

Dedication Sunday

OCTOBER 23

10am (one service)

Pork loin dinner follows



Fall Pie Social

OCTOBER 16

During 10am coffee hour

October Worship

OCTOBER 2 9 and 11am Worship World Communion Sunday

God's Covenant with Moses *Pastor Doug Dent*
Focus: Exodus 20; Jeremiah 31
Celebration of the Lord's Supper

OCTOBER 9 9 and 11am Worship

God's Covenant with David *Pastor Doug Dent*
Focus: 2 Samuel 7

OCTOBER 16 9 and 11am Worship

God's Covenant in Christ *Pastor Doug Dent*
Focus: Galatians 4 and 2 Corinthians 3

OCTOBER 23 10am Worship Stewardship Sunday

God's Covenant with Us *Pastor Doug Dent*
Lunch served following worship

OCTOBER 30 9 and 11am Worship Reformation Sunday

TBA *Pastor Doug Dent*

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2
First Sunday Bible Study
12pm, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5
Confirmation Begins
3:30pm 7th/8th grades
6:30pm 9th grade

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7-9
Confirmation Retreat
6pm depart, Clearwater Forest Camp

MONDAY-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10-14
Federated Church delivering Meals by Wheels

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
Pie Social 10am Fellowship Hall
New Member's Class 10am Narthex

MONDAY-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17-21
Federated Church delivering Meals by Wheels

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
Dedication Sunday
10am Worship
11am Dinner





The word "heritage" is rich in meaning. We speak of the heritage received from our ancestors. We leave a heritage to our descendants, our universities, our churches. We also have a faith heritage: the beliefs and traditions passed down from one generation to the next.

The Bible speaks of our heritage often. Here are just a few verses:

- You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. «These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.» You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)
- For you, O God, have heard my vows; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name. (Psalm 61:5)
- Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart. (Psalm 119:111)
- Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. (Psalm 127:3)
- It is the living who give thanks to You, as I do today; A father tells his sons about Your faithfulness. (Isaiah 38:19)
- And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. (Acts 20:32)

- For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith. (Romans 4:13)
- ...knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. (Colossians 3:24)
- ...to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you. (1 Peter 1:4)

In October we celebrate our heritage.

- World Communion Sunday celebrates the common heritage all Christians have as sons and daughters of God, being brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Stewardship Sunday celebrates the blessings we have from God and the opportunity to leave a heritage for the future.
- Reformation Sunday celebrates the unique heritage we have as part of the Reformed Tradition of churches that partners with God in the redemption of the world.

You are an important part of that heritage. You are part of the blessing that is the family of faith at The Federated Church. Your legacy of your life and faith and work and giving is part of the heritage to our community. I'll be celebrating you this October, too.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

Special Sundays

One Sunday each month we will worship together at 10am and celebrate a special event in the life of our faith family. Please mark your calendars—you won't want to miss this!

October 23	Dedication Sunday	Meal following worship
November 13	Mission Dinner	Meal following worship
December 18	Kids' Christmas Pageant	Coffee Hour following worship
December 25	Christmas Sunday	Coffee Hour following worship
January 22	Annual Meeting	Meal and meeting following worship
February 26	Confirmation Sunday	Reception following worship
April 9	Palm Sunday	Coffee Hour following worship
April 16	Easter Sunday	Coffee Hour following worship
May 21	Ice cream social	Sundaes following worship

Hal Collins Memorial

Did you notice the new tree outside the sanctuary doors? It's a Pillar Birch given by the Collins family in memory of Hal Collins. Hal ardently planted trees all around town, especially out at the M-State campus. We are honored and delighted to have this beautiful tree as a reminder of God's goodness, Hal's faithfulness and the enduring ministry of The Federated Church.



Bible studies and discussion groups

Adult Bible Study

SUNDAY MORNINGS 10am

For most of us, Confirmation was a long, long, long, long time ago. Perhaps we've forgotten some of what we learned. Perhaps we didn't pay all that much attention the first time around. Well, beginning September 18 join Pastor Doug for a Confirmation refresher course with an informal discussion about important aspects of our faith and witness.

Advent Study (November 20–December 11) we'll take four weeks out of our Confirmation study to consider the four "buzz words" of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Women's Bible Study

THURSDAYS 10:30am

Women's Bible Study meets every Thursday at 10:30am in the church parlor. They will be going through the Life Change series study on the book of Judges. Copies of the book are available in the church office for \$8. All women are invited!

Men's Bible Study

MONDAYS 12pm

Men's Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon for one hour. Men are currently studying the Gospel of John. All men are invited to join us!

First Sundays

SUNDAYS 12pm

'First Sundays' is a monthly forum for biblical and topical studies led by Pastor Doug Dent. We begin with a light lunch after worship (Noon) followed by the study. All are welcome!

October 2	Meet Martin Luther
November 6	Making End of Life Decisions
December 4	The Gift of Friendship
January 8	Books that Didn't Make the Bible (and Why)
February 7	Books Between the Testaments
March 7	Compassion as Spiritual Discipline
April 2	Class Warfare in the Bible
May 7	The Tomb of Jesus



Things to know from the DCO

Ed Morgan

Since January, I have been working as Director of Church Operations. As I look back, I give thanks for all the wonderfully talented people who have stepped forward to complete important projects. It was exciting to see much of that work come together on Rally Sunday, September 8. It was a Sunday that clearly demonstrated that we are all partners in Christ's ministry, using our gifts to glorify God.

Once again I want to remind everyone about the Discovering Our Future Priority Teams: Inspiring and Dynamic Worship, Multigenerational Learning and Fellowship, Community Engagement, Campus Enhancement. Each of these priorities has a team already at work. We saw some of their work on Rally Sunday and more will come in the months ahead.

Luke wrote, "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke 6:38)

We have been richly blessed at The Federated Church, "Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over." God has gifted all of us with special gifts of time, talents, and financial resources to do God's work. We are seeing people step up and share their resources.

Within the next few weeks, you will receive a letter from our Stewardship Committee inviting you to a special worship service on Sunday, October 23 at 10:00 AM. You will also be invited to prayerfully consider how you will share your time, talents and financial resources in the coming year. Pastor Doug recently said this in a sermon: "This congregation is poised and itching to break out of these walls and do some good." A question I ask myself and I ask you all to ask yourselves is, "How can I use what God has given me to do God's work in and through our church?"

Thank you for your partnership in Christ's ministry, Ed Morgan, DCO





Christian Education and Youth

Christian Education

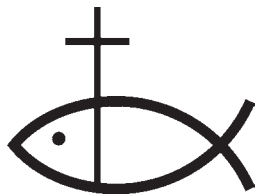
The Christian Education school year has begun, starting with a great Rally Day kick-off on September 11! Sunday school classes, Youth Group, and Kids Club are all in session. I am always amazed at how things start to flow and everyone returns with new energy and ideas! We have some wonderful programs, awesome kids, and stellar volunteers to make this a spectacular year! Please come and check out any of our activities—and if you feel led to serve as a volunteer in any of these areas, please contact me at kmad@prtcl.com.

Kids Club

By the time you are reading this newsletter, Kids Club will be well underway. Our fall session, entitled “Disciples Are Such Characters!” began on September 21. Each week we are looking at a different character quality that disciples of Jesus should develop in their lives by utilizing a story from scripture, a verse to memorize, a craft and/or game to illustrate, and songs to sing. This session we will be learning about being respectful, cooperative, patient, forgiving, truthful, humble, persevering, and bold. Kids Club is a great place to grow in God’s love and practice how to live within our faith family. We are always looking for adults to help in various ways, from shepherding to assisting with activities. Please come check out the fun! And stay for supper! Wednesday night meals are served at 5:30pm for the kids and their parents, as well as anyone who has Wednesday activities at church!

Confirmation

Confirmation class begins on October 5! The 7 and 8 grade confirmation classes start at 3:30pm, with Jr High Youth Group following directly afterwards and going until 5:30pm. The 9 grade confirmation class is from 6:30-7:30pm. The weekend of October 7–9, all three grades will head to Clearwater Forest for a confirmation retreat. We have some great lessons and games, new songs, and wonderful chaperones to make this a fun-filled weekend! Please pray for our crew, during the retreat weekend and throughout the year as they continue their journeys of faith and fellowship.



Youth Group

Our senior high youth group started out the year with a pool party at the Skretvedts. It was a seasonally cool but FUN time with most of our members in attendance, along with a few new faces! We have an exciting upcoming year planned with a series entitled “The Gospel Journey”, a show that follows eight young people from different faith backgrounds as they learn more about each other and Christianity. Along with this series, we will be learning about the differences between various faiths as they compare to Christianity—an important apologetic skill to have at this time in our world. We also have some fun service and fellowship events planned for the fall.

Multigenerational Learning and Fellowship

We have an exciting Multigenerational Fellowship event planned for Wednesday, November 9. We are hoping to participate in the international mission outreach called “Operation Christmas Child”. This mission, supported by Samaritan’s Purse, sends shoeboxes to refugee or poverty-stricken children throughout the world in time for Christmas. The shoeboxes include personal care items as well as fun toys and Christmas gifts. If you would like to participate, please collect individual items (in bulk, if possible) or pack an entire box for one child. We are encouraged to think about a child’s age and gender when selecting items—whether they are in bulk or for an individual child.

We will also be collecting a free-will offering to go toward the shipping costs of the shoeboxes. The boxes will be delivered to a collection site during the week of November 14-20. Join us on November 9th for a light supper followed by the opportunity to assemble the boxes! All are welcome to come!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Suggestions:
Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), deflated soccer ball (include manual air pump), doll, stuffed animals, small musical instruments (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners,

crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc. (must be non-liquid!)

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make-your-own-items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

Candy specifications: During 2016, the following types of candy can be included in shoebox gifts: hard candy, gummy bears, caramels, taffy, and gum—as long as its expiration date is at least six months after National Collection Week: November 14–21, 2016. Starting in 2017, no type of candy can be included in shoebox gifts.

Toothpaste specifications: Toothpaste can be included this year as long as its expiration date is at least six months after National Collection Week: November 14–21, 2016. Starting in 2017, toothpaste cannot be included in shoebox gifts, but a child's oral hygiene can still be improved by regular use of a toothbrush alone.

Please Do NOT Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



Parish Nursing Notes

Connie Seltz
Parish Nurse Coordinator

With nighttime temps trending into the 40's, it is again time to add soup to our routine. Last year I got great feedback from a soup recipe printed here, so will try again. Thanks to Elizabeth Hatling for the adaptation! Eat well. Stay healthy!

Lemon Chicken Orzo Soup

Adapted from foodiecrush.com

2 T olive oil, divided
1 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs,
cut into 1 inch pieces
Salt & pepper
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 onion, diced
3 carrots, peeled and diced
2 stalks celery, diced
½ tsp dried thyme
5 c chicken stock
2 bay leaves
¾ c uncooked orzo pasta
1 sprig rosemary
Juice of 1 lemon
2 T chopped parsley

Yield: 6 servings

Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Season chicken thighs with salt and pepper, to taste. Add chicken to the stockpot and cook until golden, about 2-3 minutes. Set aside.

Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the stockpot. Add garlic, onion, carrots and celery. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 3-4 minutes. Stir in thyme until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Whisk in chicken stock, bay leaves and 1 cup water. Bring to a boil. Stir in orzo, rosemary and chicken. Reduce heat and simmer until orzo is tender, about 10-12 minutes. Stir in lemon juice and parsley. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve immediately.





Committees

Fellowship

KATHY GILBERT

Wow, the fellowship committee has had a busy summer! Starting with the ice cream social at the close of the Sunday School year and ending with the Rally Day carnival and picnic, we have sponsored 6 events:

We had 125-150 people at the ice cream social at the end of May to wrap up the end of Sunday School.

During the summer months, we invited the church to join other Federated family at the concerts in the park at Roosevelt Park. Four of the musical groups this summer included Federated Church members. We wanted to support them and show that we as Federated Church were proud of them. We encouraged people to wear their Federated Church shirts and many did. About 20-25 members were at each concert.

We sponsored a tailgating party at the start of the softball tournaments, and invited the team and their families. Dennis Bowman was our chef at the grill making hamburgers and hot dogs. Of course, we had all the trimmings too. Dennis even brought his grill from home for the event!

We had a meet and greet, including coffee and bars, for Paul Shol when he was in town during his bicycle trip across the country. He had a chance to talk of his experiences and share the devotional book Jesus Calling with those who did not have one. Over 100 people attended this event—many from the community; about 10-15 people joined him at 6:30 am to send him on his way to Brainerd and to the Atlantic Ocean!

And, most recently, Rally Day! We served about 200 people Gobble Up Turkey sandwiches with all the trimmings and ice cream bars for the kids!! The carnival with the bouncy house and all the games was again a hit with all the kids—both big and small!! Thanks to all who helped and a special thanks to Jim Worner and Terry Harrington who saw we needed help and jumped in to do the dishwashing!!!!

Events planned for the fall are Dance Lessons with Terry and Cheryl Harrington and our fall Pie Social.

We are always open to new members on our committee. We have been told we are a fun group to be a part of!!! Just let the church office know of your interest.

Upcoming Fellowship Event: The fall pie social will be on October 16, during the 10am coffee hour. To have enough pies to share at the pie social, we need volunteers to bring a pie or two. If you would like to bring a pie or two, please contact the Carolyn Anderson (218-205-9626 or carolynjoyanderson@gmail.com). Thank you!

Caring and Ministry

CONNIE SELTZ

The ad hoc committee assigned to try to connect with members we have missed seeing in our fellowship has completed its work. The committee members were Terri Skretvedt, Chair; Greg Truax, Desta Hunt, Mark Rodning, Karen Bush, and Ben Schierer. They report being pleased with the conversations and appreciated the information obtained. Thanks to the committee and all who participated.

Local Mission

Thank you for your continued generosity with the Local Mission Fund! As always, funds go out as quickly as they come in and we are currently having to turn people away. Donations can be put in the offering plate with Local Mission Fund in the memo line or dropped off in the church office.

During the month of August, we were able to help 14 families or individuals with a total of \$875 used for food, household goods, rent or utilities. So far in September, we have helped two families or individuals with \$100 towards food, household goods, rent or utilities.



LOCAL MISSIONS



Business as usual

Service Groups

OCTOBER SERVICE GROUP GROUP #1

Mark and Tami Anderson
 Jim and Robin Andrews
 Erik Anthonisen and Marna Brown
 Dennis and Bonnie Bergerud
 J. Pat and Tami Collins
 Nathan and Stephanie Hoff
 Jeff and Jo Kohlhase
 Norma Loomer
 John and Eunice MacFarlane
 Nick and Erika Mariotti
 Jay and Cindy McDougall
 Chad and Elizabeth Nelson
 Roger and Jane Nelson
 Jerry and Jodie Nuss
 Clayton and Terri Skretvedt
 Doug Sperling

NOVEMBER SERVICE GROUP GROUP #2

Kim and Martin Anderson
 Doug and Barb Becker
 Jerry and Nancy Bogen
 Kim Dean
 Jacob and Karoline Gustafson
 Jerry and Donna Hendel
 Carol Hoivik
 Phil and Lori Kugler
 Russ and Renee Larsen
 Phil and Mary Link
 Jean McKenzie
 Ken and Marjan Schuetze
 Mike and Patty Shol
 Darren and Erin Smith
 Bonita Stock
 Mark and Tanya Sundberg

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday, October 2

9am Jim and Robin Andrews
 11am Mark and Tami Anderson

Sunday, October 9

9am Nathan and Stephanie Hoff
 11am J. Pat and Tami Collins

Sunday, October 16

9am Erik Anthonisen and Marna Brown
 11am Jerry and Jodie Nuss

Sunday, October 23rd

10am Erika Mariotti and Terri Skretvedt

Sunday, October 30th

9am Chad and Elizabeth Nelson
 11am Roger and Jane Nelson

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.

The church staff wants to know...

We rely on you to contact us with your email, phone or address changes. Also contact us for pastoral care or parish nursing needs. Please call 218-739-3227 or email church@federatedff.org

Ministry Nite: October 11

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.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$26,116
Expenditures	\$32,119
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$237,856
Actual Received	\$256,477

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST

Sunmart	
August	\$1,195.77
Total as of 9/1/16	\$58,497.45
Service Food	
August	\$830.77

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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Condolences

Randy Wasvick and family on the death Randy's brother, Mike.

Family and friends of Altha Schmidt, who died September 3, 2016.

John Erickson on the death of his mother, Joan.

"I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

Thank You



Bill and Mary Ann Nead and Jordan Schiefert for all their work on getting the new sound system up and running!!

Happy Birthday

Doris Enderson will be celebrating her 80th birthday on October 7! All are invited to celebrate with Doris and family during coffee hour on October 9.

October Birthdays

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

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