

# The Union Avenue News

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April 2015

## Hop Into Spring

The Federated Church's Annual Salad Luncheon

Thursday, April 9th

11AM-1PM

See page 5 for more details



## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 29<sup>th</sup> (10AM)

Palm Sunday

April 2<sup>nd</sup> (7PM)

Maundy Thursday (Communion)

April 3<sup>rd</sup> (7PM)

Good Friday

April 5<sup>th</sup> (9AM & 11AM)

Easter Sunday (Communion)

## A Box of Blessings

### Cancer Care Kits

We are a congregation greatly affected by cancer in the past few years; we all know someone who is bravely battling cancer. We have the opportunity to provide Care Kits to individuals receiving treatment at the Lake Region Cancer Center.

Care Kits include items that will help to make the treatment process a little easier to bear: they are intended to provide comfort and hope. Each Box of Blessings will be prepared by our youth and distributed by the Cancer Center. In this way we can be a partner with our neighbors fighting cancer—we can be one more piece of their treatment team.



Items to donate

Lip balm\*  
Cough drops\*  
Hard candy\*  
Chewing Gum\*  
Back Scratcher  
Prayer Shawl

Chemo Caps  
Non-scented lotion\*  
Aquaphor© Healing Ointment\*  
Small packages of Kleenex©  
Hand Sanitizer  
Digital Thermometer

Game books (crossword, Sudoku)  
Slipper socks with grips  
Water Bottle (hard plastic, reusable)  
Eye masks

Items to donate

**\*no cinnamon and in original packaging!**

**Financial donations** may also be made as some items and packaging may need to be purchased.

If you're interested in covering the price of one full box, the price is estimated to be \$85/box.

**Questions?** Contact the church office at 739-3227.

### 2015/16 Mission Initiative

The Federated Church Mission Committee has chosen the Box of Blessings to be the Mission Initiative for 2015/16, with a goal to purchase 70 Boxes of Blessings for individuals receiving treatment at Lake Region Cancer Center.

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Fergus Falls, MN 56537

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Information  
Please deliver by  
March 31st

#### Worship Schedule

9:00am Contemporary Worship  
9:45am Education Hour  
10:00am Coffee Hour  
11:00am Traditional Worship

#### First Sundays of the Month

*Communion* served at each service.

*Blood Pressure clinics* held during the Fellowship hour by the Parish nurse.

*Know your Neighbor Sunday* Name tags distributed before each service.

*First Sundays with Pastor Doug.* From October to May, Join Pastor Doug the first Sunday of each month for an in depth look at some exciting and eclectic topics.

#### Ministry Nite

Committees meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

**Reminder: Committees do not meet in July**

#### Other Meetings

*Men's Bible Study* meets every Monday at noon in the parlor.

*Women's Bible Study* meets every Thursday at 10:30am in the parlor.

*Deacons & Elders* meet the third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

*Stephen Ministry* meets the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

Call the Church office if you  
have any questions!  
**218-739-3227**



Growing together in God's love...  
From generation to generation.

Come as you are...  
Visitors expected

The Federated Church is  
a joint ministry of  
The Presbyterian Church (USA) and  
The United Church of Christ



I am glad I wasn't one of those first disciples. I can't imagine journeying with Jesus through what we call Holy Week without knowing the end of the story. Can you imagine thinking that the cross was the end?

Can you imagine wondering why someone who has within him the power to control the wind, to heal diseases, and to cast out demons meekly submits to torture? Or that the person you believed would be the Savior seemingly gives up and allows himself to be killed? I'm glad I wasn't one of those first disciples. What fear, what sorrow, what hopelessness, what confusion must have filled their hearts and minds.

New Testament Christians have never experienced the cross without the knowledge of Easter. So how does Easter figure in our conscience, in our faith, in our daily living? To quote J. M. Crum: "When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, [Christ's] touch can call us back to life again" {"Now the Green Blade Rises"}.

When poets and hymn writers try to communicate the wonder of Easter, they choose words like "joy," "hope," and "light" – words that conjure up images of Christmas cards and decorations, like the banners in the sanctuary with "JOY" emblazoned in gold and glitter. But Easter is more than that.

It's a stop on the journey from:

Sorrow to JOY  
Despair to HOPE  
Darkness to LIGHT  
Confusion to CLARITY  
Unbelief to FAITH  
Death to LIFE



Easter is the beginning of a "life which cannot die" (Cyril Allington, "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing"). It's a part of each Christian's testimony. It is the first-fruit, the small taste of triumph, a signpost toward the future resurrection when all will be made new. It is when we know, unlike the disciples on Good Friday, that all will be well.

However, the Easter story is far from complete. Brian Wren reminds us that "in every insult, rift and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died" (Wren, "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing").

Christians are called to stand with Christ in the gap between:

Fear and ASSURANCE  
Injustice and JUSTICE  
Hate and LOVE  
Sickness and HEALING  
Loss and TRIUMPH  
Suffering and EXALTATION  
Guilt and GRACE



We, the people of Easter, who know the end of the story, ought to fill the telling of the Easter story with suspense and anticipation, with hope, and with yearning for the fulfillment of all the promise that Easter contains as we stand in the gap.

Christ is Risen! Happy Easter!

Pastor Doug



# Jr/Sr High

*Karen Anderson, Interim Director of Christian Education*

Activities and energy abound with our youth on Wednesdays! Due to the request of several of the confirmation students, we have been meeting at 4:30 each week for fellowship and to discuss the Book of Revelation. It is a very exciting, ENLIGHTENING group! The senior high youth group is in the process of viewing and discussing the highly recommended movie "God's Not Dead", which tells the story of a college student engaged in a debate of faith with an unbelieving professor. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, youth came to the church for a lock-in. We had a full night of fun and fellowship! Many youth have signed up to participate in our church's sponsored Food Drop on March 27<sup>th</sup>. In April, we hope to begin putting together the "Boxes of Blessings" The Federated Church is providing for the Cancer Center.

Of special note is the **Senior Brunch** scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we invite the entire congregation to participate in this celebration, which will be held at 11:00AM, immediately following the 10AM worship service. We hope you are able to attend this rite of passage and offer special blessings to our graduates!



## Summer Mission Opportunity

A summer youth mission trip is in the process of being planned at the publishing of the newsletter. We have the opportunity to travel to Nederland, CO, for a week of service, ministry, Bible study, and fellowship. The cost for each person is \$175 dollars, which will cover travel expenses and payment to the mission ministry. We have about 9 spots remaining for interested individuals, so contact the church office for details and to sign up.

### Jr/Sr High Upcoming Events:

1st	3:30PM	Jr High Youth Group
	7:30PM	Sr. High Youth Group
8th		No Jr. High Youth Group
	7:30PM	Sr High Youth Group
12th		College Scholarship application deadline
15th	3:30PM	Jr High Youth Group
	7:30PM	Sr High Youth Group
22nd	3:30PM	Jr High Youth Group
	7:30PM	Sr High Youth Group
26th	11AM	Sr Brunch (following one service @ 10AM)
29th	3:30PM	Jr High Youth Group
	7:30PM	Sr High Youth Group
May 1st		Deadline for camp scholarship forms

### Kids Upcoming Events:

1st	3:30PM	Kids Club—Creation Day 6
8th		No Kids Club
15th	3:30PM	Kids Club
22nd	3:30PM	Kids Club
29th	3:30PM	Kids Club
May 1st		Deadline for camp scholarship forms



## KIDS

Kids Club is a great place for fun on Wednesdays this Lenten season! Our theme this session focuses on the days of creation, with crafts and music celebrating God's great design. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who make this ministry possible: snack providers, class "shepherds", music leaders, gym organizers, craft planners! You all help make this a great time for all!

**The next session of Kids Club starts on April 15th.** Kids will be learning about the Miracles of Jesus.

Summer Camp Registration is open! Check clearwaterforest.org for Summer camp dates and to register online. The Federated Church is offering scholarships to cover part of the cost of Clearwater Forest or another summer camp. Camp scholarship forms can be found outside the church office. Please return the completed form to the office by May 1st.



# Worship at The Federated Church

## April 5, 2015 - Easter Sunday

9 AM & 11 AM

"A Colossal Cover Up"

Matthew 28:11-15

Celebration of the Lord's Supper at both services

The Rev. Douglas Dent

## April 12, 2015

9 AM & 11 AM

"An Uncivil War"

Daniel 11

The Rev. Douglas Dent

## April 19, 2015

9 AM & 11 AM

"The End(s)"

Daniel 12

The Rev. Douglas Dent

## April 26, 2015 – one worship service

10 AM

TBA

Senior Brunch at 11AM – all invited!

The Rev. Douglas Dent

## Sarah Bowman

### *Voice Recital*

... *With Aimee Nordland*

*accompanying*

Featuring works by: Handel,  
Debussy, Schubert, Rossini,  
Amy Beach, and Hugo Wolf



**WHERE: Federated Church**

**WHEN: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM**

*Free will offering to fundraise Sarah's trip to Italy  
with the Nordic Choir*

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!

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Senior Brunch—Brunch following worship

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Ice Cream Social Sundaes following worship

### **Scholarship Committee—Rick Schara**

Through the generous gift of Rev. William and Marjorie Van Dyken and other memorials, The Federated Church has established a scholarship fund to encourage and support the young people of our church as they advance in their educational careers beyond high school. Any high school senior, who is a member of The Federated Church and will graduate in the spring of the current school year, is eligible to apply for a scholarship. If you graduated up to two years ago, and deferred your scholarship application, you are still eligible to apply. Please contact the church office for more information and a scholarship application. Application deadline is April 12th.



### **Newsletter Deadline**

Articles and announcements for the monthly newsletter are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please send them in electronic form (email) whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.



**April Service Group  
Group #3**  
Norma Bell  
Kim Dean  
Charles Ebbighausen  
Joan Ebbighausen  
Vaughn Ebbighausen  
Terry and Abby Harthun  
Brian and Nancy Malchert  
Wally and Mary Moe  
Gary and Jan Nelson  
Iona Saunders  
Rick and Kitt Schara  
Clyde and Beth Schlepp  
Gerald Skibness  
Bob Stout  
Olaf and LaVane Ugstad  
James and Amy Underdahl  
David and Vivan Whipple  
Ruby Whipple  
Skip and Char Zielin

**May Service Group  
Group #4**  
Dean and Dana Barringer  
Wes and Lori Beske  
Wes and Phyllis Binner  
Mark and Carol Bischof  
Jona Brown  
John and Kim Erickson  
Bob and Barb Flom  
Stella Fox  
Dennis and Shari Frye  
Kathy Gilbert  
Fred Harthen  
Myron and Joanne Lenning  
Vern and Deb Tabbut  
Lois Tassler  
Steve and Carri Thompson  
Del and Kathy Zimmerman

## Greeters and Coffee Hosts

**April 2015**

### Sunday, April 5th

9AM— Skip & Char Zielin

11AM— Clyde & Beth Schlepp

### Sunday, April 12th

9AM— Terry & Abby Harthun

11AM— Rick & Kitt Schara

### Sunday, April 19th

9AM— Gary & Jan Nelson

11AM— Wally & Mary Moe

### Sunday, April 26th - Senior Brunch

10AM—Norma Bell and Iona Saunders



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**\*\*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.

### Condolences to...

- ✦ Friends and family of Wilma Tabbut.
- ✦ Perry & Lucille Sheldon on the death of their son,  
Rev. Milo Sheldon.

### Thank you to...

- ☺ The Men's Club and the youth group for serving the delicious Lenten meals!

## April Birthdays

**Breanna Stout 04/03**  
**Sterling Andrews 04/03**  
**Kathy Truax 04/04**  
**Sam Sundberg 04/04**  
**Mike Donoho 04/05**  
**Steve Lockhart 04/08**  
**Carri Thompson 04/08**  
**Emily Schlepp 04/09**  
**Lily Sundheim 04/10**  
**Tim Hiedeman 04/11**  
**Frances Johnson 04/11**  
**Debbie Rose 04/11**  
**Al Seltz 04/12**

**Shane Garrahan 04/14**  
**Matt Donoho 04/14**  
**Anders Anthonisen-Brown 04/14**  
**Randy Wasvick 04/15**  
**Abigail MacFarlane 04/16**  
**Reno Schierer 04/19**  
**Deb Ferguson 04/21**  
**Siri Anthonisen-Brown 04/22**  
**Joe Cooper 04/22**  
**Logan Stout 04/22**  
**Sonja Johnson 04/23**  
**Jan Knackendoffel 04/23**  
**Michael Shol 04/24**

**Charles Ebbighausen 04/25**  
**Vaughn Ebbighausen 04/25**  
**Brett Garrahan 04/25**  
**Sheila Rodning 04/26**  
**Duane Tabbut 04/26**  
**Jaden Brown 04/27**  
**Mildred Pearson 04/28**  
**Carson Barry 04/29**  
**Christa Beske 04/30**  
**Kole Nygaard 04/30**  
**Samuel Nelson 04/30**



*We apologize if we missed your birthday! Please email your birthday information to church@federatedff.org!*

## Ministry Nite!

April 14th is Ministry Nite. Committees meet at 6:30PM in the fellowship hall. Please email your minutes to [church@federatedff.org](mailto:church@federatedff.org). If you are unable to attend, 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.



## First Sundays - Pastor Doug Dent

First Sunday Bible Studies are designed to be one-time, one-topic programs. We gather after worship for a light lunch and discussion. Each spring, members of the bible study choose the topics; then Pastor Doug spends time researching and preparing. Here is the lineup for 2014-2015:

**Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Book of Revelation (Date changed due to Easter!)  
James, the Brother of Jesus



## Sunday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Doug

Sunday Morning Bible Study, led by Pastor Doug, meets in the Parlor on Sunday mornings at 10AM. All are welcome!

**Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>** Daniel: A Christ Centered Approach (12 weeks) (No class on Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> or Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>)

### Men of the church!

Join us Mondays at noon for prayer and bible study in the church parlor. Men are currently studying the book of Judges. All are welcome.



### Women of the church!

Join us Thursday mornings at 10:30AM for prayer and bible study in the church parlor. Women are currently studying the *I Am* sayings of Jesus. All are welcome.



## HOP INTO SPRING

The Federated Church Salad Luncheon & Baked Goods Sale

ALL YOU CAN EAT - \$6

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 11AM to 1PM

There are just a few days until the salad luncheon and baked goods sale! Please remind your relatives and friends about the luncheon, or plan to bring them with you! There will be plenty of assorted salads, garlic toast and hot coffee.

If you are interested in contributing to the luncheon, please contact the following:

**To donate a salad:** Jan Nelson (736-7324) or Arlene Worner (739-9467)

**To donate garlic toast:** Bonnie Bergerud (736-5723)

**To donate baked goods for bake sale:** Carol or Deb Rose (739-9582)

**To volunteer time or have questions:** Janet Knapp (736-5711)

**We need sufficient baked goods to have a successful bake sale. There is still time to find your favorite recipe to bake and donate. Those who are donating salads and baked goods, please have them to the church by 10AM. The church will be open at 7:30AM on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> for those traveling to work.**

Decorations this year will be RABBITS. All shapes and sizes (not too small). Please mark the rabbits with your name and leave them on shelves in the hallway by the choir room. Rabbits need to be at the church by Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Please pick up your rabbits following the luncheon.

The money for this event will be going to The Federated Church's on-going mission work in the Fergus Falls area.

See you there.... Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy!

Share your bread with the hungry and give shelter to the homeless.

Give clothes to those who need them. Isaiah 58:7



### Parish Nursing Notes – Connie Seltz, Parish Nurse Coordinator

During the March gathering of the Community Parish Nurses, I learned about the “Caring Neighbors Free Store.” The store is located in Ashby, MN in the building on the corner of Main Street and Melby St. It is open the second and third Fridays and Saturdays each month (9AM - 2:30PM) and is run totally by volunteers. All donations are given FREE to individuals and families for their use. This is not a 501c3 organization, so donations will not qualify for tax purposes.

E-Mail: [caringneighborsashby@gmail.com](mailto:caringneighborsashby@gmail.com).



### Prayer Partners

Studies show that one of the keys to quality youth development is for young people to receive support from at least three non-parent adults in their lives. Would you like to invest in the life of one of our youth by being a Prayer Partner? Youth K-12 will be creating a short bio to hang up in the Narthex along with a photo. If you are interested in being a Prayer Partner with any of the youth, please fill out the short bio form and submit it, along with a photo, to the church office. It will be hung up in the Narthex next to the youth you are partnered with.

### UCC Annual Meeting

The UCC Annual Meeting will be held at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN, June 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending, contact the church office for more information.



### Grocery Receipts

*Kathy Zimmerman*

Here are the receipt totals from  
January 11, 2015 until  
March 13, 2015

Service Food -- \$11,307.86

Sunmart -- \$2,585.83



### Stewardship Report

#### General Fund Report—as of February 28, 2015

Revenue—\$26,099.92  
Expenditures—\$27,209.82

#### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted —\$56,175  
Actual received—  
\$52,188.74



**Thank you for your continued generosity with the Local Mission Fund!** Funds go out as quickly as they come in! There is much need in our community. Donations can be put in the offering plate with *Local Mission Fund* in the memo line or dropped off in the church office.

**February**  
3 families or  
individuals helped  
with \$200.00  
towards food, rent  
or utilities

**As of March 25th**  
11 families or  
individuals helped  
with \$572  
towards food,  
rent or utilities