

April Worship, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday

Easter "Son-rise" Hymn Sing!

Join us as we sing our Hallelujahs to the Risen Savior. Sunday, April 4 at 7:00am. Join us in the Federated parking lot and tune your radio to 107.3 FM.

Sunday, April 4 9:30am Easter Sunday
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Jesus is Dead?" Luke 24:1-12
Pastor Doug Dent A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, April 11 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Crowdsourced Christianity" Acts 4:32-35
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, April 18 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"A Holy Imagination" 1 John 3:1-7
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, April 25 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Field Trip" Psalm 23
Pastor Doug Dent



Dates to Remember

THURSDAY, APRIL 1
5:30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
5:30PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, APRIL 4
7:00AM EASTER "SON-RISE" HYMN SING
9:30AM EASTER SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 5
EASTER MONDAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, APRIL 12
6:30PM FELLOWSHIP MEETS

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
6:30PM MINISTRY NITE

THURSDAY, APRIL 15
6:30PM D&E MEET
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
3:45PM LAST DAY OF KIDZ CLUB



After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God..." (Revelation 19:1)

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! That is the message of Easter Sunday. Christ, who was dead on the cross for our sins on Good Friday (literally, "God Friday" in Old English) is alive again and forevermore. And because he lives, we will live also. Our salvation is assured! Praise God!

Which is what Hallelujah means: praise God! Hallelujah is a composite of two Hebrew words: *hillel* ("praise") and *Yah* (short for Yahweh, the name for God). [I printed the Hebrew letters for you to see; remember that Hebrew reads right-to-left!]

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In Hebrew, Hallelujah is an exhortation. In the Bible, Hallelujah is used 24 times in the Psalms and is a request for the congregation to join in praising God. Hallelujah also appears two times in the book of Revelation (19: 1, 3).

For most Christians, "Hallelujah" (or "Alleluia") is considered a joyful word of praise to God, rather than a command to praise God. Expressions of "Hallelujah?" and "Praise the Lord?" are spontaneous expressions of joy, thanksgiving, and praise towards God.

Some things are so great, so amazing, so super-stupendous that they need their own word. "Hallelujah!" is really the only suitable word for Easter morning. Christ is risen from the dead. Hallelujah! We rejoice in the power of God over sin and death. Hallelujah! We give thanks for God's great love for us in sending Jesus. Hallelujah! We offer worship and praise for the God whose Spirit still works in and among and through us. Hallelujah!

As Spring works its way into Minnesota, may your Easter Hallelujahs continue to ring out, sharing the good news that Christ is Risen and we are loved forevermore.

I invite you to join us on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021 (7:00 AM) in the Federated Church parking lot as we sing our "Hallelujahs" to the Risen Christ. Stay safe in your cars but sing loud for all to hear that Jesus is risen! Hallelujah! Please join us at 9:30am as we can now sing in worship again (masked and spatially distant).

Easter blessings and Hallelujah!
Pastor Doug

Thank You

Dear Friends,

My sister Margaret Wayes started something that made my 80th Birthday very meaningful. Thank you so much for all those who sent me cards and gifts. It has been a joy to read all the messages each of you wrote and it has brought back so many memories. It has been truly memorable 80th party and I can't thank you all enough. May God's blessings be with you.

Love, Carol Andstrom

Spring is full of new life, possibilities and hope. This spring feels extra special as things and places are finally opening up. The thought of actually seeing people in person (even from a distance) refreshes my soul. Pastor Doug and I will be starting to make visits again to establishments in town. I look forward to catching up with you. Many Blessings. Stay healthy and well.

Rebekah Meder

Guidelines Easter Sunday Worship – April 4, 2021

7:00 AM – “Son-rise” sing-a-long in the church parking lot (tune radios to 107.3 FM)

9:30 AM – Worship in the sanctuary and online

Public Singing on Easter is Allowed!

We are thrilled to announce that beginning on Easter, we can ALL join our voices in singing our “Hallelujahs”! The MN Department of Health now permits congregational singing if worshippers are masked and spatially distanced, and if there is no widespread outbreak of COVID-19 in our area (which we will monitor, but is currently low). It’s been a year since we’ve sung together; join us as we raise a “Hallelujah” to the Risen Christ!

Sanctuary Seating

Come early for a front row seat as the maximum capacity for the sanctuary remains at 100 persons. Although the MN Department of Health lifted the occupancy limits for religious services, the configuration of our sanctuary does not safely permit seating for more than this number of persons. Ushers will direct worshippers to seating areas in the narthex and fellowship hall once the sanctuary capacity is reached. Spatial distancing, wearing masks, and all other safety protocols still apply. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Communion Cups Available

Easter Sunday is a communion Sunday. If you plan to worship from home on Easter, you may pick up prefilled communion cups at the church office between 10AM-2PM (Mon-Thu) during Holy Week (office closed on Good Friday). A gluten free option is available. Call Brianna (218-739-3227) to reserve your communion cups.

Home Communion

We will begin offering home communion after Easter (April 4, 2021).

Teams of Deacons and Elders who are fully vaccinated will bring the elements to your home or residence. If you would like to receive communion, please contact the church office (218-739-3227).

Please Note: for safety reasons, we will comply with the requirements and restrictions of your residence. If your residence is not yet allowing public visitation, we will be unable to serve communion to you at this time.

If you are an ordained Deacon or Elder, are fully vaccinated, and would like to help us with this important outreach ministry, please contact Pastor Doug.

Rides to Worship

The Deacons & Elders are developing a ride-sharing plan for Sunday mornings. If you would like a ride to worship, or if you would like to be a driver on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office (218-739-3227).

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!

LOCAL
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Spring is HERE! With the change of weather we also have some changes in our children's and youth ministries!

Kidz Club

Kidz Club will continue through April 28th.

Jr. High Youth Group

With the changes in the school schedule for middle school youth (five-day week) and the end of confirmation for the 2020-2021 year, I am excited to begin Wednesday afternoon middle school youth group for our kids! We started on March 17th and going through May 12th, we will hold middle school youth group at the church from 3:45 to 5:00 pm on Wednesdays. As in past years, transportation will be available through the bus system from Kennedy. Snacks will be provided when students arrive, followed by activities and fellowship. I hope to see you all here this spring to reconnect in person!

Sr. High Youth group

Senior high youth group will also continue as scheduled, ending on May 12th. Dates to put on your calendars:

Confirmation

May 16th is Confirmation Sunday! We look forward to welcoming our newest members to the Federated Church family! Come join us at 9:30am for worship and celebrate these young people's step in faith!

Seniors

May 23rd is Senior Recognition Sunday! We have 7 seniors graduating from high school this year, and we ask you to join us as we commemorate the completion of this stage in their lives!

Vacation Bible School

We are actively working on plans for Summer Vacation Bible School, which is usually held around the last week of June. Watch for more information to come!

Clearwater Forest Camp

It is time to sign up for Clearwater Forest Camp! Our church has a long history of participation at this beautiful camp, and now our former youth director, Doug Snaza is one of the camp directors! Programming will be up and running this summer with safety protocols in place, and I encourage you all to consider fitting this great experience into your schedule! I will have more information to pass on to you over the next few weeks, but I wanted to highlight that the initial deadline for sign-up on the camp website is set for April 15th. Scholarships are available through Federated Church as well as the camp itself.

Camp Scholarship

Federated Church is committed to making a way for every young person to get to camp, regardless of financial ability. We provide camp scholarships to the church camp of your choice. Scholarship forms are available in a folder outside the main office. Please fill out the form and return it to Karen's mailbox by May 31st. Feel free to contact the church office with any questions.





Church News...

Easter Services

Worship with us during this Easter season! All services will be in-person and streamed online.

Maundy Thursday Service: April 1st (5:30pm)
A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Good Friday Service: April 2nd (5:30pm)

Easter "Son-rise" Hymn Sing: April 4th (7:00am)
Easter Sunday Service: April 4th (9:30am)
A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Easter Flowers

If you purchased Easter flowers you may pick them up following the Easter Service.

Office Hours

The church office hours will remain the same in April until further notice. Phones and emails will be answered from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Fridays. If you need access to the church building, please call ahead of time to make an appointment.

The church office will be closed Friday, April 2 for Good Friday and Easter Monday, April 5.

Worship Services

All our services are available online and may be accessed through the church website (www.federatedff.org). Updates and announcements will be posted on the church website, Facebook, Remind (text 81010 to join), email, and the office phone message.



2021 Synod School

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is hosting Synod School from July 25-30, 2021 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. This is a great event for anyone seeking a fun and faith-based learning experience during the summer. There are activities for children, teens, and families. The workshop catalogue and registration materials are available in the church office or www.lakesandprairies.org.

UCC MN Conference

The UCC MN Conference Annual Meeting will be June 7-13, 2021. This will be an all-virtual meeting. This year's theme is "Courageous Church." The cost is \$50 for delegates and \$25 for non-voting attendees.

The schedule for the week:

Monday, June 7–Thursday, June 10 will feature daily workshops, open to all registered attendees.

Friday, June 11 (afternoon) is the "business" portion of the meeting, open to voting delegates only.

Saturday, June 12 will feature a keynote address by Susan Beaumont, author of "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going" and a panel discussion on racial justice work facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson.

Sunday, June 13 is a worship service with guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister of the UCC and Co-Executive of Global Ministries, Wider Church Ministries and Operations.

Our congregation is allowed two (2) voting delegates to this meeting (delegate costs covered by Federated Church). Anyone wishing to attend this virtual meeting should contact the church office for registration materials.





Committee News

Mission Committee

One Great Hour of Sharing

Both the PCUSA and the UCC collect OGHOS offering to aid with disaster relief nationally and internationally. Our area received relief funds from the OGHOS when the Red River flooded in 1997-1998 and again after the Wadena tornado in 2010. Sunday school and Kids' Club students will receive fish boxes early in March. These banks are a way for kids and families to talk about service and to contribute to disaster relief. Federated Church will collect the OGHOS offering and the fish boxes throughout the Month of April.

Meals By Wheels

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, May 24 -28 and 31-June 4. Drivers should gather at the Senior Center at 11:00am. It takes about an hour to deliver these meals. If you can help please contact Sonja Johnson (218) 998-2434 .

Fellowship Committee Federated Softball

If you would like to sign up for Church "A" league competitive softball on Monday nights please contact Mark Anderson (218-731-4813) or Tami Anderson (218-731-6695). More information to come.

Federated Church is forming a 2nd slow-pitch softball team. This slow-pitch team will meet Tuesday nights for ages 14 and up. Please contact Dennis Bowman (218-332-0776). More information to come.



Worship Music

I hope you are enjoying the music provided by our talented musicians! They are a dedicated group who enjoys making music for you.

I try to have three distinct styles of songs each Sunday: a hymn, a gospel or revival song, and a contemporary song. If you would like to request a hymn or praise song, please contact me. (Note: all songs must be verified to comply with copyright and streaming regulations.)

Vivian - viwhip@hotmail.com - 218-731-3983



Worship In The Park

Save the dates for 10:00am Worship in the Park! We will worship in Kirkbride Park on these Sundays. Remember, there is no service at the Federated building either of those days (unless poor weather forces us indoors.) Please bring your own chair.

You can tune into 107.3FM in your car and listen live. Remember you need to be at least 1.5 miles of the location.

June 6, 13, 20, 27 - July 4, 11, 18, 25 - August 1 at Federated Church, 8, 15, 22, 29 - September 5, 12



Bible Study and Coffee Hour

Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Doug Sundays at 10:15am for Adult Bible Study. Together we will work through Paul's letter to the Galatian Christians, making comparisons to our own day, and discovering how essential it is to cling to the Gospel of Jesus Christ – and nothing else! Join us in person (masks and other safety procedures apply) or by Zoom. Contact the church office to receive the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study

We began studying the Gospel of John in mid-January and will continue through the spring. Reading and exploring this poetic and moving account of Jesus' ministry by the Apostle John points us to the truth of who Jesus is and why He came to dwell among us. If you would like to join the group, we are always happy to welcome new studiers of the Word! For more information about these ministries and any other Christian education questions, please contact Karen at kmad@prtcl.com.

Men's Coffee Hour

Mens coffee hour started back up on Friday, March 26. Join us at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 15 - Clearwater Forest needs 150 campers signed up by April 15, 2021 for summer camp to be a "go" this year.

April 28 - Last day of Kidz Club

May 12- Last day of Junior and Senior High youth group

May 16 - Confirmation Sunday

May 23 - Senior Recognition Sunday and ice cream social



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

Ministry Nite:

April 13 - 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	\$75,059
Expenditures	\$32,363
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$61,016
Actual Received	\$92,073

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
March	\$12,483.34

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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April Birthdays

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| 04/03 | Breanna Stout | 04/22 | Siri Anthon-isen-Brown |
| 04/03 | Sterling Andrews | 04/22 | Joe Cooper |
| 04/04 | Kathy Truax | 04/22 | Logan Stout |
| 04/04 | Sam Sundberg | 04/23 | Sonja Johnson |
| 04/06 | Troy Stenstrom | 04/23 | Jan Knackendoffel |
| 04/08 | Steve Lockhart | 04/24 | Mike Shol |
| 04/08 | Carri Thompson | 04/25 | Charles Ebbighausen |
| 04/09 | Emily Schlepp | 04/25 | Vaughn Ebbighausen |
| 04/10 | Lily Sundheim | 04/25 | Brett Garrahan |
| 04/12 | Kai Ebert | 04/26 | Sheila Rodning |
| 04/12 | Paul Eckhoff | 04/26 | Duane Tabbut |
| 04/12 | Al Seltz | 04/26 | Ed Morgan |
| 04/13 | Preston Weinrich | 04/27 | Jaden Brown |
| 04/14 | Shane Garrahan | 04/28 | Millie Pearson |
| 04/14 | Anders Anthon-isen-Brown | 04/29 | Carson Barry |
| 04/16 | Abigail MacFarlane | 04/30 | Christa Beske |
| 04/16 | Brenda Iacono | 04/30 | Samuel Nelson |
| 04/19 | Reno Schierer | | |
| 04/21 | Deb Ferguson | | |

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