

November Worship

NOVEMBER 5 9:30a.m. Worship	ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY
<i>Go After One Thing</i> <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	<i>Matthew 5:8</i> <i>Celebration of the</i> <i>Lord's Supper</i>
NOVEMBER 12 9:30a.m. Worship	
<i>Give Up Your Rights</i> <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Matthew 5:9
NOVEMBER 19 9:30a.m. Worship	
<i>Endure The Cost</i> <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Matthew 5:10-12
NOVEMBER 26 9:30a.m. Worship	
<i>Use Your Momentum</i> <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Matthew 5:1-12



Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
10:30am Mission Dinner

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7
5:30pm Stephen Ministers Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Veterans Day (Observed)
8:00pm Sr High Lock In

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
8:30am Turkey Trot Race

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16
6:30pm D&E Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES
THANKSGIVING BREAK

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23
THANKSGIVING DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24
OFFICE CLOSED



You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11

I think human beings are 'hardwired' to give thanks. We feel an irresistible urge to give thanks to God for the blessings of life. But there is more than just a primeval urge to justify thanking God. On almost every page of the Bible, we see thanksgiving as a theme. The Old Testament reverberates with the sound of people praising God; Israel's history is full of thanksgiving to God for showing them mercy and delivering them from disaster. The New Testament is no less full of thanksgiving. Jesus offers up thanks to God, most importantly at the Last Supper (Matt. 26:26-27). Paul not only regularly gives thanks; he actually commands it of others.

This gives us some guidelines for a more 'biblical' thanksgiving: First, biblical thanksgiving is innocent. In giving thanks to God, there should be no motive other than pure gratitude. Thanksgiving is giving thanks and that alone. Of all the different types of prayer, this is least likely to be contaminated by our own conscious or subconscious desire to manipulate God.

Second, biblical thanksgiving is intelligent. It involves looking back over the past – whether the last week or an entire life – and identifying things for which we are grateful. Thanksgiving is neglected today partly because modern Western culture is so obsessed with the future. But to give thanks to God is to look backwards and to express gratitude for the good things that have come our way.

Third, thanksgiving should be inclusive. It's easy to say, 'Thank you, God' for the health and wealth we have. But do we also give God thanks for friends, family, housing, holidays, or a hundred other lesser things? Let's give God thanks for all the little things in life, too. Giving God thanks should be a theme running through our lives.

At least five blessings result from this: The first is that thankfulness forces us to focus on what we have had rather than what we want. In our materialistic

culture, we can succumb to a consumerism of the soul that reduces our prayers to shopping lists. Thankfulness looks outwards, not inwards. It realigns our lives so that they revolve around God instead of trying to make God revolve around us.

The second is that thankfulness highlights grace. To give thanks is to admit that you are dependent, to say, 'I couldn't have done this on my own, but you helped me.' Thanksgiving removes the temptation to boast and strengthens the only basis on which we can relate to God: God's free grace in Jesus Christ.

The third is that thankfulness encourages a positive attitude. It forces us to think about what is right with our lives rather than what is wrong. Thanking God is a proven way of piercing the gloomiest of clouds.

A fourth is that thankfulness develops hope for the future. Looking backwards to the past with thanksgiving actually helps us to look towards the future with anticipation.

A fifth is that to practice thankfulness regularly ensures that gratitude will spill over into every area of our lives. Grumpiness and irritability do not grow well in a climate of gratitude. Those who regularly give thanks to God find they are ready to give to others. Gratitude and generosity go hand in hand.

We all need to be reminded to practice thanksgiving on a daily basis. That 'attitude of gratitude' is not just a duty to be fulfilled but something that will bless us and others. It's typical of God's graciousness that the best gift we can give ourselves and others is to say "thanks" for what we have already received.

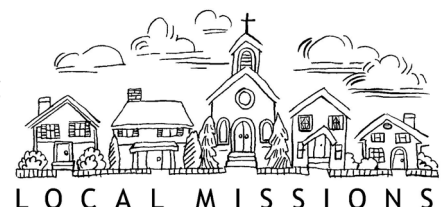
Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Doug

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 27 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$1,965 for food, rent, utilities and hotel bills.





Just last week I had a long conversation with a nursing classmate. In the course of getting updated with her life, she told me that she had experienced a significant reduction in kidney function due to the use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Non-steroidal medications (NSAID's) include Advil, Motrin, Aleve, and Aspi-

rin. My friend said she took the medication according to the recommended guidelines on the literature, but she reminded me that all drugs have side effects. Side effects of NSAID's, especially if not taken as directed include stomach problems, kidney and liver damage. BE ALERT: other products such as cold remedies, flu medications,

sleep aids, and cough suppressants may also contain acetaminophen, ibuprofen, and/or aspirin. Signs of overdose to be reported to your physician include abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, and drowsiness. Stay well, dear ones!

Giving The Fergus Food Shelf

Recently I have received questions regarding a mailing sent by North Country Food Bank, located in Crookston Minnesota. Many of you may recall receiving it in your own mail boxes over the years. It is not a mailing from your local Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf. To be clear, we are two separate entities. While both organizations are worthy of your donations, the Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf operates solely on the generosity of the good people, businesses, organizations and churches in our area. Each year, our major fund raising drive is in March. At that time, you will receive a donation request from us. North Country Food Bank's area of focus is Northwestern Minnesota.

The focal area of the Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf is right here in your community and within approximately a ten-mile radius of Fergus Falls. We reach out to help your neighbors, friends and family members. In fact, we serve about 1,000 people each month, 400 of those are children under the age of 18. Thank you for your past donations and I encourage you to continue to give generously to your local food shelf.

Jerry Fletcher
President of Fergus Fall Community Food Shelf

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!





The year is REALLY flying by—it's already November! Thanksgiving is almost here, and Advent is right around the corner. This autumn, with all the hurricanes, wild-fires and other tragic events in our nation, it is a good time to stop and give thanks to God for our blessings and remember that God is active even in the center of tragedy and chaos. In the face of these scary events and news items young people want to know that they can trust in God's sovereignty and care. I encourage parents, grandparents, mentors, and other adults who spend time with young people to speak of the hope we have in Jesus Christ and that God's love and power is stronger than any circumstance we might find ourselves in. It is good to remind ourselves that "in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28). During this Thanksgiving season, we can share in David's praise of God when he said, "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name." (1 Chronicles 29:11-12). No matter how difficult things appear to be, God is ultimately in control and will bring order out of seeming chaos for His glory and our good.

Confirmation

FELLOWSHIP definitely became the theme of this year's confirmation retreat! A great group of 7th, 8th, and 9th grade confirmation students and 6 wonderful chaperones descended upon Clearwater Forest's Eagle Lodge during the weekend of October 6-8th. We had a total blast! Exceptional weather, willing spirits and high energy combined to create one unforgettable weekend. Our confirmation classes have such a great opportunity to get to know one another as well as other adults who support and love our youth. This annual retreat has become a vital part of our program! We are so grateful that Federated Church is committed to helping make this event happen!

Kids Club

Kids Club continues to meet each Wednesday after school until 5:30 pm. The kids are learning about the

promises God made that lead us straight to the birth of Jesus Christ. We have covered God's promise at creation and after the flood all the way through Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph. We will continue to hear about the people and promises that God used all the way up until the Advent season. This will lead us to the Christmas story. We will use these stories to during our annual Christmas pageant. Although the pageant will be somewhat different from past years, we promise that it will still tell the story AND use everyone's favorite Christmas carols! Parts will be assigned near the end of November. Practices begin during Sunday school and Kids Club after Thanksgiving.

Youth Group

Youth group is going strong! Each week we have been tackling a different topic of the group's choosing (we did a survey at the beginning of the year). We look at the topic itself; "Does God cause natural disasters", for example; and then consider Bible verses and historical evidence to determine what might be a possible answer. Our discussions are vibrant and thoughtful—it is such a pleasure to serve such creative and critical-thinking persons! The list of topics we are to cover will keep those discussions active and thought-provoking for a long time to come! Every few weeks, we change it up and do something off-script. One week during October the group went out in teams to collect items for the Hurricane Relief Buckets with money donated by church members. The youth ALWAYS love to get out in the community! Our "regulars" like to bring friends for special topics allowing us to meet and enjoy new people several times a month!

Note from Sadie!

Can we say October was a crazy month! I want to thank my consistent youth for continuing to come to Bible Study on Sundays. We couldn't have bible study without you!! Treats will be coming! We will be having much more discussions continuing through the book of John chapter by chapter. I really hope your questions about your individual faith will be answered during our time together! The book of John gets us thinking about how much God loves us, and how he sent Jesus to save us! See you Sunday in the Narthex!!





Bible studies and discussion groups

Women's Bible Study

THURSDAYS 10:30am

Wow! November already!! The discussions we have been having during our Thursday Morning Bible Study have brought a new understanding to my faith. I hope we continue to grow in our understandings and have more opportunities for our different personal stories to be shared. In just these past few weeks, I have learned so much from these amazing women. Thank you! If you are interested in our Women's Bible Study about the Book of John, stop in at the Federated Parlor on Thursdays at 10:30 AM. -Sadie

Men's Bible Study

MONDAYS 12pm

Men's Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon for one hour. They will be diving into a study of Revelation. 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).

Meet New Members

The Sivertson Family - Jeff, Emily and Madyson (5)

Jeff, Emily, and Mady have been living in the Fergus Falls area since October 2015. Emily is originally from Fergus Falls and met Jeff, originally from Cando, ND, when they were both living in Fargo. Jeff is currently employed with Gate City Bank as the Personal Loan Officer. Emily is currently employed by Northern Contours as the Benefits HRIS Specialist. Mady started kindergarten in September and is loving her first year of school! Jeff, Emily, and Mady love spending time out and about enjoying many of the activities going on around Fergus Falls and are happy to become a part of the Federated community! They are also excited to announce another future Federated member on the way as Baby Sivertson is expected to arrive in January 2018.



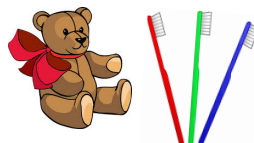
Church News

Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please contact the church office, or fill out the form found in the Sunday bulletin by Dec 8th. The cost is \$15. Make checks out to *The Federated Church* with *poinsettia* on the memo line. Be sure to let us know if you would like white or red, and who you would like it in honor or in memory of.

Operation Christmas Child

The Month for Operation Christmas Child! On WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH @ 5:30 PM there will be a light supper served and to follow we will be filling and getting the shoe boxes ready to be blessed and shipped for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring donations to the church office before November 8th. Thank you!! Below are examples to go into a shoebox. Remember to pick an age group and gender!! Please no liquids, food, candy, toothpaste or anything you feel is inappropriate. Please call the Church Office for questions or look at the website: <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/>





Events: Look Ahead

Tour of Homes Nov 4

The Tour will take place from 12-5pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Service Food and The Market. View 6 local home decorated for the holidays with a reception at the YMCA.

Mission Dinner Nov 5

Federated is hosting their mission dinner Sunday, Nov 5th at 10:30am with guest speaker Stan Carignan from Habitat for Humanity. A baked potato bar will be served for lunch. After lunch, we are invited to join a habitat build. Details are in the committee news below.

Turkey Trot Nov 11

The Fergus Falls 5/10K. All proceeds to the Kindred Family Focus

Veterans Service Nov 12

Bethel Church in Fergus invites the community veterans program at 6:00pm. The speaker is Jack Pearson. A reception will follow.

Surviving the Holidays Nov 15

Divorced or Separated? Learn how to face challenges and discover how to deal with emotions at this encouraging seminar Wednesday, Nov 15th from 6-8pm at The Naz Church.

Christmas Concert Dec 2

Federated's concert will be held at 4:00pm. Enjoy the music from the christmas choir and orchestra concert.

Christmas Program Dec 17

At the Sunday Service 9:30am at Federated Church

Blue Christmas Dec 21

A service at Federated remembering those who are no longer with us at 7:00pm.

Chili Cook-off January 14

10:30am after church. This is a competition! May the best chili win!



Committee News

Federated Friends,

I am asking you to give of your time and talents and lend a hand at the Habitat for Humanity build on Lydia Lane.

On Sunday, November 5th following church service and our mission meal we will have the opportunity to impact the lives of The Kiemle Family: Kwende, Heather, and daughter Natasha.

The build site is at 111 Lydia Lane (behind the mall and home depot). You do not need to have construction skills – trust me, I have NONE and yet thoroughly enjoyed myself volunteering. You simply show up, sign releases, receive education on your task, and make a difference. We will build from noon to 3 pm.

I can't promise you good weather (dress accordingly!) but I can promise you good fellowship, a

good time, and the knowledge that you are influencing the trajectory of The Kiemle Family. Will you please build with us?

Warmly,

Jess Steinbrenner

PS: The build day is being scheduled specifically for Federated Church so an idea of who is able to help will be useful. Must be 16 or older/ 18 or older to use power tools.

Please RSVP to Jess Steinbrenner at steinbrennerjess@gmail.com or 218-205-5219.





Business as usual

Service Group

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

DECEMBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #5
 Jim and Phyllis Behrends
 Kathy Hatling
 Jeremy and Jen Jensen
 Steve Lockhart and Donna Ohe
 Tiny Macheel
 Jacinta Macheel
 Dave & Tessa Nord
 Ann Porter
 Mary Jones Olson
 Duane and Carol Rose
 Melissa Saurer
 Donna Solin
 Joan Tester
 Troy and Keriann Stenstrum
 Toby Wach

Ministry Nite:

November 14 - 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

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday, November 5

9:30am Kathy Gilbert
 Wes and Lori Beske

Sunday, November 12

9:30am Steve and Carri Thompson
 John and Kim Erickson

Sunday, November 19

9:30am Jona Brown
 Molly Stoddard
 Vern and Deb Tabbut

Sunday, November 26

9:30 am Del and Kathy Zimmerman
 James and Rebecca Michael

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. 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

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$29,304.00
Expenditures	\$32,800.00
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$255,044.00
Actual Received	\$243,709.00

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER

SunMart	
OCTOBER	\$1073.00
Total as of 8/1/17	\$77,229.00
Service Food	
OCTOBER	\$3,706.26

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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Thank you

Thank you so much for the birthday cards!
-Dorothy Porter

Thank you to all who donated their time and gifts toward the hurricane clean-up buckets. Because of you, we were able to send 88 buckets to hurricane victims! What a blessing!
-Federated Church



Congratulations

Janet Knapp welcomes great granddaughter, Freya, to her family

Dave and Vivian Whipple welcome granddaughter. Madelyn Rose, daughter of Josh and Heather Whipple

November Birthdays

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 11/01 Sammy Ebert | 11/14 Alexandria Haas |
| 11/02 Andrew MacFarlane | 11/15 Karen Hauck |
| 11/03 McKenzie Olson | 11/15 Rick Schara |
| 11/04 Maximillian Jensen | 11/15 Tommy Bowman |
| 11/05 Paul Richter | 11/16 Terry Harrington |
| 11/07 Brandon Truax | 11/16 Charlie Schlepp |
| 11/07 Mike Walls | 11/18 Donna Solin |
| 11/08 John MacFarlane | 11/19 Tessa Becker |
| 11/09 Lance Nygaard | 11/20 Maury Skogen |
| 11/10 Marna Brown | 11/22 Ross Johnson |
| 11/10 Ann Porter | 11/22 Molly King |
| 11/10 Laurie Skogen | 11/23 Landon Link |
| 11/11 Bailee Griego | 11/24 Brayden Aasen |
| 11/11 Mark Sundberg | 11/24 Michelle Loomer |
| 11/12 Austen Tabbut | 11/24 Katelyn Sperling |
| 11/13 Bill Nead | 11/25 Elaine Snyder |
| 11/14 Dennis Bergerud | 11/26 Meg Garrahan |
| 11/14 John Lindholm | 11/26 Franklin Schierer |
| 11/14 Erik Lindholm | 11/29 Duane Rose |
| | 11/29 Erik Loomer |

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