

THURSDAY WORDS

Reaching out to you from Homer Congregational United Church of Christ
Thursday, April 30, 2020

With this edition, we send our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Dale Halstead who passed away on Tuesday, April 28. At the convenience of Dale's family, a private graveside service will be held. Our prayers surround Sylvia Hammond and Dale's entire family. We share your grief.

SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION (2 OPTIONS)

~ bring your own bread and juice ~

This Sunday we will celebrate Communion with two worship options; both available starting at 9 a.m. on Sunday on our website: www.homercc.com. The first will be our regular online service, this week including communion. During the service, Pastor Vicki will reflect on the story from Matthew 14:22-31. Like us, the disciples were experiencing a storm and they looked to Jesus for hope.

Our second worship option is for children and families, and will be from our Faith Formation classroom! Pastor Gary will share the story of how a child shared his fish and bread with Jesus and helped feed 5,000. Then Pastor Vicki and Pastor Gary will share Communion with our young ones and their families. Again, don't forget to have bread and juice ready at home!

Worship Tip: For those with hearing difficulty, try using earbuds or headphones to better centralize the sound.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Our **Faith Formation Committee** met on April 23 and discussed the following:

- Children will continue to receive "Bible Activity Pages" via email, and there will be an online Zoom gathering on Sunday, May 17 for K-4 grade.
- Our Junior High Youth Group continues to meet every other Sunday evening, while Senior High Youth Group is receiving check-ins from Pastor Gary.
- Options for Church Camp...we are still planning to host this annual event. However, we are monitoring the situation in our state and in our local community. Knowing that safety comes first, stay tuned!

COMING UP

Sunday, May 3

9:00 The links for our communion services will be available on our web site: www.homercc.com. Watch as you are able!

11:00 Outreach Team Meeting. The zoom link has been sent.

1:00 Pastor Vicki meeting with college students – zoom link to be sent.

6:00 Junior High Youth Group w/ Pastor Gary via Zoom (email invite will be sent)

Monday, May 4

6:00 Disciple II w/Pastor Gary via Zoom (an invite will be sent by email)

Sunday, May 17

11:00 **NEW Book Study**—*If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus* by Philip Gulley. The book provides an insightful portrait of what the church could look like if it refocused on the priorities of Jesus. The book study will be led by Carol Costell Corbin. A few books have been ordered. They are also available through Cokesbury or Barnes and Noble.

THANK YOU...

...Belinda Burtson and Bonnie Smith for leading Adult Faith Formation on Sunday mornings, discussing Brené Brown's, *Daring Greatly*. Several people became adept at using Zoom as the group grew each week.

...to everyone for your ongoing support of the Homer Food Pantry through donations of food and/or money.

...to Joe Ford for his gift of music during our online worship services.

...to Gail Brennan, Bonnie Haaland, Jeanine Rose, and Justin Dermott who have been making and donating masks. While these masks are not the "official" N95 masks, they do help protect those whom you encounter at stores or on the street. If you need a mask, call the office to arrange a time when you can stop by and get one!

...for the shower of birthday blessings. I so appreciated your cards, calls, Facebook greetings and a first-ever surprise birthday parade! One e-card even had a prairie dog singing "Happy Birthday dear Vickiiiiiiiiiiiiiii"! It was a lovely birthday, home-bound and all. Thank you, dear ones, for making it special. *Blessings! ~ Pastor Vicki*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/1	Logan Schmidt
5/2	Belinda Burtson
5/3	Phil Rumsey
5/4	Nancy Richards
5/7	Bill Masterson
5/9	Maddie Dermott
5/11	Carol DeShane
5/16	Lori Schmidt
5/18	Maria Urban
5/20	Sylvia Hammond
5/23	Andrew Leach
5/24	Alex Bertram, Luke Bertram, Nancy Sandstrom
5/26	Mary Reif
5/27	Zachary Dermott
5/31	Caomhe Dudgeon

WATCH FOR THE ONLINE EDITION OF SATURDAY WORDS.