

October Worship

OCTOBER 1 9:30a.m. Worship

Give up Control
Pastor Doug Dent

Matthew 5:5
Celebration of the
Lord's Supper

OCTOBER 8 9:30a.m. Worship

Long to Be Righteous
Pastor Doug Dent

Matthew 5:6
New Member Sunday

OCTOBER 15 9:30a.m. Worship

Care About Others
Pastor Doug Dent

Matthew 5:7

OCTOBER 22 9:30a.m. Worship

Generations of Generosity
Pastor Doug Dent

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Psalm 145

OCTOBER 29 9:30a.m. Worship

The Sign On The Door
Pastor Doug Dent

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Romans 3:19-28



Dates to Remember

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:30pm Stephen Ministers Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Confirmation Retreat from the 6th-8th
at Clearwater Forest Camp

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

New Member Sunday
No Jr/Sr High Bible Study

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Columbus Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

6:30pm Ministry Nite

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

No Youth Activities (MEA)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:30pm D&E Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Consecration Sunday

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

10:30am Pie Social



This year we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, commonly associated with Martin Luther nailing ninety-five theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. The movement unwittingly produced enormous influence over the past five centuries. Politically, socially, economically, culturally, and in countless other ways, the Reformation helped mold the world we live in today. But in the midst of recognizing the undeniably wide-ranging impact of the Reformation, we need to remember that it began with specifically religious concerns dealing with faith and practice.

As the church in the West passed through the Middle Ages, much well-intentioned religious clutter overlaid the message about peace with God through Jesus Christ as proclaimed by the apostles and taught by early church leaders. Nobody tried to obscure that message; it's just that lots of other religious "stuff" (practices, advice, expectations, decisions, and declarations by church leaders) demanded attention and clouded the original message.

By the time of Luther, a couple of centuries of pained Christians had already been crying out for renewal and reinvigoration of the church from head to toe, but it took the anguished search of someone desperate to find peace with God to kick-start a movement that neither he nor anyone else could have controlled or foreseen.

Luther's search, along with that of many others who became fellow Reformers, served to get rid of the extraneous clutter and rediscover that precious message. Among the many significant steps toward greater clarity in teaching and practice, five bold affirmations – the five solas – especially stand out as a synopsis of what the movement came to be all about.

Sola gratia. By grace alone.

Sola fide. By faith alone.

Sola Christus. Christ alone.

Sola scriptura. Scripture alone.

Sola Deo Gloria. To God alone (be) the glory.

These five core affirmations express the fundamental emphases of the movement. As heirs to the work of these stalwarts Reformers of half a millennium ago, we must strive to be faithful to God, holding fast to their insights expressed in the five solas, seeking to get rid of whatever clutter may have piled up among us in the intervening five hundred years, and rediscovering and proclaiming afresh the power and comfort of the apostolic message in our day as the Reformers did in theirs. May our commemoration this year lead us also into ever greater faithfulness to the Triune God, who leads us today as God did the Reformers five centuries ago.

Soli Deo Gloria!

Pastor Doug Dent

Local Mission

Thank you for your continued generosity with the Local Mission Fund! Those who are helped by this fund are extremely grateful for the extra support they receive during tough times. According to our policy, we are able to help each family or individual three times during a 12 month period, with up to \$100 a time, depending on funds. We assist with food, utilities, rent, and, in emergency situations, a night at a hotel. Donations can be put in the offering plate with Local Mission Fund in the memo line or dropped off in the church office. Thank you!!

During this month, we were able to help one family from the local mission fund. Together, we raised \$2,900 for this one family. Praise God!

We keep a supply of soap, lotion, toothpaste, conditioner, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc. on hand at the church to give to people who come in needing assistance. If you have extra at your home, bring them in! We'll give them away.





Parish Nursing Notes

Connie Seltz
Parish Nurse Coordinator

Living Well is a free monthly education series available from Lake Region Healthcare. The meetings are held in the clinic main entrance on the second Monday of each month. Al and I attended a helpful session about "Communication Strategies and Resources for Dementia and Alzheimer's Caregivers." The topics change monthly.

On Monday, October 9th the subject is "Managing Meds: Can Lifestyle Changes Lead to De-prescribing?" If the session Al and I attended is a predictor of good things to come, I encourage you to connect with livingwell@lrhc.org to reserve your spot (refreshments are provided.) Please see the Living Well poster on the Parish

Nursing bulletin board for the calendar of sessions and topics for 2017-2018.



It's time to build! Habitat for Humanity has broken ground on their next house. Federated Church is committed to being a "covenant partner" with Habitat for Humanity. This means we will give our time, money, and energy to help them complete this project. We will need 5-10 volunteers to help rake and shovel... the first week in October. Volunteers are also needed to prepare meals for workers on site. There is a way everyone can help! If you are interested in helping, contact Stan Carignan at (218) 736-2657.

Remind Text Alerts

The Federated Church is now using Remind, a text alert system to send out reminders, schedule updates, cancellations and other time-sensitive announcements. If you would like to receive text updates from Federated Church, please **text the message @federated to the number 81010**. You will receive a confirmation text, followed by a text asking if you are a parent, student, or teacher. There's no need to respond to this text. You'll receive another text telling you about the app available to use with Remind. You can use the app, but it is not essential to have the app in order to receive text alerts. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions!





We are off to a great year with the start of Sunday School, Kids Club, confirmation, and youth group! Everything kicked off during the month of September, with both familiar and new faces in attendance.

Sunday School

Our Sunday school classes are currently divided as such: Pre-K and their parents meeting the first Sunday of the month with Steve and Carri Thompson in the downstairs youth room, K-2nd meeting each week with Jona Brown and Madalyn Dent, 3rd-6th meeting with Karen Bush and Karen Dent, 7-12 meeting with Sadie Carter in the narthex (room behind the sanctuary), and adult class with Pastor Doug in the parlor. Even though classes have already begun, you are welcome to join at any time! We hope you take part in these offerings on Sundays after worship. We could certainly use more adults particularly in the 3rd through 6th grade class. If you feel so inclined, see Karen or Karen!

Kids Club

Kids Club began on September 20th with a great first turn-out. It was wonderful to see everyone back and getting into the swing of things again. Our weekly activities include snack/fellowship time, story/song/prayer time, craft, and gym. The theme centers around the Jesse Tree, and every week the kids will make an ornament related to the story leading up to the birth of Jesus. The kids were enthusiastic and cooperative, and the volunteers were fabulous as usual. If your child would like to attend and did not come the first few weeks, they can still start at any time. We have arranged a bus ride for the kids coming from the Fergus Falls Public Schools—it is usually the last bus in line on Wednesdays. It should also have a sign on it. We meet from 3:30-5:30pm. Families are invited to stay for dinner at 5:30pm. Come check out the fun!

Confirmation

Confirmation started with an organizing meeting on September 20th and classes began on September 27th. We are excited to go to Clearwater Forest for the second year in a row to hold our own retreat in Eagle Lodge, October 6th-8th. The theme for the retreat is “Jesus Christ, Divine Man of Mystery”, and we will be diving into new ways of seeing Jesus in the Bible. We have a great line-up of chaperones for the weekend! Weekly confirmation teachers again this year include Pastor

Doug, Connie Seltz, Jim Worner, Karen Anderson-Dent, and Erika Mariotti. We have a fun group of 7th through 9th graders—it looks to be a really inquisitive year!

Youth

Youth group was MOST fortunate to start the 2017-2018 year off with a pool party at the Skretvedts—the weather was PERFECT! It was literally the last real day of summer weather with temperatures in the high 80s. This year, the kids have been asked to select different topics we will delve into as a group, and they have come up with some tremendous and challenging topics of faith. We are lucky to have youth who take their faith and the issues of the world so seriously. And they enjoy fun games too! If you have a student in grades 9th through 12th, they are welcome to attend—we meet from 7:30-9:00pm each Wednesday, along with a few specially scheduled dates throughout the year. For more information, contact Karen at kmad@prtel.com or the church office.

Note from Sadie!

Jr. /Sr. High Bible Study meets on Sunday Mornings at 10:30 in the Narthex. Please start bringing your personal bibles. The bible study books should be here for the October 1st Bible Study! I’m super excited in the turn-out of Our Federated Youth! Keep Coming! You never know when I might bring treats!!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Crazy to think how fast September went! Soon there will be snow floating in the air! Please think about donating to Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to make your own box by choosing a gender and age that is awesome. If you prefer to buy in bulk and donate said items, example being, packs of Crayons. We are happy to receive any donation for Operation Christmas Child. If you have any questions, call the church and ask for Sadie, or the Operation Christmas Child Website is full of answers too! <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



Bible studies and discussion groups

Women's Bible Study

THURSDAYS 10:30am

Women's Bible Study meets every Thursday Morning at 10:30 in the Parlor. We are doing a 12 week study on the Book of John. We have shared wonderful fellowship and knowledge of John's book. I'm happy that we have had a consistent showing of women. Thank you for coming, and I look forward to the weeks to come.
-Sadie

Men's Bible Study

MONDAYS 12pm

Men's Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon for one hour. All men are invited to join us! Bible Study will September 11th. All men are invited! Friends of Federated are invited, too!

Adult Bible Study

The Story by Randy Frazee

If you've ever had trouble reading the Bible all the way through – and let's be honest, Leviticus isn't the most exciting book of the Bible – then try reading the *The Story*. Here the major stories and themes of the Bible are presented in a narrative form, more like a novel. Giving an overview of God's master plan, *The Story* tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves God's children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story reveals the God of Grace who speaks, acts, and listens, and whose love for us culminated in the coming of Jesus. We will work through the 31 chapters of *The Story* in an informal, conversational way. Copies of *The Story* are available in the church library (suggested donation: \$5).

Church News

Canceled Youth Activities

October 8th Jr/Sr High Bible Study

October 18th Kid Activities (MEA Break)

Hurricane Relief Buckets

Federated Church is partnering with First Presbyterian Church of St Cloud in creating cleanup buckets for hurricane victims in Texas and Florida. We are asking volunteers to fill buckets with required supplies. If you need a list of these items, please contact the church. **DO NOT ADD SUPPLIES WHICH ARE NOT ON THE LIST.** You can also donate a monetary gift to the church, and we will buy the items ourselves. Each bucket costs \$70 to fill. Please make checks out to Federated Church with *Bucket* in the memo. This is a great opportunity for Fergus to bless those facing times of trial. Any support you provide is greatly appreciated. We will be accepting buckets until Sunday, October 15th.

Kid's Club 2017





Community News

Christmas from the Attic

Celebrate Christmas on Saturday, November 4th from 9am-noon this year. Grace United Methodist in Fergus Falls is hosting a sale of pre-owned Christmas and Thanksgiving decorations. There will also be sweets and goodies for sale. Coffee and Cinnamon Rolls will be sold as a benefit for the community Food Shelf.

Pig Roast for Hurricane Relief

Living Faith Church is serving a pig roast October 14th from 5-7pm. Enjoy a delicious meal served with all the trimmings. Adults are \$10. Children 5-12 are \$5. Children under 5 are free. ALL proceeds will be given to Hurricane Relief and our Local Food Shelf.



Committee News

October is Stewardship Month

The days are getting shorter, a few leaves are beginning to turn and the hummingbirds have left. All are sure signs of autumn. Another is stewardship month at Federated, the month of October. Our theme this year is "Generations of Generosity". We hope to explore and celebrate how the generations have supported and caused Federated to carry out its ministry and mission. We believe that being part of a continuing faith community is important to each of us and know that we are the beneficiaries of the work and stewardship of those who preceded. The campaign will provide the opportunity for examination of our role in the ongoing life of our church home and our legacy to the generations to follow. Please be expecting a mailing from our committee later this month and additional information as we enter October.

-The Stewardship Committee

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee is designating Habitat for Humanity as our Mission Initiative for 2017. The Federated Church is the first congregation in Fergus Falls to become a Covenant Partner with Habitat, which means we will support Habitat ministry with volunteers and funds. We appreciate Habitat's new plan to renovate homes in Fergus Falls, raising the standard of living for more of our residents, rather than always building new homes. Stay tuned for more information and opportunities about how you can get involved...
Look Ahead: Mission Dinner is November 5th with Habitat for Humanity as the speaker.





Business as usual

Service Group

OCTOBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #3
 Charles Ebbighausen
 Joan Ebbighausen
 Vaughn Ebbighausen
 Brian and Nancy Malchert
 Wally and Mary Moe
 Gary and Jan Nelson
 Iona Saunders
 Rick and Kitt Schara
 Clyde and Beth Schlepp
 Bob Stout
 LaVane Ugstad
 James and Amy Underdahl
 Steve and Melinda Wienbar
 David and Vivian Whipple
 Skip and Char Zielin

NOVEMBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #4
 Wes and Lori Beske
 Carol Bischof
 Jona Brown
 Nic and Sammy Ebert
 John and Kim Erickson
 Bob and Barb Flom
 Kathy Gilbert
 Fred & Linda Harthen
 James and Rebecca Michael
 Molly Stoddard
 Vern and Deb Tabbut
 Steve and Carri Thompson
 Del and Kathy Zimmerman

Ministry Nite:

October 10 - 6:30PM

Please email your minutes to church@federatedff.org. If you are unable to attend, please contact your chairperson. If your committee does not make a quorum, please schedule a time for your committee to meet before the next Ministry Nite. Reminder: Committees do not meet in July.

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday, October 1

9:30am Skip and Char Zielin
 James and Amy Underdahl

Sunday, October 8

9:30am Rick and Kitt Schara
 Wally and Mary Moe

Sunday, October 15

9:30am Gary and Jan Nelson
 Steve and Melidna Wienbar

Sunday, October 22

9:30 am David and Vivian Whipple
 Clyde and Beth Schlepp

REMINDER: You are also the coffee hosts for that Sunday. If you are unable to do it the Sunday you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Check your email for information on greeter and coffee host duties. Please add church@federatedff.org to your safe senders list. If you don't use email, please check the bulletin board in the narthex for the information.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$27,685.95
Expenditures	\$30,274.49

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$226,706.00
Actual Received	\$221,369.80

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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September	\$438.00
Total as of 8/1/17	\$76,156.00

Service Food

September	\$2,063.85
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The church staff wants to know...

We rely on you to contact us with your email, phone or address changes. If you are not receiving our emails, but would like to, please contact to church office. Also contact us for pastoral care or parish nursing needs. Please call 218-739-3227 or email church@federatedff.org

Newsletter Deadline

Articles and announcements are due the 15th of each month. Please send the by email whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.





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October

Is Stewardship Month

Address Change

Louetta Hanneman has moved.
Her new address is 38281 County Highway
75 Wadena, MN 56482

October Birthdays

10/01 Dorothy Porter	10/19 Courtney Meis
10/01 Tami Collins	10/20 Nate Donoho
10/01 Zayne Weinrich	10/21 Dennis Bowman
10/02 Terry Haas	10/23 Drew Johnson
10/03 Evan Westra	10/25 Mary Moe
10/04 Tanya Sundberg	10/25 Tyler Harthun
10/04 Don Westra	10/26 Jon Steinbrenner
10/07 Doris Enderson	10/27 Carol Rose
10/07 Grant Davenport	10/28 David Lundeen
10/09 Jaden Beck	10/28 Joshua Whipple
10/13 Kym Christiansen	10/28 Alexis Nelson
10/13 Madison Weinrich	10/28 Ivy Iverson
10/14 Austin Nygaard	10/29 Beatrice Schierer
10/14 Caitlyn Nygaard	10/31 Angelo Griego, Jr.
10/16 Kathy Zimmerman	
10/16 Jo Kohlhase	
10/16 Heidi Lien	
10/17 LaVane Ugstad	
10/18 Louetta Hanneman Savoy	
10/19 Phil Kugler	



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