

February Worship

FEBRUARY 3 9:30a.m. Worship	New Member Sunday
Side Hustle <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Luke 5 <i>Lord's Supper</i>
FEBRUARY 10 9:30a.m. Worship	HOH COMMISSIONING
Your Cheatin' Heart <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Jeremiah 17:5-10
FEBRUARY 17 9:30a.m. Worship	
TBA <i>Pastor John Lindholm</i>	
FEBRUARY 24 9:30a.m. Worship	
TBA <i>Pastor John Lindholm</i>	

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:30am Communion
NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

6:30pm Fellowship Committee Meets

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

10:30am Birthday Cake Sunday
10:45am Guatemala meeting for those going on the mission trip

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6:30pm D&E

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30pm Ministry Nite

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Youth leave for their Guatemala Mission Trip

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

No Kids or Youth activities

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:30pm Federated at Food Shelf

SUNDAY, MARCH 3



is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**



Time is running fast, and we are getting ready for this year's Lent and Easter season. Traditionally Lent is a time of repentance, renewal and restoration in our busy and hectic lives. It starts with our Ash Wednesday Service on March 6th (7 pm) and runs through Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019. During the six weeks in Lent, I encourage you to take time for self-reflection and self-care based on the timeless truths of the Bible. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, emphasized the practice of spiritual disciplines as ways to grow in Christian perfection which he defined as the love of God and neighbor.



In addition to your individual spiritual practice, I also invite you to our weekly Lenten Services & Suppers on Wednesday nights beginning at 5:30 PM. We are lining up speakers for our services and are pleased that Hollis Davenport, and Brian Jensen, and Becca Michael will be among those sharing their faith stories with us this year. The Mens' Club is busy preparing to serve the delicious meals we all love so much!

These Lenten services and suppers are one of my favorite traditions at Federated Church. Did you know we've been hosting these services and suppers for twenty-five years now? These services are an opportunity to learn more about one another and to support one another in our walk of faith. The suppers are a chance to connect, sharing Christian community as well as good food!

In these economically and politically challenging times, many people in and outside the church are struggling, looking for authentic community and a place to connect with God and people. Our Lenten services and suppers are a community building event as we encourage one another in our faith. They are also the perfect time to invite someone to experience Federated Church's hospitality. So please, bring your friends and neighbors and so we can share with them the love of Christ.

I very much hope to see you there. May our gracious God encourage and give you strength and hope for your Lenten journey.

Blessings, Pastor Doug

Doctoral Studies

The final push is on with a March 1st deadline looming! If I seem out of the office a little more than usual, forgive me! In order to finish on time, I need to devote some days this month to my thesis. Keep those prayers coming. All is not over on March 1st! I will spend the month of March preparing for my oral defense (April 2nd-4th), and then the month of April making any final edits requested by the professors.

Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, 2019 (3:00 PM) at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, MN. Many of you expressed interest in attending (which is very flattering and humbling - thank you!). If there is enough interest, we will reserve an Ottetail

Coach to do the driving. The cost will be just \$25 per person if we can fill the bus (50 people). The plan is to leave after worship (11:00 AM) and arrive at the church between 2-2:30 PM. The bus will stop for a meal somewhere on the way home later that day.

Please call Ada at the church office by May 1st if you would like a seat on the Graduation bus!





Save These Dates! We are gathering for coffee at Pioneer Care and at the Village Co-Op. We will meet at Pioneer in the Prayer Chapel Tuesday, Feb 5th @ 10:30am. We will meet at the Village Co-Op in the Community Room Tuesday, Feb 19th @ 1:30pm. Even if you do not live at either of these locations, you are welcome to join us!



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 January, we were able to help 14 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$1100.00 for food, rent and utilities.



Recipe: Baked Oatmeal

Several people have asked for the recipe for baked oatmeal following the Annual Meeting brunch. It's a favorite in our home! Enjoy!

BAKED OATMEAL Serves 8-10
Oven: 350 degrees
Bake time: 40 minutes

Ingredients:

- 3 cups thick-cut or regular cooking oats
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup heavy cream OR half-and-half
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- Additional cream or half-and-half

Directions:

- In a large bowl, combine the oats, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt. In a small bowl, combine the cream, butter, eggs, and vanilla. Stir into oat mixture until blended.
- Spoon into a greased 9-in square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until set. Serve warm with cream. Makes 8-10 servings.
- Can be made in advance and reheated for 20 minutes at 300 degrees.
- Good when made with raisins, craisins, or chunks of apples. Also delicious with fresh berries.

- Karen Dent





February is a fast-paced month at Federated! We have lots of things to highlight, so I'll get right to it!

Guatemala: Our 20-person Guatemala Mission Team will be heading out on February 16th and returning on February 23rd! Please keep all 13 youth and 7 adults in your prayers!

Wednesday Activities: THERE WILL BE NO KIDS OR YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th! Kids Club, Confirmation, and Senior High Youth Group will resume on FEBRUARY 27th!

Summer Camp: It is time for families to start thinking about summer camp! Sign-ups for camp on their websites is up and running for summer 2019. If you have ANY questions, please contact me at kmad@prtel.com.

Scholarships: With summer camp comes camp scholarships—the Federated Church is committed to helping kids get to camp. We have a long-standing scholarship fund that is accessed each year to partially fund a child's or youth's camp costs. Please find the scholarship forms by the church office. Deadline for applications is May 15th.

Seder Supper: We will be having a Federated Churchfamily Passover Seder service on April 18th in Fellowship Hall.

Senior Brunch: It seems like a long way off, but it's coming up fast! The Senior Brunch will be held on April 28th at 10:30 am after worship!!!

Youth News

After months of fundraising and working together as a team, our group of 13 eager youth and 7 brave adults will be leaving on February 16th for the House of Hope in Zacapa, Guatemala. We look forward to doing mission projects at the orphanage, installing stoves in village homes, worshipping with mountain churches, and getting time to play with the kids at HOH! Please keep us all in your prayers for safe travels, great weather, group cohesiveness, and mostly, for God to use us as we make this exciting journey in His name and with the commissioning of The Federated Church. May we have wonderful stories to share upon our return!

Kids Club

During the month of January, the Kids Club crew continued focusing on the early life of Jesus—the flight to Egypt after his birth, his dedication, his temple stay, and his baptism. In the month of February, we will continue learning more about Jesus' early ministry—his calling of the disciples, his conversation with Nicodemus, and other special points in his witness. There will be NO KIDS CLUB on February 20th. We will gather together again on February 27th.

Youth Groups

During Senior high youth group, we have been focusing on thought-provoking discussions about relationships—basically the good, the bad, and the unhealthy—and how we should respond to them as people of faith. Some of the topics we've been delving into include: What does an abusive relationship look like? What do HEALTHY relationships look like? How does God want us to show His love to those around us through our relationships, whether they are friendships, love relationships, sibling relationships, other family relationships, etc? These youth are so inquisitive, and all seem to have the ability to integrate their faith with the issue at hand.

Our middle school youth—in grades 7th and 8th, will be done with confirmation after February 6th. As we have done in the past few years, **we will be starting a Middle school youth group on February 13th** (with February 20th off for the Guatemala trip!) and plan to run it through the second week in May. We meet for snack after school on Wednesdays and then have time for games and fellowship, ending at 5:30 pm. These kids had such a fun time on the retreat this fall, so relationship-building will be paramount to our time together! I hope you will all plan to be a part of this group—it is a good time to get away from the "academics" of confirmation and have fun learning and fellowshiping with one another! More details will follow in confirmation class.



Church News

Wednesday Activities

Remember, Kids Club, Confirmation and Sr High Youth Group do not meet Wednesday, Feb 20th. Pastor Doug and Karen will be in Guatemala with the youth on a mission trip.

Sunday Morning Bible study

There will be no Sunday morning Bible study in February. Pastor Doug is in a scramble to finish his dissertation by March 1st. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Women's Bible Study

Our women's Bible study will continue going through the book of Revelation during the month of February, while taking February 19th off due to the Guatemala mission trip. It is such wonderful group of women seeking God's wisdom through His word and each other, our time together is one of growth and encouragement. Once we finish Revelation we hope to tackle a new book of the Bible—perhaps one less challenging!

February Meetings

Please notice the change in meeting times for the month of February. The Fellowship Committee will NOT meet during Ministry Nite. Instead, Fellowship will meet Feb 5th at 6:30pm. D&E will meet MONDAY, Feb 11th at 6:30pm and Ministry Nite will meet Tuesday, Feb 12th at 6:30pm.

Birthday Cake Sunday

On Sunday, February 10th, we are celebrating everyone's Birthday! During fellowship hour, we will have a cake for each month of the year. You will enjoy cake with other's born in your birthday month. Want to bring a cake for a month? Sign-up sheets will be available in the fellowship hall and in the narthex.



Baby Shower

Federated Church is invited to an open house baby shower Saturday, Feb 9th at 2pm for Melissa Loomer and baby Jackson Michael. Kathy Gilbert is hosting the shower at her home (721 West Cedar Ave FF). Instead of bringing a card, please bring a book with a special message for Mom and Baby. Jackson is registered at Target and Amazon.com. He needs clothing sizes 9 months and up. Come meet Jackson!

Family Fun Night

Don't miss out on this fellowship event for all ages! Everyone is invited for a night of fun and games Saturday, March 2nd 6-9pm. We will play board games, card games and BINGO. Prizes will be awarded each round of BINGO. The fellowship committee is providing pizza, snacks and refreshments so come hungry! *(We ask that parents please accompany their children. Thank you!)*

Thank You

Dear Federated:
These last months have been a difficult time for our family. Through all of the ups and downs we have felt so much kindness and support from you. Please know that: every kind word was heard; each meal was enjoyed; every card was read; and each prayer was an encouragement. The ongoing support has meant so much, and we are very grateful. Thank you!!!
-Marna, Erik, Anders & Siri Anthonisen Brown

Congratulations To

Pete Konrad, who is the new Chaplin for the Otter Tail County Jail!

Our Condolences To

- Family and Friends of Winnie Clambey who died on January 9, 2019
- Family and Friends of Bob Johnson who died on January 15, 2019
- Mark Sundberg on the death of his sister



Letter

To my friends at Federated,

As I leave my post with the Choir, I'd like to share some thoughts with you.

I feel very fortunate to have been a part of a wonderful group of artists in this church. To be able to work with so much talent, and such willingness to share that talent, has been a huge blessing. These voices include excellent readers, wonderful soloists. (I think every single one could do solo work, and yet they come together as a balanced, blended choir). Part of the reason they respond so beautifully is because of Gloria's accompaniment skills at the piano. She's been my "right hand" all these years and has brought out the best in the choir.

Doris and I had fun putting the choir and the bell choir together when we had our "Ring & Sing" concerts. We are fortunate to have the set of 5 octave bells and chimes that she has worked so hard to acquire. I also appreciate the organ work of Carol, who has accompanied

the choir at times, keeps our hymns fresh and interesting and delights us with her wonderful "piano pieces" at the organ.

I would also like to acknowledge the blessing it has been to work with Pastor Doug. He's always open to new ideas and has given me free reign to "do my thing." I will miss our sharing times.

I thank all of you for your well-wishes, for the acknowledgment of my service and for the generosity in acquiring our new hymnals—the only downside is that Doug will have to learn all new hymn #'s!). This has been the joy of my later life. I loved directing, but I also know there is a time and place for everything. I am very happy to turn my responsibilities over to Brian Jensen. While what he is taking on is huge, I believe he'll do a wonderful job and bring our music program to a new level. We are a forward looking church and I'm excited to see what we do next.

-Karen Hauck

Photo: Boxes of Blessings



Youth pack 25 Boxes of Blessings for the Fergus Falls Cancer Center.



Business as usual



Service Groups

February SERVICE GROUP Group #7

Mark and Tami Anderson
 Jim and Robin Andrews
 Erik Anthonisen and
 Marna Brown
 Dennis and Bonnie Bergerud
 Norma Loomer
 Chuck and Linda MacFarlane
 John and Eunice MacFarlane
 Jay and Cindy McDougall
 Roger and Jane Nelson
 Jo Schmidt

March SERVICE GROUP Group #8

Brent and Tara Barry
 Karen Hauck
 Cindy Holte
 Nathan and Stephanie Hoff
 Love Ell Hultin
 Karen Johnson
 Ross and Lisa Johnson
 Pam Phillips
 Jeff and Emily Sivertson
 Gerry and Anne Worner
 Vern and Joyce Younger

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday, February 3rd

9:30am Mark and Tami Anderson
 Erik Anthonisen and Marna Brown

Sunday, February 10th

9:30am **Greeting Only** John and
 Eunice MacFarlane and Chuck and
 Linda MacFarlane

Sunday, February 17th

9:30am Jim and Robin Andrews
 Norma Loomer

Sunday, February 24th

9:30am Roger and Jane Nelson
 Dennis and Bonnie Bergerud



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.



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:

February 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.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$44,643.46
Expenditures	\$44,799.79

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$330,000.00
Actual Received	\$341,993.39

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

December	\$8,572.68
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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.





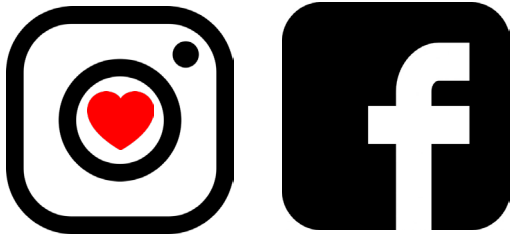
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Important Reminders:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS SET FOR JUNE 24-29!! Mark your calendars NOW! Looking forward to the Fall Confirmation Retreat set for October 4th-6th at Clearwater Forest!
-Karen



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February Birthdays

02/01	Ella Childs	02/12	Alicia Paulzine
02/02	Robin Andrews	02/14	Doug Dent
02/03	Donna Hendel	02/14	Jon Frasen
02/03	Karen Orcutt	02/16	Brennan Olson
02/03	Jona Brown	02/18	Carol Bopp
02/03	Robert Stout	02/18	Finn Christianson
02/04	Norma Loomer	02/19	LoveEll Hultin
02/04	Anna Sundheim	02/19	Marjan Schuetze
02/05	Olivia Jensen	02/20	Shana Johnson
02/06	Tanya Westra	02/21	Barb Flom
02/08	Patty Lindholm	02/22	Bruce Bopp
02/08	Ida Gustafson	02/22	William Johnson
02/09	Lee Syverson	02/24	Madilyn Michael
02/10	Luke Collins	02/25	Marsha Sperling
02/10	Kurt Johnson	02/27	Benjamin Schierer
02/10	Andrew Link	02/27	William Nuss
02/11	Kitt Schara	02/28	Gary Nelson
02/12	Greg Truax	02/28	Mark Thompson
		02/29	Ruby Schmidt

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