

August Worship

Sunday, August 1	10:00am	Susan Clambey, Organist
<i>Worship at Federated</i>		
"We Are Food"		John 6:24-35
Pastor Doug Dent		<i>A Celebration of The Lord's Supper</i>
Sunday, August 8	10:00am	Blessing of The Animals
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
"How to Talk Like a Christian"		Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Pastor Doug Dent		
Sunday, August 15	10:00am	Pete Konrad
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
Sunday, August 22	10:00am	Liz Mahan
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		
Sunday, August 29	10:00am	John Lindholm
<i>Worship in Kirkbride Park</i>		



Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

COMMUNION
10:00AM WORSHIP AT FEDERATED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

6:30PM MINISTRY NITE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30PM SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB
AT FERGUS FALLS LIBRARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

D&E NOT MEETING

AUGUST 11 - SEPTEMBER 1

PASTOR DOUG ON VACATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

COMMUNION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 7 - 13

BRIANNA ON VACATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

RALLY DAY



My Grandfather used to joke: "I hate change! I prefer dollar bills." All joking aside, change is tough to take, and we have had more than our fair share of changes this past year with COVID-19.

Jean-Baptist Alphonse Karr penned the phrase "The more things change, the more they stay the same." The 2020-2021 version might be, "The more things change...the more things change!"

Bob Hostetler, a contributing editor for Guideposts magazine, wrote an article entitled "Embracing Change" (June/July 2021). In it, Bob says that change can be good or bad, fun or difficult, but it will always cause stress. He goes on to say that our response to change (how we handle the stress it causes) is what makes the change a positive or negative experience.

Bob asserts that if we can "embrace the new state of affairs, rather than resisting it, we become agents of change rather than its victims." He also offers four prayers for embracing change.

"The Lord is with you." Long ago, the young nation of Israel faced transformation. An angel appeared to a backcountry nobody named Gideon, who was hiding from Israel's enemies. Perhaps with a note of irony, the angel greets Gideon with these words: "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior" (Judges 6:12). That phrase, turned slightly from greeting into prayer, reminds us that even when we may not feel like mighty warriors, God is with us and (more importantly) *for us* during times of transition.

"With your help..." David faced daunting challenges: giants, murderous kings, a rebellious son, armed conflicts, family squabbles, a stubborn people to govern. In a verse per-

haps written after surviving King Saul's attacks, David sang, "With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can leap over a wall" (Psalm 18:29). This prayer encourages and strengthens us, a reminder that whether we survive or thrive in change, God supplies all we need.

"Let is be." What did a teenage peasant girl named Mary say when she learned that God had chosen her to give birth to the long-awaited Messiah? "I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Mary's humble acceptance was an act of great faith amid dramatic shifts for her – and the world. Her words suggest a powerful prayer: "Let it be to me according to your will." By treating change as a way to enlist in God's wise and loving purposes, we defuse apprehension and activate the miraculous.

"Make us bold." When Christians faced persecution during the first century, they did not pray for things to stay the same. They said, "Give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word" (Acts 4:29). They prayed for courage to meet what lay ahead. That is the spirit we need when we face changes...a spirit that does not shrink from change but instead embraces it, knowing that God can use us – and our shifting circumstances – come what may.

Change is constant. Inevitable. But with prayer, God – who never changes – can give us the grace to change and lead us into the future of God's choosing.

Be agents of change, trusting God to take you through it!
Pastor Doug





Community

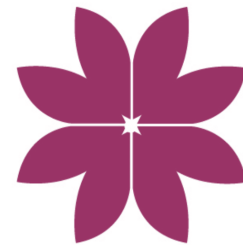
Local Mission

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!



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 22 boxes to the cancer center this summer. Truly a blessing!



Habitat 4 Humanity Federated Youth Workday

Federated youth ages 16+ are invited to help at the Habitat 4 Humanity build site (1337 Lenore Way, Fergus Falls) on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. We are hoping to get 6-8 youth for this Federated Church sponsored day. No experience needed, just a willingness to serve.

If interested or have questions, text Pastor Karen (218-205-4879) or Pastor Doug (218-205-5795) or Paul Shol (218-205-5739). Lunch will be provided at noon.

Youth under 18 must have a liability waiver signed by a parent or guardian. Youth 18+ may sign their own liability waiver. You can find both forms on the Habitat website: (<https://www.ffhabitat.org/construction-volunteer-waiver-form>). Please use the correct form and bring it with you the day of





We've had a good summer so far! Our children and youth programs are flourishing with fun activities and fellowship! What a blessing after the struggles of the previous summer.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School was a tremendous success, with over 40 participants between "campers" and "helpers". Each day we learned a new way in which we can participate in God's creation—through art, design, science, music, and gardening. Our craft/activity tied into the theme for the day and included: planting seeds, tie-dying shirts, making musical instruments, painting, and constructing kites. We learned new songs and had a great time outdoors playing games and even getting wet on the "water day!" Along with Char Zielin and Michelle Loomer, we had A LOT of dedicated student helpers to keep the week running smoothly. I can happily report that great memories were made during this busy week!

Middle School and High School Youth

Our middle school and high school youth groups have had several opportunities to connect throughout the summer, ranging from spontaneous gatherings in the park to evenings at Pebble Lake Beach, from meeting up for ice cream to game night at the Dent house. We are so thankful that we can be together again during the beautiful summer months!

Summer Camp

Many of our children and youth are taking the opportunity to attend summer camp this year and utilizing the camp scholarships provided by Federated Church. We look forward to hearing about their weeks!

As we look to the fall and the start of regular programming again, we want to highlight these dates:

Sunday, September 12th: Rally Day

Wednesday, September 15th: Kidz Club Kick-Off

Wednesday, September 15th: Confirmation Meeting

Wednesday, September 15th: Sr. High Youth Kick-Off

Friday, September 17th-19th: Confirmation Retreat at Clearwater Forest

Sunday, September 19th: Sunday School Kick-Off

We will have lots more details to share with you in our September newsletter. Letters and postcards about confirmation and children's fall programs will be arriving with information in the next few weeks!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our fall programming!

Christian Education and Youth





Photos: Vacation Bible School





Church News

Office Hours

The church office hours will remain the same in August. 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.

Church Softball

We would love to see lots of fans pack the stands on Tuesday nights. Let's cheer on our softball teams. Go Federated! Softball playoffs start on Tuesday, August 3rd.

Kitchen Freezer

If anyone has anything in the kitchen freezer you are welcome to come and get it by August 7th. The Kitchen Ladies are going to be cleaning out the freezer and defrosting it in a few weeks. If anything is bad it will get tossed. Thank you!

Blessing of the Animals

Pets are welcome to worship with us on August 8th, 10:00am, in Kirkbride Park for a special service. If weather is poor, we will return to Federated for our regular worship.

Pastor Doug and Brianna's Vacation

Pastor Doug is on vacation August 11th-31st. Pete Konrad will preach August 15th, Liz Mahan will preach August 22nd, and John Lindholm will preach on August 29th.

The church office is closed Monday, September 6th for Labor Day.

Brianna will be on vacation September 7th - 13th. If anyone can help out in the office 10am-2pm on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, and 9am-12pm on the 10th let Brianna know. Thank you!

Rally Day

Rally Day is set for Sunday, September 12th in Kirkbride Park! A picnic lunch will be served featuring pulled pork sandwiches and home-made baked beans. Activities for all ages are planned with prizes.

Worship in the Park All Summer

We will be worshipping at Kirkbride Park every Sunday from June 6th through September 12th (Rally Day). Here is what you need to know about worship in the park this summer:

- * Worship will be at 10:00AM.
- * If the weather is bad, worship will be at Federated Church.
- * Notice of any change will be by REMIND (to enroll, text @federated to 81010), email, Facebook, website.
- * Safety protocols still apply. Please stay 6-feet apart and wear masks if in close conversation.
- * Worship will be broadcast on 107.3 FM if you prefer to listen from your vehicle (within 1 mile).
- * Singing is permitted! We will provide song sheets each week.
- * Song sheets will also be posted on the church website (www.federatedff.org).
- * Online worship will be available after 1:00 PM on Sundays (no internet at the park!).
- * There will be fellowship time weekly after worship, alternating between lunches and pastries.

D&E

D&E will not be meeting in August. We will meet again on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30pm at Federated.



Communion Cups Available

We celebrate communion on the first Sunday each month. If you plan to worship from home, you may pick up prefilled communion cups at the church office between 10AM-2PM, Monday-Thursday or 9AM-12PM on Fridays. A gluten free option is available. Call Brianna (218-739-3227) to reserve your communion cups.

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).

Online Worship

To access federated Church’s online worship services, visit the church website (www.federatedff.org). There are three ways to retrieve worship videos:

1. Click the worship slide on the homepage.
2. Click the YouTube or Facebook icon at the bottom of the homepage.
3. Click the “Resources” tab (top right), click “Live Stream Worship,” and click a service to view.



Coffee Hour

Women’s Coffee Hour

Women’s coffee hour is on Tuesday’s in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.

Men’s Coffee Hour

Men’s coffee hour is on Friday’s in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.

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

Ministry Nite:

August 10 - 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.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$22,729
Expenditures	\$54,994

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$183,048
Actual Received	\$197,300

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

June/July	\$39,434.18
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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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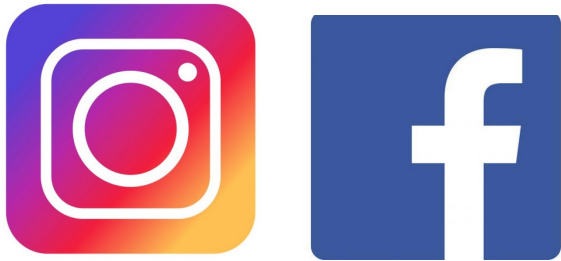
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If you would like to receive text updates from Federated Church, please **text the message @federated to the number 81010.**

August Birthdays

08/01	Rosemary Rundquist	08/26	Jen Jensen
08/03	Phyllis Behrends	08/27	Lynn Oxley
08/05	Barb Meder	08/27	Ryndel Vogel
08/05	Ashley Lien	08/27	Xyola Macheel
08/07	Natalie Fransen	08/27	Easton Eckhoff
08/07	Johanna Meder	08/28	Connor Youngren
08/08	Jerry Hendel	08/29	Connie Seltz
08/09	Vern Youngren	08/29	Tessa Schierer
08/10	Arthur Schlepp	08/30	Renee Larsen
08/11	William Kalar	08/31	Emma Barry
08/12	Roger Nelson		
08/12	Clayton Skretvedt		
08/12	Bonnie Gondrez		
08/12	Taylor Thompson-Eckhoff		
08/13	Joan Ebbighausen		
08/13	Emma Runningen		
08/14	Kim Dean		
08/16	Rachel Westra		
08/17	Kathy Gilbert		
08/20	Paul Shol		
08/20	Darren Smith		
08/22	Benjamin Kugler		
08/23	Beverly Richter		
08/23	Jane Nelson		
08/24	Titus Christianson		



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