

# The Union Avenue News

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June/July 2016

## Hey Kids & Parents!

Vacation Bible School is coming to  
The Federated Church!

July 11th—15th | 9AM—3PM | FREE!

Sign up forms available in the narthex or the church office. Please return completed form to the church office.



## Worship in the Park Roosevelt Park JUNE 5th | 10AM

Including a service of Blessing of the Animals  
(all pets and their people welcome!)

Fellowship hour | 11AM

hosted by the Mission Committee

All proceeds go to the Federated Mission Fund



In the case of inclement weather, the service will be at  
The Federated Church. Pets still welcome.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Sunday, June 5th

10AM—Worship in the Park & Blessing of  
the Animals (Roosevelt Park)

11AM—Coffee Hour hosted by the  
Mission Committee

### Tuesday, June 14th

8AM—Noon | Fergus Falls Day of Caring  
(See Volunteer Opportunities for more info)

### Thursday, June 30th

9AM—Noon | volunteering at  
Lake Region Takes Root community garden  
(see Volunteer Opportunities for more info)

### Sunday, July 3rd

10AM | Worship  
Special music:  
Veteran's Home Choir

### Monday—Friday July 11th-15th

9AM—3PM  
Vacation Bible School  
For youth entering K-7th grade

### July 22nd

Lifeline Screening at Federated

### Sometime between July 30 & Aug. 3

Bike ride to Dalton with Paul Shol  
(more info on date and time to come)

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Fergus Falls, MN 56537

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May 31st

#### Worship Schedule

10:00am Worship  
11:00am Coffee Hour

#### 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



*We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

1 Thessalonians 2:12

'You're in time out!' In recent years, parents, teachers and childcare workers have used 'time out' as a form of discipline. It's really not new. To those old enough to recall, it's simply a variation of standing in a corner while looking at a blank wall.

I'm really not sure how effective it is as a deterrent to improper behavior, but it can be a deterrent to sin and self-centeredness. God wants us to take 'time out' for prayer, for worship, for communing together, for study of God's Word, and for service to each other.

This summer may be the perfect season to begin taking 'time outs.' When we are disciplined and diligent, we can make 'time out' a habitual part of each day. Taking time out to be with God is not a waste of time: it's not just staring at a blank wall: 'time out' is intentional time spent in the presence of the Redeemer, the author of life, the One who makes us whole and makes our joy complete.

Take some 'time out' this summer.

Blessings,

Doug

## **THINGS TO KNOW FROM THE DCO** — Rev. Dr. C. Edward Morgan, DCO

For over three months, our congregation, led by the Discovering Our Future Team, (Jean Bowman, Ben Schierer, Nathan Hoff, Connie Seltz, Renee Larsen, Ann Porter, Terry Harrington, Jake Gustafson, Karen Bush, Pastor Doug Dent, and Pastor Ed Morgan) has been praying, reflecting, and sharing about what we believe God would have us do in the coming five years. The first phase of that work is complete. The Deacons and Elders approved these priorities and the congregation reviewed them. Here are the priorities that emerged:

- Offer inspiring and dynamic worship
- Provide Biblically-based, cross-generational learning and fellowship opportunities
- Engages with our community and serve the changing needs of our neighbors
- Enhance our campus while preserving the historic nature of our sanctuary

Let me share some important clarifications. Because we list these four priorities, that does not mean that we do not continue to improve all the other ministries in our church. We gained a lot of information from the ministry assessment conducted at the beginning of this process, and staff and committees are using that information. Also, we have kept all the individual comments from approximately 150 people in our church. Those comments will now go to the teams and committees working on the above priorities. These big picture statements will lead to specific actions taken in the months and years ahead. Finally, we will report back to you the steps taken in the future.

At the beginning of this process, I shared that we are called to answer two questions: "God, who do you want us to be?" "God, what do you want us to do?" You have given us good input in answering both those questions. We believe we have answered the second question and we are close to putting the final touches on the first. We will share that answer soon.

Now, we need each and every one of our members to share their gifts and abilities to do God's work in this place. So, know that you have a special place in this church – you are important. We want our ministry to continue to be congregationally-centered and Holy Spirit-led. We have an exciting future.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry,  
Pastor Ed

# Christian Education



*Karen Anderson, Director of Christian Education*

During the past year, some of our older youth visited the House of Hope in Guatemala two times. This mission work made such an impact on them that some are planning longer-term stays there over the next few years. Abby MacFarlane, 17, will be the first to work at the House of Hope for three weeks this summer. She leaves on June 20<sup>th</sup> and returns on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Her mission internship will involve working with the staff, the visiting mission teams, and continuing to develop relationships with the children at the orphanage. We are so excited for Abby and look forward to hearing about her adventures after she returns! Please pray for Abby (and her parents!) while she is out-of-country, and if you feel so moved, you are welcome to help financially support her journey, as she is raising the funds herself!

During our spring session of Kids Club the 2016 Guatemala Mission Team talked with the kids, and it seemed to generate tremendous interest. Many of the elementary-aged kids asked, "When will it be our turn to go?" It is gratifying to see enthusiasm being passed from older to younger youth and to know that the relationship Mike and Michelle Loomer started over ten years ago with House of Hope is continuing to deepen and grow throughout our church family. Let's keep the momentum of this mission going!

## Jr/Sr High Youth News

Summer 2016 is lining up with lots of fun options for our youth! Our activity calendar is being finalized, with these dates planned out:

### Youth Group Summer Schedule

**(Please note some activities are for both junior and senior high, some are separate)**

There may be some additional impromptu activities as the summer develops, so check our Federated Youth Group Facebook page and text messages for information!

#### **DATE**

**June 22nd** Jr. & Sr. High

**June 30th** Jr. & Sr. High

**July 11-15th**

**July 12th** Jr. & Sr. High

**July 18-24th**

**Sometime July 30—Aug 3**

**August 17th** Sr. High

**August 25th** all

**Summer activities still in development:**

#### **EVENT INFORMATION**

5PM-10PM | Casey's Amusement Park—Drivers needed!

Bring \$15 for games and \$ for snacks

8AM—Noon | Lake Region Community Garden

**This is a church-wide volunteer opportunity—all are welcome!**

Drivers may be needed!

Meet at the church at 8AM—breakfast at McDonalds (bring \$) and then head to the garden to volunteer for the morning.

9AM—3PM | Vacation Bible School!!

**All are welcomed and encouraged to help out!!!**

6PM—9PM | Games and food at the Dent's (545 Guttenberg Heights)

Karen and Jordan at the Pres. Youth Triennium in West Lafayette, IN

Bike ride to Underwood with Paul Shol

**This is a church-wide event—all are welcome!**

More info to come as his schedule is set

10AM—10:30PM | ValleyFair—Drivers needed!

Let us know by July 29th if you're planning to go. We need a minimum of 15 people to get the group rate of \$27.25. Also bring \$ for food.

6:30PM | Concert in the Park @ Roosevelt Park | Tommy Bowman's Band!!

Early July Lock-in Sr. High (Looking for venue)

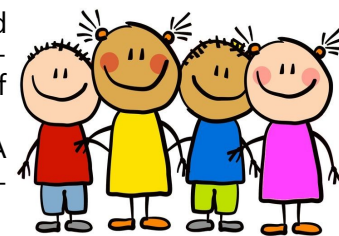
Junior/Senior High Girls-only Lock-in (possibly Aug. 19th-20th)

Guys only Airsoft Day

## Sunday School

Our 2015-2016 Sunday school session ended on May 15<sup>th</sup>, with an Ice Cream Social and recognition of our wonderful teachers! We had a great year using a new curriculum designed for all ages and stages of learning. Music time each week gave us all a sense of the whole Sunday school community and fellowship among classes.

We will be reviewing curriculum for the fall, as well as building our teacher team. A teacher/volunteer training is being planned for late August for all Sunday School teachers and Kids Club volunteers.



# Camp-in-a-Van

We are looking forward to joining up with Clearwater Forest for Vacation Bible School again this year! Be sure to block off July 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 9AM – 3PM, on your summer calendar. Registration forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. We have three counselors coming from Clearwater to help us run our program. It is always such a blast to have their energy and ideas with the children, and this year will prove to be the same! The theme this year is COMMUNITY, and so it is our hope to participate here in Fergus Falls by spending part of one day at the Prairie Wetlands Community Center, a real treasure in our community. We will also do a special community offering and allow the kids to choose what community organization in our area the money will go towards.

We are always happy to have church family help out in any way, so feel free to check with Karen if you wish to participate! Sign-up sheets will be going around for snacks and meals, so if you are interested in helping in that way, look for the sheets or call the church office.

Our Federated Church family,

There have been so many hugs and prayers these past two years from this church family to us and our family. Mike was such a part of everything to me that it is hard to put into words. People would tell me (us) that we inspired them. Well, I know you all inspired us with your words. God does amazing things, this we know!

Mike was weak, but God made him strong! Mike truly was a blessed man and he would be the first to tell you this...our family will continue on without Mr. Mike, but, as we all know, he will be forever in our hearts and we will hold on to this daily. Thank you!

- The family of the Loomer's and Cavalier's

## FEDERATED CHURCH SOFTBALL



Come cheer on our team!

**Double-Header Every Monday in June!**  
**First Pitch is at 7:00PM**

**Where:** DeLagoon Softball Complex  
**June 6:** vs Grace Methodist Church  
**June 13:** vs Bethel Lutheran Church  
**June 20:** vs Stavanger Lutheran Church  
**June 27:** vs Augustana Lutheran Church

### Monday Memos

We have been sending out a weekly Monday Memo via email to let you know what's happening at Federated. If you are not receiving these emails, or other emails from the church, please check your spam and adjust filters. We've had several people, especially those with prtcl email addresses, experience this problem. Or, please contact the church office to make sure we have your email address.

### 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.



# Worship at The Federated Church

**Sunday, June 5, 2016**

10 AM

**Worship in Roosevelt Park**

“Blessing the Animals”

Pastor Doug Dent

Bring your furry and feathered friends to worship!

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

**Sunday, June 12, 2016**

10 AM

“A Life Worth Living”

Pastor Doug Dent

Galatians 1:11-24

**Sunday, June 19, 2016**

10 AM

“When the Dead Sit Up”

Pastor Doug Dent

Luke 7:11-17

**Sunday, June 26, 2016**

10 AM

“Miranda Rights and Righteousness”

Pastor Doug Dent

Galatians 2:15-21

**Sunday, July 3, 2016**

10 AM

“Jesus Fruit”

Pastor Doug Dent

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Veteran’s Home Choir singing

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

**Sunday, July 10, 2016**

10 AM

“Rate My Service”

Pastor Doug Dent

Luke 10:25-37

**Sunday, July 17, 2016**

10 AM

“Christ Trek”

Pastor Doug Dent

Colossians 1:15-28

**Sunday, July 24, 2016**

10 AM

TBA

Pastor Ed Morgan

**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

10 AM

TBA

Pastor Ed Morgan



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

Did you know that our sanctuary is equipped with a “loop system?” It is a part of our sound technology, a class of Hearing Assistive Technology (HAT)/Assistive Listening Device (ALD). It works together with hearing aids equipped with telecoils or t-coils to help hard of hearing people hear better. There are interesting articles on the internet about both permanently installed systems and portable systems. Also, the MN Department of Human Services, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services has an office in Moorhead, MN @ 715 11th Street North, Suite 200. Marcia Schutt is the consultant who can be reached at 1-800-456-7589.

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ is June 10 -12, 2016 at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. If you are interested in being the delegate from The Federated Church, please contact Pastor Doug.



## June Birthdays

Jerry Nuss 06/01	Eunice MacFarlane 06/07	Valerie Haavig 06/19
Bob Johnson 06/02	Deb Tabbut 06/09	Marianne Stone 06/19
Cindy McDougall 06/02	Clyde Schlepp 06/10	John Erickson 06/20
Gary Snyder 06/03	Dustin Lien 06/10	Colin Dethlefsen 06/22
Ken Garrahan 06/03	Delaney Schara 06/10	David Nelson 06/24
Shane Harthun 06/04	Bonnie Bergerud 06/12	Jim Andrews 06/24
Ayla Hoff 06/04	Danielle Anderson 06/12	Lois Tassler 06/25
Matyas Sundheim 06/05	Nancy Malchert 06/16	Melissa Saurer 06/25
Jackie Gondrez 06/05	James Michael 06/16	Elizabeth Hatling 06/25
Harrison Saurer 06/05	Peg Werner 06/17	Yvonne Marts 06/28
Jordan Salgat 06/05	Gene Mjelde 06/18	Hannah Nelson 06/28
Maryjane Westra 06/06	Kristen Kugler 06/18	Lisa Anderson 06/30
Loran Johnson 06/07	Kathy Hatling 06/18	Erik Anthonisen 06/30

## Birthdays

We are looking to update our database with birthdates of members of The Federated Church. Please call or email the church office with the birthdates of you and your family members. Thank you for your help in this!!

## July Birthdays

Leila Allen-Ugstad 07/03	Jean McKenzie 07/10	Sarah Bowman 07/21
Cameron Haas 07/03	Joel Enderson 07/11	Hayden Westra 07/23
Rebecca Michael 07/03	Charles MacFarlane 07/11	Kim Erickson 07/24
Jodie Nuss 07/02	Emma Michael 07/11	Joanne Styve 07/26
Joean Schmidt 07/03	Emily Nuss 07/11	Piper Andrews 07/26
Altha Schmidt 04/04	Tom Gehring 07/13	Dominic Facio 07/27
Jeanette Haas 07/05	Fiona Rundquist 07/13	Alan Haavig 07/27
Mary Westra 07/05	Jozee Lee 07/15	Nicole Tabbut 07/27
Vanessa Westra 07/05	Patty Link 07/16	Linda MacFarlane 07/28
Ben Dulski 07/05	Kenneth Anderson 07/18	Tina Jo Kohlhase 07/28
Irene Randall 07/06	Mary Link 07/18	Adam Schlepp 07/29
Anne Worner 07/07	Ruth Anderson 07/19	Wally Moe 07/30
Lori Kugler 07/09	Stephanie Kohlhase 07/19	Wayne Ronning 07/30
Emma Childs 07/09	Bill Rodning 07/19	Mark Becker 07/30
Emily Stoddard 07/09	Gloria Ronning 07/21	Ken Schuetze 07/31
Benjamin Rundquist 07/09		Kym Nygaard 07/31
		Lorna McCabe 07/31

*We apologize if we missed your birthday! Please email your birthday information to [church@federatedff.org](mailto:church@federatedff.org)!*

## Congratulations to:

- ☺ Alex Vassei on his graduation from St. Cloud State (Alex is the son of Heather Rundquist).
- ☺ Isaac & Rachel Erickson, who were married in Barnesville on May 21, 2016.

# SERVICE

## Greeters and Coffee Hosts June 2016

### Sunday, June 5th

10AM—Mission Committee

### Sunday, June 12th

10AM—Bill & Peg Kalar and Loran Johnson

### Sunday, June 19th

10AM—Ed & Ingrid Morgan and Shannon Wilson

### Sunday, June 26th

10AM— Ross & Marianne Stone and Michelle Loomer

## Greeters and Coffee Hosts July 2016

### Sunday, July 3rd

10AM— Ruth Aulds and Carolyn Anderson

### Sunday, July 10th

10AM—Kurt & Sonja Johnson and Karen Bush

### Sunday, July 17th

10AM— Terry & Jeanette Haas and Pam Phillips

### Sunday, July 24th

10AM— Brad & Barb Meder and Marcus & Rebekah Meder

### Sunday, July 31st

10AM— Wayne & Gloria Ronning and

Jon & Jessica Steinbrenner



**\*\*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.

### June Service Group

#### Group #7

Jean Giles  
Walter and Bonnie Gondrez  
Karen Hauck  
Loran Johnson  
Craig and Rebecca Jorgensen  
William and Peg Kalar  
Patty Lindholm  
Michelle Loomer  
Yvonne Marts  
Ed and Ingrid Morgan  
Gary and Karen Orcutt  
Ross and Marianne Stone  
Shannon Wilson

### July Service Group

#### Group #8

Virginia Adams  
Carolyn Anderson  
Ruth Aulds  
Brent and Tara Barry  
Karen Bush  
Cy Grover  
Terry and Jeanette Haas  
Kurt and Sonja Johnson  
Brad and Barb Meder  
Marcus and Rebekah Meder  
Pam Phillips  
Wayne and Gloria Ronning  
Ted and Lois Rotenberger  
Jon and Jessica Steinbrenner  
Evan and Tanya Westra

### August Service Group

#### Group #9

Dale Anderson  
Mark and Lisa Becker  
Grant and Mariah Davenport  
Tim and Desta Hunt  
Wayne and Patti Link  
Chuck and Linda MacFarlane  
Bill and Mary Ann Nead  
Lynn Oxley  
Mae Reich  
Ben and Tessa Schierer  
Jo Schmidt  
David and Molly Stoddard  
Beth Strom  
Matyas Sundheim  
Gail Welle  
Jim and Arlene Worner

## Condolences to...

- U The family and friends of Joyce Stock who died on April 26, 2016.
- U The family and friends of Mehrle Messer who died on April 27, 2016.
- U The Solin and Anderson families on the death of Emil Striffler.
- U Greg Truax on the death of his brother, Steve.
- U Bev Lambert on the death of her cousin, Jairus Hanson.

*"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

## Ministry Nite!

June 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. Committees do not meet in July.



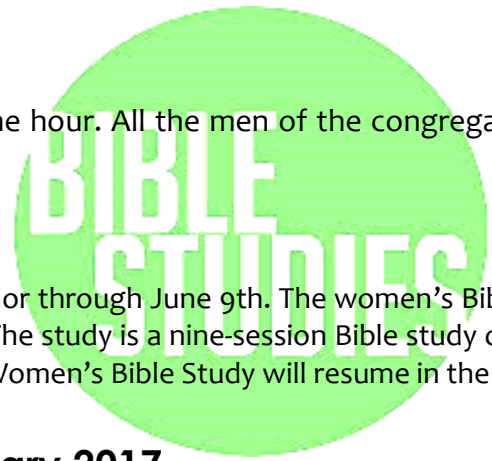


# Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study continues to meet on Mondays at noon for one hour. All the men of the congregation are invited. Men are currently studying the gospel of John. Join us!

# Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets Thursdays at 10:30AM in the church parlor through June 9th. The women's Bible study group is currently going through the study *The Wise & The Foolish*. The study is a nine-session Bible study on Jesus' Discipleship parables. All women are welcome! Following June 9th, Women's Bible Study will resume in the fall.



# House of Hope Mission Trip February 2017

It's never too early to be thinking of our next mission trip to The House of Hope! If you are interested in this exciting and joy-filled opportunity to share God's word with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala, plan to join our trip from February 11-18, 2017. Contact the church office for more information.

Mike and Michelle Loomer established the relationship between our congregation and the House of Hope in 2003. We've sent teams every year (except one) since then. We'd like this next trip be the best one yet, in honor of Mike.



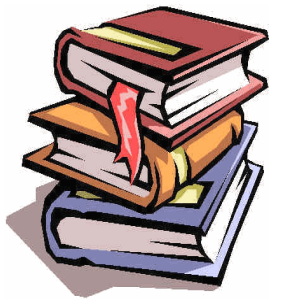
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All ladies are invited to coffee hour Tuesdays at 10AM in The Fellowship Hall! Come for coffee, treats, and conversation.



# Doctoral Studies—Pastor Doug

I am reading and writing in preparation for my next class week (July 25-29, 2016) at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. This course, "The Missional Church," is designed to develop a deeper understanding of how local congregations can participate in the ongoing mission of God in our local context. That is, what is God doing in our neighborhood and how can we be part of it? I continue to be challenged and excited about my studies. Your prayers and support keep me going!



## Grocery Receipts

Ruth Aulds

Totals for April 2016:

Service Foods - \$3,432.90

SunMart - \$1,465.91

this period

\$51,812.51 total as

of May 9, 2016



## Stewardship Report

General Fund Report—as  
of April 30, 2016

Revenue—\$36,882

Expenditures—\$32,234

Year to Date Pledge  
Offering

Budgeted — \$118,428

Actual received—  
\$158,184



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

### Local Mission Fund Report

April

15 families or  
individuals helped  
with \$930.94  
towards food, rent  
or utilities

As of May 25th

22 families or  
Individuals helped  
with \$1,320.10  
towards food, rent  
or utilities

# Community Opportunities

## Summer Concerts in the Park Roosevelt Park | 6:30PM

Make sure to head to the summer concerts in the park on the following dates to see members of The Federated Church perform!

June 9th	Lakes Area All Stars <b>(Jim Wornor)</b>
June 23rd	<b>Dave Stoddard</b>
July 21st	The Fancy & The Functional <b>(Elizabeth Hatling)</b>
August 25th	The Academy <b>(Tommy Bowman)</b>



## Volunteer Opportunities

Our congregation has two upcoming opportunities to serve together within the Fergus Falls community! Plan to attend one or both of these events with your faith family, and wear your church t-shirt! If you don't have one, new shirts will be available early in the month of June – look for information about this in the upcoming weekly updates or at worship on Sundays!

The first event is the **Day of Caring**, set for Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, organized by the United Way. On that day, meet at the United Way office (120 E. Washington Ave), and we'll be sent out together to do outdoor projects for the community and non-profit organizations in the Fergus Falls area. This event will run from 8AM – Noon; projects will include planting gardens, landscaping, spring cleanup, painting, washing windows and more! Lunch will be provided after the event. Let's have good representation at this special day! **Please note that this event requires that we register individually on-line.** To register, go to <http://getconnected.uwotc.com/> (scroll down to June 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Caring event, click "volunteers", and complete the online form. More information is available at the Fergus Falls Chamber of Commerce website, or United Way website. Sign up as soon as possible!

The second event will be on **June 30<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Lake Region Takes Root Community Garden**, located on the west edge of Fergus Falls at 260 Kennedy Park Circle (just south of the Lake Region Healthcare Walk-in Clinic and west of the Home Depot). Food grown at the site will be used to serve Women, Infants & Children (WIC) clients of Otter Tail County. Any overage of food will be donated to area Food Shelf organizations. The development of the site, planting, maintenance, harvesting and distribution activities is a collaboration of partnerships with individuals and organizations that are committed to improving our local food system. We plan to be there from 9AM – Noon on June 30<sup>th</sup>, doing whatever needs to be done that day! Wear work clothes (and your Federated t-shirt!), and bring work gloves and any other tools you might find useful in that environment.



**If you have a Federated t-shirt, make sure to wear it to both volunteer opportunities!**

If you're interested in volunteering regularly at the garden, or in addition to the event on June 30th, they have many projects in the works—they just need extra hands to make them happen! Regular volunteer hours are M-Th, 9AM—Noon. **Contact Laura at 218.736.8498 or [lkgervais@lrhc.org](mailto:lkgervais@lrhc.org) to find out more information!**

# Seeds of Hope

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” - Hebrews 10:24

Do you know a group or congregation in our area that is making a significant impact on the lives of our neighbors? Tell them about a Seeds of Hope Grant from The Federated Church!

The Deacons & Elders are making \$10,000 available in the form of Seeds of Hope community grants. As part of our mission, The Federated Church will provide funds to develop and strengthen organizations that are committed to general improvement and welfare of the community and its citizens.

The Federated Church will consider grants from churches and organizations within 30 miles of Fergus Falls, MN. Grants may be in any amount up to \$2,500.

Priority will be given to groups that support missions valued by our congregation:

**EVANGELISM:** Supporting programs that spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**HUNGER:** Supporting programs that guarantee that each person has enough food for today.

**YOUTH:** Supporting programs that enrich the lives of young people in our community.



Grant applications are due September 1, 2016.

Visit [www.federatedff.org](http://www.federatedff.org) for complete grant guidelines and forms.

## Meet the Eberts!

Hello! We are the Ebert family! My name is Nic and my wife's name is Samantha (she likes Sammy ☺). We met the summer of 2004 and got married on the beautiful beaches of Mexico in 2013. We have two beautiful children named Kai (4) and Kindree (1). Kai is an athletic, compassionate big-brother who enjoys reading mystery books and doing science experiments. Kindree is our “little spit-fire” who loves shoes, being silly, and dancing to music. Some of my interests include working out, fishing, backpacking/hiking, and retro video games. Sammy enjoys reading, jogging, painting, and “grinding” her IT WORKS business. Together, we love vacation time!! Whether it's a camping trip to our favorite spot near Park Rapids, or a vacation to Mexico, FAMILY TIME IS THE BEST TIME!

We look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone in church and strengthening our relationship with God in the coming years!

- Nic and Sammy, Kai and Kindree



## Fall Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

The salad luncheon ladies are busy planning a fall Soup & Sandwich (and pie!) luncheon! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 29th from 11AM—1PM. Come for soup, salad, and pie, and bring home some baked goods and garden produce from the produce and bake sale. **As you're planting your gardens this spring, consider planting a little extra to contribute to the fall produce sale!**

## Caring Ministry & Outreach – Connie Seltz

Life Line Community Healthcare is coming to Fergus in July! They will be at The Federated Church on Friday, July 22nd. Life Line is a proactive way to stay healthy and active. They provide five screenings that go beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your life. Screenings include: Carotid artery/plaque screening, Heart rhythm screening (atrial fibrillation), Abdominal aortic aneurysm screening, Peripheral arterial disease screening, and Osteoporosis risk assessment. They will help you develop a Personalized Prevention and Wellness Plan designed to keep you independent and active. Go to [LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners](http://LifeLineScreening.com/community-partners) or call 1-888-653-6450 for more information and to register.

# Glimpses from the month of May...

We celebrated Pentecost on May 15th complete with birthday hats and an ice cream social (also in recognition of the last day of Sunday School)! We enjoyed music from the organ, Bell choir, Senior Choir, and Kids Club/Sunday School kids.



The gym remodel is underway! A huge thank you to Skip Zielin, Dennis Echelberger, Randy Wasvick, John MacFarlane, Fred Harthen, Pete Konrad and the guys from the Matthew House, & Ed Morgan for all your work so far!



The youth, partnering with World Vision, packed Promise Packs to send overseas to Syrian refugee children. Funds were raised to purchase 76 packs during the Lenten dinner on March 2nd. We blessed the packs during the worship services on May 8th before shipping them overseas. Thank you to everyone who supported this endeavor with prayer, finances, and time!

