

## September Worship

SEPTEMBER 2 9:30a.m. Worship

Can A Christian Be Lazy?  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13  
*Celebration of the  
Lord's Supper*

SEPTEMBER 9 9:30a.m. Worship

Celebrating Our Critical Mass  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

RALLY DAY

Matthew 18:15-20

SEPTEMBER 16 9:30a.m. Worship

One Ominous Day in Galilee  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS

Matthew 12:1-12  
*Jesus Teaches In Parables*

SEPTEMBER 23 9:30a.m. Worship

Receiving the Word  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

BUCHFINK BAPTISM

Luke 8:5-15  
*The Sower*

SEPTEMBER 30 9:30a.m. Worship

The Cost of Discipleship  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

STEWARDSHIP KICKOFF

Matthew 3:44-46  
*Treasure in a Field and  
Pearl of Greatest Price*



## Dates to Remember

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

OFFICE CLOSED (Labor Day)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:00pm Youth At Skretvedts Pool Party

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:30pm Rally Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

6:30pm Ministry Night

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

3:30pm Kids Club Starts

7:30pm Sr High Youth Group Starts

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00pm QPR Event

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:30am Sunday School Starts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Confirmation Info Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Confirmation Retreat

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4:00pm 7th-8th Confirmation

6:30pm 9th Confirmation

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30am Stewardship Kickoff

10:30am Climate Change Forum



*For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.*

Matthew 18:20

This is one of my favorite Scriptures. It means that whenever two or three of God's children gather to do God's work in God's name, Christ himself is present. What a marvelous thing! It means that Christ plays with us at Kid's Club. Christ builds with us at the Habitat for Humanity site. Christ talks and laughs with us over coffee. Christ teaches us at Bible studies. Christ sings with the choir, rings with the bells, and gives praise with the band. Christ eats with us at church suppers. Christ cries with us at funerals. Christ rejoices with us at baptisms. Christ smiles with us at weddings. Christ worships with us.

Our God is a relational God. A Triune God of Creator, Christ, and Spirit who lives, dwells, and acts in conversation and community. That relationality extends to us. We are part of God's great community.

When we gather on Rally Sunday, September 9th, I want us to remember that Christ is present, too. I want us to remember what two or three people, gathered in Christ's name can accomplish through this community, the Federated Church.

I recently spent several days working the Habitat site. My first day, we framed the walls for an entire house! It

is amazing what a few faithful, dedicated, hard-working people can accomplish in a day.

Now, multiply that by the membership of our congregation. If two or three disciples can accomplish great things, just imagine what 20 or 30 can do! Or 200 or 300 can do! That's a lot of hands and heads and hearts working for Christ's kingdom.

Rally Day is traditionally the kickoff for the church school year. We "rally" after taking some time out during the summer to spur one another on to bigger and greater things for Christ. But we're not in this alone: when two or three of us work together, Christ is with us.

The apostle Paul wrote, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13). This means that when two or three gather in Christ's name, we can do anything!

I know Federated Folk will do great things this year, because we are disciples of Jesus Christ, working in his name, for his kingdom, and able to accomplish anything!

May God bless us this year!

Pastor Doug



## Doctoral Studies

Thank you to the congregation for giving me sabbatical time to work on my thesis. I made good progress (when I wasn't out fishing!). The Luther Seminary faculty reviewed my first four chapters (favorably) and I am now working on chapters 5 and 6. I expect to have these drafted by Christmas for faculty review in January 2019. Keep those prayers coming – I have oral exams (April) and graduation (May) coming up fast.

**sabbatical** *noun*

a period of time during which one does not work at his or her regular job and is able to rest, travel, do research, etc.



Growing up in the church, I always thought that fellowship was a gathering-an event, typically with a potluck or food. Now, I see that fellowship is not a specific event but a continuation of our worship together. It is a gathering of followers who care for each other and enjoy to share in His word together. Fellowship can be translated as: communion, community, communal and friendship. Fellowship with God

and fellowship with other believers go hand in hand. I am extending my hand as an invitation to you to join in fellowship with our Federated Friends. There are many opportunities listed in this month's newsletter from Rally Sunday to coffee time after worship. Some ladies gather for treats, coffee and friendship on Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall, and the men on Fridays —I encourage you to join

them! Other fellowship opportunities this month include: Tuesday, September 18th at 1:30pm at the Village Co-Op in the community room and at Pioneer Care Tuesday, September 25th at 10:30am in the Tree Top Room. Fellowship is praying together. Fellowship is serving together. Fellowship is being together.

## 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 August, we were able to help 4 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$250.00 for food, rent and utilities.



## QPR and Shatter the Silence

Back in May, Federated hosted an ACE training event to better understand Self-Healing communities. Now, in September, we have 2 new opportunities to raise awareness and better understand our mental and physical well being.

1. On September 13th at 7pm, Federated will host a QPR (Question Persuade and Refer) training event. QPR is the CPR of mental health. Maria Willits will cover myths and facts about suicide, warning signs of suicide, ways to apply QPR and ways to offer hope and support. Everyone is invited!

2. The other opportunity is Shatter The Silence on September 29th in Fergus Falls. This is the 2nd annual luminary 5k sponsored by Lake Region Healthcare. Illuminate the evening to promote resources and awareness around issues of suicide. Registration begins at 5pm with the run starting at 6pm. The 1/2 5k beings at 7:30pm. Proceeds for the event go to areas schools and communities for suicide awareness and prevention education.



Sat., September 29, 2018

Registration begins at 5pm

5K Run at 6pm

Program / Guest Speaker 7-7:30pm

1/2 5K (1.55 Miles) Luminary Walk  
7:30 pm (sunset)

Central Lakes Trail & DeLagoon Park Shelter #1  
Pebble Lake Rd • Fergus Falls, MN (south side of town)

REGISTRATION INCLUDES AN EVENT T-SHIRT!

25 & up	\$20	Registration forms & Luminary purchase information available upon request Contact: Maria C. Willits PO Box 64 • Rothsay, MN 56579 willits4shatterthesilence@gmail.com
15-24	\$15	
7-14	\$10	
6 & Under	FREE	

Make checks payable to: Shatter the Silence  
or register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)





## Christian Education

Fall is fast-approaching! Activities are about to start up here at church, as well as all over town. We have a lot to be excited about this year in Sunday School, Kids Club, Confirmation, and the youth groups.

Here are some highlights for Rally Day to get us going:

1. **Blessing of the Backpacks:** Be sure to bring your backpack or something related to the learning that you will be doing this upcoming year. This now-annual tradition is an important way to mark a new year of learning for all of us as we ask God's blessing upon each of us!

2. **Fourth Grade Bibles:** Once again, we will be dedicating personal Bibles to our fourth-grade children. Children will be asked to come forward to receive their Bibles. Families will receive a post-card reminder.

3. **Kindergarten/First Grade Bibles:** We begin a new tradition this fall with the dedication of special Bibles for our younger children as they begin "big kid" Sunday school! Families should receive a postcard invitation, and students will be asked to come forward to receive their Bibles.

With all the chaos in our world today, the Federated Church strives to provide young people with a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow their faith. If you are interested in participating in the ministries here in any way, please contact Karen in order to discern where your gifts fit into our varied ministries.

# BACK to School

## Kids Club

Kids Club (ages K-6) starts up again on September 12th after school 3:30pm, so be sure to have your child "hop the bus" to church! The theme this fall is "The Miracles of Jesus" and will feature a neat science component to illustrate each story! We are looking forward to seeing everyone back!



## Sunday School

Sunday School for K-6 begins on September 16th at 10:30 right after worship. Teachers are lined up and classrooms are being prepared for our kids! We will begin this year with "The Life of Jesus", featuring several key stories of our savior's journey. We will have a special joint Sunday school class on Oct. 7th (World Communion Sunday) to highlight the sacrament of communion. Be sure to have your child join us for this most-active hour of their Sundays!

## Sunday School for Littles

Now in its third year, the once-a-month Sunday school class for Pre-K and their parents begins on Oct. 7th in the Youth Room. Led by veteran parents/grandparents Steve and Carri Thompson, this class provides opportunities of learning, music, and fellowship for families of little ones. Come check it out!

## Confirmation

Confirmation (7th-9th graders) begins on September 19th with a Parent/Youth meeting at 5:30pm. Our annual autumn confirmation retreat, this year entitled "What's So Amazing About God's Grace?" is set for September 21-23 at Clearwater Forest. We have a great weekend lined up with fun activities, good discussions, and awesome adult leaders! We hope every confirmation student is able to make this important event—

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# Christian Education and Youth Continued...

—it is a WONDERFUL way to kick off the fall and get into God's word for our lives.

Regular classes begin the following Wednesday, September 26th, with 7th-8th grade student classes after school (along with snacks and games) until 5:30. 9th grade student classes begin also on September 26th and run from 6:30-7:30, with youth group following until 9:00.

## Youth Group

Youth group kicks off on Wednesday, September 5th with a pool party from 5-8 pm (details in mailed youth schedule, Monday Memo, texts). What a great way to end summer and start our fall semester! Our regular weekly gatherings in the youth room begin Wednesday, September 12th from 7:30-9:00. Come early for supper and extra fellowship/study time. We love having you all here! And invite your friends! Schedules will be sent to families, and extras will be available at the church for interested individuals.

As a general rule, Wednesday activities (Kids Club, confirmation, Youth group) meet each week with the exception of school weeks (such as MEA or THANKSGIVING) when there are no Thursday or Friday classes. We do our best to remind families of those weeks!

## Guatemala Mission Update

Our youth and adult team members are reconnecting after a little time off this summer to get geared up for our February mission trip. Two big events to highlight with the congregation include:

1. **Pizza Ranch Fundraiser:** Monday, October 1st from 5pm-8pm. Tell family, neighbors, friends, colleagues, and community members to COME OUT and SUPPORT Pizza Ranch and our youth! Ten percent of the profits and all tips will go toward getting us to our goal!

2. **Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction:**

Saturday, October 27th. Team members, along with some Christian Education committee members, will host a special harvest dinner and run a silent auction to raise money for our trip. We will be doing a lot of community advertising to reach out to people for this event. The menu will include several harvest-themed dishes with a local flair, and the auction items include several hand-crafted and other quality items.



## A Note From Sadie:

### Synod School

Wanted to thank you again for the opportunity to attend Synod School in Iowa at the end of July. In last month's newsletter, I had just gotten home, so I was not able to fill you in about my Synod School experience. One word to describe my week is AMAZING!! I was blessed to meet so many people who share the same values as me and our church. I got to dive in and learn about Spirituality Formation... we talked a lot about listening...truly listening to each other when we are speaking and different ways to pray and communicate with God. My other session I took was on the New Testament. My instructor was beyond a book of knowledge. During this week, I felt myself growing in my faith and in myself. I hope I can use what I learned in working with different generations of our Church! Thank you! I'm looking forward to next July!

### Other Updates

What a Great Summer we had! VBS, Swimming, Fundraising, Game Night, Bonfires...so many things to name! Looking forward to the new year! I would love to bring in Sunday Fellowship with Jr/Sr High Youth again! On September 16th, Sunday School begins, and I hope to see a lot of you! Come with ideas to make our Sunday's fun and inviting!! Thanks for a Great Summer!



# Church News

## Rally Day 2018!

We have three favorite holidays: Christmas, Easter and Rally Day!

Join us September 9th for Rally Day 2018.

Worship starts at 9:30am with a Carnival following the service. We will have Gobble Up- Turkey Sandwiches and Corn on the Cob, games and a bounce house for the kids.

During the service, the Kindergarteners and the 4th graders will receive their Bibles, and we will also bless the back-packs of Kids/Youth heading back to school.

Let's get together as a church family to kick off the fall year! You don't want to miss the fun!

## Operation Christmas Child:

With back to school supplies on sale, fall is a great time to buy Operation Christmas Child items. OCC is a non profit organization through Samaritan's Purse. Together they send shoeboxes (packed by YOU) filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items to children around the world facing war, poverty, disaster... Besides sharing Christmas joy, they also share the good news of Jesus.

If you want to pack your own shoe box, Federated will be collecting boxes in December.



**Habitat for Humanity** will need volunteers to help with a build this fall. If you are interested in helping, contact Paul Sho(218)205-5739 or Habitat for Humanity in Fergus(218)736-2905.

**A Climate Change Group** in Fergus Falls wants to bring local churches and organizations together through small group forums. This is part of a larger national group raising awareness of problems and solutions in climate change. A group will be meeting at Federated Sep 30th at 10:30am. Beth Monke is our local leader. God gave us this beautiful earth to be good stewards. We need to take care of it!

## Women's Bible Study

After the interest and success of our summer Bible study, we will begin again in October with a new topic! The theme is likely to be the book of Revelation. More details will follow in Monday memos and announcements. When time and dates are determined, we will publicize!  
- Karen Anderson-Dent

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

This fall we dive deeply into the parables of Jesus, using John MacArthur's book *Parables: The Mysteries of God's Kingdom Revealed Through the Stories Jesus Told* as our guide. Worship with us as Pastor Doug preaches on the parable, then join the discussion about the parable over coffee in the parlor. All are welcome!



# Committee News

## Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce that this year's stewardship theme - "Generations of Generosity" - the campaign begins on Sunday, September 30th. We hope this time to focus on stewardship will include reflection, prayer, and new understandings of our stewardship to include generosity of time, talents, treasures and finances. Plans are underway for a video with some congregation members of various ages who will share their experiences of being in the Federated faith family as recipients of generations of generosity. Please be expecting a mailing from our committee later this month and additional information as we enter October.

- Carri Thompson; Stewardship Committee





# Business as usual

## Service Groups

### SEPTEMBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #2

Walter and Bonnie Gondrez  
Loran Johnson  
Anne Kalar and Dave Weinrich  
William and Peg Kalar  
John and Patty Lindholm  
Michelle Loomer  
Ed and Ingrid Morgan  
Gary and Roxane Nereson

### OCTOBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #3

Cheryl Anderton  
Jake and Karoline Gustafson  
Phil and Lori Kuglar  
Phil and Mary Link  
Ken and Marjan Schuetze  
Darren and Erin Smith  
Bonita Stock  
Jan Swedberg  
David and Vivian Whipple



## Greeters and Coffee Hosts

### SEPTEMBER 2018

#### Sunday, September 2nd

9:30am Patty Lindholm and  
Lynn Oxley and Sadie Carter

#### Sunday, September 9th

9:30am Rally Day (Greeters Only)  
Ed and Ingrid Morgan and  
Loran Johnson

#### Sunday, September 16th

9:30am Gary and Roxane Nereson  
Michelle Loomer

#### Sunday, September 23rd

9:30am Gary and Karen Orcutt and  
Walter and Bonnie Gondrez

#### Sunday, September 30th

9:30am William and Peg Kalar  
Anne Kalar and Dave Weinrich

**REMINDER:** Greeters 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.

## Ministry Nite:

### September 11 - 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.

## Stewardship Report

### General Fund Report

Revenue	\$24,775.92
Expenditures	\$27,655.57

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$192,500
Actual Received	\$199,028.59

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

### Service Food

July	\$2,977.42
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## The church staff wants to know...

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



## 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

To the Makovsky Family  
To the Porter Family



## September Birthdays

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|-------|------------------|-------|----------------------|
| 09/02 | Jake Wendland    | 09/17 | Chad Nelson          |
| 09/04 | Lucinda Dix      | 09/18 | Lizzy Thiel          |
|       | Echelberger      | 09/18 | Amy Underdahl        |
| 09/05 | Teri Nygaard     | 09/19 | Bill Ressler         |
| 09/05 | Doug Sperling    | 09/19 | Paige Undseth        |
| 09/05 | Alex Jensen      | 09/19 | Leo Schierer         |
| 09/06 | Wade Ugstad      | 09/20 | Donna Ohe            |
| 09/07 | Mark Becker      | 09/23 | Ruth Aulds           |
| 09/08 | Erika Mariotti   | 09/23 | Russell Larsen       |
| 09/08 | Iona Saunders    | 09/24 | Gail Green           |
| 09/10 | James Underdahl  | 09/25 | Wesley Beske         |
| 09/12 | Janice Borowski  | 09/25 | Jean Bowman          |
| 09/12 | Jessica Verhelst | 09/26 | Amanda Mandelke      |
| 09/13 | Makiya Cavalier  | 09/27 | Tim Hunt             |
| 09/14 | Nicole Verhelst  | 09/28 | Christopher Anderson |
| 09/14 | Troy Anderson    |       |                      |
| 09/14 | Erin Smith       | 09/29 | Carolyn Anderson     |
| 09/14 | Max Wolfe        | 09/30 | Ben Schierer         |

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09/16 Peg Kalar