We give thanks for the miracle of healed relationships and for the gift of unconditional love.

We rely on God.

We pray for continued courage for those who are dealing with ongoing treatments that are necessary but draining.

We pray for patience for those who are enduring tedious physical therapy.

We pray for comfort for those who are experiencing deep grief.

We pray for continued guidance for those who are pondering important life decisions.

We pray for wisdom when we begin to judge others.

We pray for determination when our dear friends resettle in new places.

We pray that we can truly be light and grace in a world where the shadows of despair and hatred deepen.