

September Worship

OCTOBER 1 9:30am Worship	LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Give up Control <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	<i>Matthew 5:5</i> <i>Celebration of the</i> <i>Lord's Supper</i>
OCTOBER 8 9:30a.m. Worship	RALLY SUNDAY
Long to Be Righteous <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	<i>Matthew 5:6</i> New Member Sunday
OCTOBER 15 9:30 a.m. Worship	
Care About Others <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	<i>Matthew 5:7</i>
OCTOBER 22 9:30a.m. Worship	
TBA <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	<i>Matthew 5:4</i>
OCTOBER 29 9:30a.m. Worship	
TBA <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	<i>Matthew 5:4</i>

Dates to Remember

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3**
5:30pm Stephen Ministers Meeting
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6**
Confirmation Retreat
- SUNDAY,**
9:30am Rally Day: Blessing of Backpacks and 4th Graders receive Bibles
- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**
12:00pm Men's Bible Study Starts
- TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**
5:30pm Dementia Friends Meeting
6:30pm Ministry Nite
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**
10:30pm Women's Bible Study Starts
- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**
10:30am Sunday School Starts
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**
3:30pm Kid's Club Starts
5:30pm Confirmation Parent Student Meeting
7:30pm Sr Youth Group Starts
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**
6:30pm D&E Meeting
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
4:00pm 7th-8th Confirmation Starts
6:30pm 9th Confirmation Starts



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 many families and individuals from the local mission fund. As of August 15, we have helped **12** families or individuals with **\$550.00** towards food, household goods, rent or utilities.

We keep a supply of soap, lotion, toothpaste, conditioner, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc. on hand at the church to give to people who come in needing assistance. If you have extra at your home, bring them in! We'll give them away.





Living Well is a free monthly education series available from Lake Region Healthcare. The meetings are held in the clinic main entrance on the second Monday of each month. Al and I attended a helpful session about "Communication Strategies and Resources for Dementia and Alzheimer's Caregivers." The topics change monthly.

On Monday, October 9th the subject is "Managing Meds: Can Lifestyle Changes Lead to De-prescribing?" If the session Al and I attended is a predictor of good things to come, I encourage you to connect with livingwell@lrhc.org to reserve your spot (refreshments are provided.) Please see the Living Well poster on the Parish

Nursing bulletin board for the calendar of sessions and topics for 2017-2018.

Remind Text Alerts

The Federated Church is now using Remind, a text alert system to send out cancellations, reminders, schedule updates, 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 tell you about the app available to use with Remind. You can use the app, but it is not essential to have the ap in order to receive text alerts. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions!





Kids Club

Kid's Club Fall 2017 starts up on September 20th with the theme "God's Promises Through the Jesse Tree." The Jesse Tree is a tradition that connects the stories and people of the Old Testament to Jesus' birth and life, focusing on the verse from Isaiah 11:1—"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse, from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord—and He will delight in the fear of the Lord". We will be learning the ways that God tells us through His Word that He would rescue us with Jesus Christ, our Savior. Jesus' birth was NO ACCIDENT! God had a plan and revealed it to us all along, showing His grace and love for all of us and pointing us to look for the coming Messiah! Each week we will hear stories, sing together, play games, and work on crafts that can be used as Christmas ornaments come the holiday season. Kid's Club meets on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30, beginning with a snack when kids arrive on the bus or get dropped off. We look forward to seeing you all again this fall, and look forward to meeting new friends as well!

Confirmation

Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 27, 2017! 7th and 8th graders are welcome to come right from school for snack, games and class time (3:30-5:30 PM). 9th graders meet from 6:30-7:30 PM. Parents and students are invited to an informational meeting the week prior (Wed. Sept. 20th @ 5:30 PM) to get an overview of the year, ask questions, and sign up for snack delivery. This is going to be a great year! See you soon.

Sunday School

Sunday school begins on September 17th, with a new starting time of 10:30am! We will be continuing using the new curriculum we began using last year, "All in One Sunday School". The teachers and children enjoyed the change last year, and we are excited to continue using something that works! In addition to the time change, we are planning to have a once-a-month "Special Sunday School" class with all of the kids together. During these once-a-month sessions we will be learning about the different Jewish holidays or "Holy Days" that are actually significant to our present Christian traditions. These times are significant not only because Jesus Him-

self observed these Holy Days, but also because they teach us truths about God and how He has worked and continues to work in our world. Karen Bush and I will be working these Sundays, and we welcome everyone to participate,

Youth Group

Our Senior High Youth Group kick-off will be on Wednesday, September 13th, with a pool party at the Skretvedts. The fun begins at 5:00pm and goes until 8:00pm. We hope to have a great turn-out—last year's kick-off was a blast! The pool is set up for games, and dinner will be provided. Let's pray for good weather, as some of our summer events didn't work out due to weather. We have some great talks, many of them based on "What is So Supernatural About the Bible and the World?" (based on your interests last year), new games (Sadie is planning to come up with some good ones) and activities planned for this year, so we hope to see you all each Wednesday from 7:30-9:00pm. And remember to bring friends, come early for dinner and just hang out! We love having you all here. Remember to hold onto your activities schedule, watch Facebook and text alerts! We are looking forward to a SUPERNATURAL year with all y'all!

A Note From Sadie

NEW this year, I will be teaching a Bible study for Jr/ Sr High Students. Students will meet in the narthex, Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM. We will start the year off with a bible study on the book of John. This book in the Bible can be described as the greatest love story in history. John's personal perspective will hopefully give understanding and meaning of the Bible which can be applied to our lives.





Bible studies and discussion groups

Women's Bible Study

THURSDAYS 10:30am

All interested are invited to come to study The Gospel of John beginning on September 14, 2017. We meet at 10:30 AM in the Parlor. There are some study guides available, cost \$7.75 each. They are in the office if you choose to use one. It is a 12 week study by Justin Buzard (M. Div. Fuller Theological Seminary). Come soon for your copy so that we can order more by the start date. Do bring a friend.

Men's Bible Study

MONDAYS 12pm

Men's Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon for one hour. All men are invited to join us! Bible Study will September 11th. 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. Beginning September 17, 2017 (10:30am), 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). Please read Chapter 1 (Creation) prior to September 17th!

Church News

Rally Day: Youth

Fall is coming up fast! Activities are about to start 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. And with Sadie on board, we have some great plans ahead for everyone!

There are two things I want to highlight for Rally Day—September 10th—are:

1. **Blessing of the Backpacks:** Remember to bring your backpack or something related to the learning that you will be doing this upcoming year, as we will be blessing YOU and YOUR EDUCATION! This is FOR EVERYONE of all ages in a school or learning opportunity, so feel free to participate regardless of where you are in your education.
2. **Fourth Grade Bibles:** The Federated Church is strongly committed to raising up people knowledgeable about their faith, and so it is an annual tradition to pass out Bibles to our 4th grade students on Rally Day. Letters will be sent to each family with a 4th grade child as a reminder, and the student will be asked to come forward to receive their Bible during worship.

With all of the chaos in our world today, we here at the Federated Church strive to provide young people with a safe and nurturing environment in which to grow in their faith. If you are interested in participating with the ministries here in any way, please contact Karen in order to discern where your gifts and passions fit into our mission. May God's blessing be upon

First Sundays

Sorry, there will be no First Sunday studies this year! With the new worship schedule and with a thesis to research and write, I needed to set a few things down this year. Watch for new studies in Fall 2018. -Pastor Doug Dent

Thank you

Dear Federated church family,
I wanted to express my deepest thanks for all your love and support during my father's illness and passing this past spring. Your encouragement and kindness gave my family--and me--much peace during a difficult time. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this faith family.
In Christ, -Karen Dent





Community News

Shatter The Silence

Lake Region is hosting a 5k Walk/Run Saturday, September 30th to raise awareness on suicide prevention. They are looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in helping, contact Colleen Kennedy at ckennedy@imhc.org. Those who want to participate in the event can register on-line at active.com.

CSA Bi-Annual Fundraiser

Federated Church is invited to attend the CSA Card Party Saturday, September 16th. Play bridge, whist and pinochle from 9:00am-1:00pm to raise

money for the Senior Citizen Activity Fund. Entry fee is \$10 with breakfast and lunch included. Call 218-736-6842 for reservations or questions.

Conversations That Matter

is part of the Fergus Falls Area United Way Women's Leadership Council. They will be hosting an event at the BigWood Event Center, September 26th to raise awareness on human trafficking in rural Minnesota. Lunch will be served along with a panel discussion. Registration begins at 11:15am.



Committee News

Dear Federated Family:

Christian businesswoman Anne Beiler, the founder of Auntie Anne's pretzels, said "It's good to have plans and dreams, but don't be surprised if God brings you somewhere else."

This proved to be true for the Deacons and Elders who met last week to finalize our worship plans for the fall. The discussion began with a review of the cards and comments submitted by you, the members of the congregation, expressing your preferences for the Sunday morning schedule.

What we clearly heard is a desire for events to begin and conclude a little earlier in the morning. This stated preference, coupled with the overall intent to bring the congregation together for worship and fellowship on Sunday mornings, persuaded the Deacons and Elders to adjust the Sunday morning schedule.

The new Sunday schedule will begin on Rally Day, September 10, 2017:

- 9:30 AM Worship
 - 10:30 AM Christian Education and Fellowship time
- (Sunday School will begin on September 17th)

We appreciate all the feedback you provided this summer. The Deacons and Elders took your comments and choices to heart. We are confident that this new schedule offers an exciting opportunity for our faith family to come together.

The Deacons and Elders are dedicating time at the Annual Meeting (January 28, 2018) to hear your thoughts about the new schedule. In the meantime, if you have suggestions to improve our worship, education, and fellowship time, please speak to Pastor Doug or any one of the Deacons and Elders.

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support during this transition. See you on Rally Day!

- Pastor Doug



Business as usual

Service Groups

SEPTEMBER SERVICE GROUP

GROUP #2

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

OCTOBER SERVICE GROUP

Group #3

Charles Ebbighausen
Joan Ebbighausen
Vaughn Ebbighausen
Brian and Nancy Malchert
Wally and Mary Moe
Gary and Jan Nelson
Iona Saunders
Rick and Kitt Schara
Clyde and Beth Schlepp
Bob Stout
LaVane Ugstad
James and Amy Underdahl
David and Vivan Whipple
Skip and Char Zielin

Ministry Nite:

September 12 - 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

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday, September 3

10am Jerry and Donna Hendel
Jean McKenzie

Sunday, September 10

9:30am Rally Day Greeters Only
Russ and Renee Larsen
Mike and Patty Shol

Sunday, September 17

9:30am Doug and Barb Becker
Jacob and Karoline Gustafson

Sunday, September 24

9:30 am Ken and Marjan Schuetze
and Kim and Martin Anderson

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	\$25,907.00
Expenditures	\$28,446.00

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$198,368.00
Actual Received	\$198,081.00

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS FOR JUNE/JULY

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August	\$1,287.00
Total as of 8/1/17	\$75,718.00

Service Food

August	\$12,078.50
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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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Operation Christmas Child

Summer is turning to Fall, and students are returning to school. We want to put a "bug" in your ear as you buy last minute school supplies. Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner. November will be here before we know it! Keep those boxes from the new shoes purchased for school! When shopping, add an extra package of pencils, crayons, maybe even a pencil sharpener or a cheap notebook to your cart. We will be collecting donations now through November! On Wednesday, November 8, 2017, we will be packing our shoeboxes!!! Remember, Operation Christmas Child Drop-Off Week is November 13-17!!!




September Birthdays

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| 09/04 | Lucinda Dix | 09/17 | Chad Nelson |
| | Echelberger | 09/18 | Lizzy Link |
| 09/05 | Gene Porter | 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 | Lucille Sheldon | 09/20 | Eleanor Carlisle |
| 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 | Dorothy Sperling | 09/27 | Tim Hunt |
| 09/13 | Makiya Cavalier | 09/28 | Christopher
Anderson |
| 09/14 | Nicole Verhelst | 09/29 | Carolyn Anderson |
| 09/14 | Troy Anderson | 09/30 | Ben Schierer |
| 09/14 | Erin Smith | | |
| 09/14 | Max Wolfe | | |
| 09/16 | Peg Kalar | | |



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