

August Worship

AUGUST 4 9:30a.m. Worship

TBA

Chaplin Dr. Elizabeth Mahan

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

AUGUST 11 9:30a.m. Worship

NINTH IN SERMON SERIES

ZEPHANIAH: Give Me a Sign!

Pastor Doug Dent

Zephaniah 3:14-20

AUGUST 18 9:30a.m. Worship

TENTH IN SERMON SERIES

HAGGAI: The Haggai Complaint

Pastor Doug Dent

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

AUGUST 25 9:30a.m. Worship

ELEVENTH IN SERMON SERIES

ZECHARIAH: Prisoners of Hope

Pastor Doug Dent

Zechariah 9:9-12

*Worship In The Park:
Blessing of the Animals*



Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Communion

Chaplin Elizabeth Mahan preaches

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Pastor Doug back from vacation

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00am Youth Help at the
Community Garden

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

Newsletter Deadline
6:30pm D&E Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

10am-3pm Federated Hosts
Presbytery Meeting of MN Valleys

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

1:00pm Coffee at Village Co-op

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:30am Worship in the Park and
Blessing of the Animals

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:00pm Game Night at Dent's for Youth

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Rally Day



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 Peter 4:10

This fall we will launch a congregational initiative: "Focusing on Discipleship." The idea started out as a stewardship theme for budget year 2020. Playing off the idea that 20/20 vision is perfect vision, the idea grew into a focus on our individual and corporate discipleship.

During our stewardship campaign this fall, I will preach on five spiritual practices of fruitful congregations (notice the acronym - FOCUS!):

Faithful Worship

Open-Hearted Generosity

Courageous Mission & Service

Unconditional Hospitality

Strategic Faith Development

The Deacons & Elders set goals in each of these areas. We call them "20-in-20," as these are the twenty goals we hope to achieve in the next twenty months (January 2020-May 2022).

Faithful Worship

- 20 new worship opportunities
- 20% increase in worship attendance
- 20% increase in praise band members

Open-Hearted Generosity

- 20 new pledges each year
- 20 increased pledges each year

Courageous Mission & Service

- "200 Club" recognizing members who provide 200 hours of community service
- 20 new mission participants
- 20 youth involved in mission projects

- 20 Boxes of Blessings each quarter
- 20 mission trip participants to House of Hope (Guatemala)

Unconditional Hospitality

- 20 intentional invites to Federated Church
- 20 new members
- 20 inactive members re-engaging
- 20 members at church workdays
- 20 people attending fellowship events

Strategic Faith Development

- 20 new kids in Sunday School
- 20 new kids in Kids' Club
- 20 new kids in VBS
- 20 Jr/Sr highs in weekly youth group
- 20 participants in Pastor Doug's "Breathing with God" faith development seminar

As the apostle Peter wrote (and I'm paraphrasing here), "Each of us can do something good with the gifts God gives us." Notice that some of these goals will be committee driven, but all these goals require total congregational participation.

The culmination of this initiative will be the 150th anniversary of Federated Church's ministry in this community (May 2022). Leading up to that event, let's focus on our discipleship and make a real difference in our community.

I'm very excited about this initiative. Stay tuned for more details...

- Pastor Doug



20 IN 20

FOCUSING ON DISCIPLESHIP



Community

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 July, we were able to help 10 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$600 for food and rent needs.

LOCAL
Mission

Federated Hosts M-State Football Team

Federated Church will host the M-State football team and coaching staff for dinner on Monday, August 12, 2019 (6-7:30 pm). New head coach Cory Miller is asking local churches to host these dinners to introduce players to members of the community and to the faith communities. Coach Miller also hopes to acquaint his players with the mission opportunities available in the area.

Would you like to be part of this event and welcome the M-State players? Table hosts are needed! If you would like to meet some of the young men on the M-State team and/or give a two-minute pitch for your favorite charity or mission project, please contact the church office. We expect to host 60-70 players and coaches.



Boxes of Blessings

During Vacation Bible School, our youth packed Boxes of Blessings for cancer patients in Fergus Falls. This ministry shows love and support to individuals battling cancer in our community. Each box contains items of comfort and necessity for cancer patients. Because of generous donations and volunteers, we were able to give 20 boxes to the cancer center this summer. Truly a blessing!





Some Highlights From Our Busy Summer:

- Several youth showed off their bowling abilities at the Northern Aire Bowling Alley!
- Ten thrill-seeking individuals from our senior high youth group and two brave adults spent a day at Valleyfair in June, enjoying rides and water fun!
- OVER 50 KIDS (throughout the week) learned about God's Peace during an EXCITING Vacation Bible School week!
- Ten older youth and several adult volunteers provided leadership along with Clearwater Forest Camp counselors during VBS!
- Our 6th grade-going-into-7th grade students had special opportunities to serve others within the Fergus Falls community through packing and delivering Boxes of Blessings for the Cancer Center (along with a tour), painting and setting out rocks with messages of hope and faith for others to find, and assisting church members with delivering Meals by Wheels. It was a GREAT time!!!



2019 Valleyfair trip

Upcoming Summer Events:

With some summer still to come we have a few more fellowship events planned for our youth group members:

- **Community Garden** morning August 14th at 9am



- **Game Night** (maybe with Airsoft!) at the Dent's August 28th at 6pm

Looking ahead to fall:

- **Senior High Youth** Group begins on September 4th
- **Kids Club** begins September 11th at 3:30pm. We will learn about the adventures of faith the followers of Jesus had AFTER He ascended into heaven that spread Christianity!
- **The confirmation parent/student meeting** is set for September 18th at 5:30 pm
- **Confirmation begins** on September 25th
- **The Confirmation Retreat** is set for October



Photos: Vacation Bible School





Church News

Pastor Doug's Vacation

Pastor Doug returns from vacation on August 7th.

Presbytery Meeting

Federated is hosting the Presbytery Meeting on Tuesday, August 20th for Presbyterian churches in our area. We need 6 more hosts to greet and direct people throughout the day. If we get enough hosts, we will break into a morning and an afternoon shift. Can you help? Great! Contact the church office at (218)739-3227 by August 15th.

Coffee Hour at the Village Co-op

Join us for coffee and fellowship at the Village Co-op on Wednesday, August 21st at 1pm. We would love to see you stop by for a visit!

Worship In The Park:

Blessing of the Animals

All pets are welcome to worship on August 25th! At 9:30am, we will worship at Roosevelt Park with dogs, cats, turtles, fish... for a special service. If weather is poor, we will return to Federated for our regular worship. Let's hope it only rains "cats and dogs" that Sunday!

Kids Club Snack and Supper

It won't be long before Kids Club starts up again in the fall. Every year, our wonderful volunteers bring snack and supper for the kids. If you would like to help, look for the sign-up sheets at worship. We will pass them around near the end of August. The first Kids Club is Wednesday, September 11th at 3:30pm.

Confirmation Snack

Confirmation begins in September! If you have a child in 7th-8th grade confirmation, please sign-up to bring a snack for the kids when they get off the bus. Sign-up sheets will be passed around during worship near the end of August.

Soup's On!

We are collecting tomatoes, squash and onions for soup making! Last year, youth sold homemade soup to raise money for their Guatemala mission trip. We would love make soup again! If you have garden veggies you would like to donate toward this project, please contact Karen at kmad@prtcl.com or the church office at (218)739-3227.



Fall Activities Timeline: Welcome Back!

Sr. High Youth Group: Wednesday, Sept 4th @7:30pm

Rally Day: Sunday, Sept 8th @9:30am

Kids Club Starts: Wednesday, Sept 11th @ 3:30pm

Sunday School: Sunday, Sept 15th @10:30am

Confirmation Meeting: Wednesday, Sept 18th @ 5:30pm

Confirmation Classes: Wednesday, Sept 25th @3:30pm for 7th-8th and 6:30pm for 9th

Confirmation Retreat: October Time TBA





Business as usual

Service Groups

August SERVICE GROUP

Group #13

Wes & Phyllis Binner
 Jona Brown
 Gail Green
 Jerry and Donna Hendel
 Russ and Renee Larsen
 Erika Mariotti
 Rick and Kitt Schara
 Clyde and Beth Schlepp
 Mike and Patty Shol
 Clayton and Terri Skretvedt

September SERVICE GROUP

Group #1

Mark and Lisa Becker
 Dennis and Jean Bowman
 Dennis and Lu Echelberger
 Jon and Thea Fransen
 Craig and Rebecca Jorgensen
 Wayne and Patti Link
 Yvonne Marts
 Mary Jones Olson
 Ann Porter
 Melissa Saurer
 Al and Connie Seltz

Ministry Nite:

August 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. Church committees do not meet in July.

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

AUGUST 2019

Sunday, August 4th

9:30am Clayton and Terri
 Skretvedt and Erika Mariotti

Sunday, August 11th

9:30am Mike and Patty Shol
 Russ and Renee Larsen

Sunday, August 18th

9:30am Rick and Kitt Schara
 Clyde and Beth Schlepp

Sunday, August 25th

9:30am Mission Committee for
 Worship In The Park

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.



Stewardship Report For June

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$32,060.00
Expenditures	\$69,918.00

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$149,585.00
Actual Received	\$151,753.00

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

May	\$2,570.92
June	\$3,781.36

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 needs. Please call 218-739-3227 or email church@federatedff.org

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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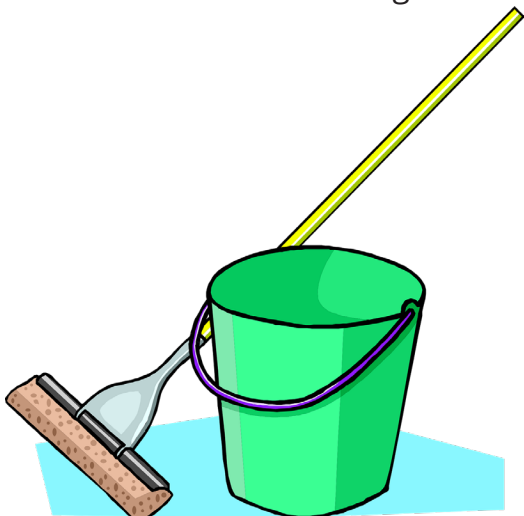
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Time sensitive information
Please deliver by August 1st

Thank you!

A huge Thank You to Pastor Doug, Jonathan Dent, Skip and Char Zielin, Steve Weinbar and Steve Lockhart for springing to action to assist Pete Konrad with the basement flood of 2019! We continue to assess long term damage but the quick response of these folks was greatly appreciated.

- Donna Hendel
Chair of The Board of Managers



August Birthdays

08/01	Rosemary Rundquist	08/16	Rachel Westra
08/03	Phyllis Behrends	08/17	Kathy Gilbert
08/03	Joel Dulski	08/18	Amanda Bopp
08/05	Barb Meder	08/18	Alexis Griego
08/05	Ashley Lien	08/20	Tyson Sperling
08/08	Jerry Hendel	08/20	Paul Shol
08/09	Vern Youngren	08/20	Darren Smith
08/10	Arthur Schlepp	08/22	Benjamin Kugler
08/11	William Kalar	08/23	Beverly Richter
08/12	Mary Pauline Haukos	08/23	Jane Nelson
08/12	Roger Nelson	08/24	Titus Christianson
08/12	Clayton Skretvedt	08/26	Jen Jensen
08/12	Bonnie Gondrez	08/26	Austin Barry
08/12	Gail Childs	08/27	Lynn Oxley
08/12	Mallory Skogen	08/27	Ryndel Vogel
08/12	Tayler Thompson-Eckhoff	08/27	Xyola Macheel
08/12		08/27	Easton Eckhoff
08/13	Joan Ebbighausen	08/28	Lisa Shol
08/13	Emma Runningen	08/28	Connor Youngren
08/13	Michael Styve	08/29	Connie Seltz
08/14	Kim Dean	08/29	Tessa Schierer
08/15	Kyle Garrahan	08/30	Renee Larsen
08/16	Virginia Adams	08/30	Kelsey Nygaard
08/16	Reggie Grecco	08/31	Emma Barry



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