

## June/July Worship

Date	Preacher
June 3 (In the Park)	Rev Dr. C. Edward Morgan
June 10	Rev. Dr. Nate Oldenkamp
June 17	Steve Austvold
June 24	Rev. Rodney Venberg
July 1	Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Mahan
July 8	Rev. Karen Anderson-Dent
July 15	Rev Karen Anderson-Dent
July 22	Rev. Rodney Venberg
July 29	Maryjane Westra



## Dates to Remember

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**  
7:30am Lake Region Run

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**  
9:30am Worship In The Park

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12**  
6:30pm Ministry Nite

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13**  
4:00pm Guatemala 2019 Mission  
Trip Fundraiser at Union Pizza

**MONDAY, JUNE 25**  
9:00am VBS Starts

**FRIDAY, JUNE 29**  
9:00am VBS Ends

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11**  
3:00pm Youth Lake Day at Michelle  
Loomer's for Jr and Sr High

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 18**  
9:00am Youth Help at Community  
Garden for Jr and Sr High

**TUESDAY, JULY 24**  
4:30pm Committee Engagement



*I do not cease to give thanks for you,  
remembering you in my prayers...*

Ephesians 1:16

As you read this, I am beginning my sabbatical time. First let me say, "Thank you!" It is truly a gift and a privilege to have this time to concentrate on writing my thesis. I am grateful for the continued support this faith family shows to me and my family.

Second, let's get together! I've rented an office for the summer, so you may see me downtown or at a coffee shop. I expect to be at church softball games, at lunch during VBS, riding my bike, and fishing on area lakes. Let's have coffee or lunch! Let's catch some fish! Let's covenant to spend some quality time in fellowship this summer.

Third, although the terms of the sabbatical time do not allow me to worship at Federated this summer, there

is an exciting lineup of guest preachers and musicians on deck to lead worship! It will be strange not to worship with you this summer, but I will be taking this opportunity to experience worship at some of our sister congregations around town. Please remember to check in with the faith family occasionally this summer. Federated is open for worship every Sunday!

Fourth, out of sight does not mean out of mind. As the apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesian Christians, I never cease to give thanks for you and to pray for the success of your ministries. I hope you will pray for me, just as surely as I will be praying for all of you. Have a great summer!

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

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## Connect with Federated



If you would like to receive text updates from Federated Church, please **text the message @federated to the number 81010**.

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## 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 May we were able to help 28 families or individuals through the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$2,019.25 for food cards, rent and utilities.



# Pastoral Care *(Rebekah Meder)*

## Box of Blessings

Together we can cope, together we can hope. Twenty Boxes were neatly filled by youth, wrapped and delivered to the Cancer Center across town in May. Those receiving treatments are given a box that is stuffed with items they need and items they don't know that they will need. This list of needed items for the boxes was compiled by a nurse and a chaplain from the hospital. Items included in the box are: lip balm, cough drops, hard candy, chewing gum, back scratcher, non-scented lotion, Aquaphor healing ointment, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, thermometer, notepad & pen, game book, socks, pocket calendar, Federated reusable water bottle and ear buds. When the boxes were delivered we were told that they are GREATLY appreciated and needed. Ten beautiful prayer shawls were also gifted to the center. Thank you to the ladies who have given of their time and knitting skills to share in the prayer shawl ministry. These boxes truly are a blessing!

## Sunday School

If you ever need a smile, stop by the youth room the first Sunday of the month and you'll find a space bustling with little children excited to learn about Christ

and to be with their Federated Friends. You'll also find parents eager to help their children learn the Word, singing song of praise, playing games and working on a project to take home. This group that meets once a month typically has 10-15 little ones that range in age from birth-5 years old. Their lessons this year have been on Zacchaeus, Jonah, prayer, the Christmas story, David and Goliath and love. Their favorite song is Ho, Ho, Ho Hosanna, He, He, He, He saved me, Ha, Ha, Ha, Hallelujah, I've got joy of the Lord! This group has been led by Steve and Carri Thompson the last two years and will start back up again in the fall.



## Heritage Grants- Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee is authorized by the Board of Deacons and Elders to offer up to \$10,000 for 2018-2019 in Heritage Grants from the income earned on our unrestricted endowment funds.

### Purpose

The members of Federated Church honor the gifts and bequests of those who have gone before us by dedicating the spirit and income of the endowment to the mission and needs of our church, our community and our world.

### Who is Eligible?

- D&E
- Committees of Federated Church
- Church committee or Task Force
- Ministerial or Professional Staff Members
- A Group, Agency or Charity not affiliated with Federated Church but sponsored by those listed above.

### Goals

Requested funds should be used to advance the presence and mission of the church in the lives of people locally, nationally and globally.

Fund should also be designated for major, long-term, recurring and or special projects and ministries like maintenance and construction within our church, support for

those in need in our community or support of those globally requiring education, nutrition, spiritual growth...

### Selecting Requests

Requests must meet the goals listed above.

In any given year, distributions will be made to no more than six distinct ministries at least two-thirds of which shall serve the local community.

Preference will be given to proposals seeking to involve the congregation in the ministry and that will significant impact.

Requests must be submitted by August 31, 2018.

Please check for mailings for future information.





# Christian Education and Youth Rev. Karen Anderson

Greetings and hallelujah! Summer is here! The 2017-2018 “school year” went quickly with so many activities for our children and youth! And it is only appropriate to take a minute to give thanks for all the help that went into this year!

## Sunday school teachers/Kids Club

**assistants:** With Kids Club and Sunday school finally at a close this year, I need to take a moment to shout out a loud THANK YOU to our volunteer teachers and adult helpers for these vital ministries! Steve and Carri Thompson, Jona Brown, Madalyn Dent, Karen Bush, Lu Echelberger, Terry Harrington, Colleen Kennedy, Renee Larsen, Ryndel Vogel, and Char Zielin, we COULD NOT DO THESE MINISTRIES WITHOUT YOU! God’s blessings to each of you this summer and beyond! And we hope to see you all back this fall!

## Guatemala Youth Fundraiser at Union

**Pizza!** On Wednesday, June 13th from 4:00 to 9:00 we will be working at Union Pizza to raise money toward our February 2019 trip to Guatemala! Tell your friends and neighbors and make a plan to support our youth at this great food establishment!

**Vacation Bible School:** VBS is almost upon us—the week of June 25th through the 29th. It is scheduled a few weeks earlier than previous years, due to the camp’s re-vamped calendar. This may provide more kids from Federated the opportunity to “catch the camp bug” and sign up for a week of camp after meeting the counselors and experiencing a simulated “camp week”! This summer we also have a special treat for everyone—several of our high school youth going on the trip to Guatemala will be providing leadership alongside the Clearwater Forest counselors! We are so lucky to have such an energetic, caring, and talented group of individuals to work with us!



**Youth Group News:** We had a great year of intelligent, faith-based discussions and fun memories! With the school year over, now is the time to make some more great fellowship memories! We have youth activities planned during the summer months, starting right away in June:

June 13th (Wed.)	4:00-9:00	Help @ Union Pizza
June 20th (Wed.)	TBD	Valley Fair?
June 25th-29th	9:00-3:00	VBS
July 11th (Wed.)	3:00-6:00	Lake day Michelle L.
July 18th (Wed.)	9:00-12:00	Community Garden
Aug. 15th (Wed.)	6:00-9:00	Game night @ Dent's
Aug. 22nd (Wed.)	7:00-10:00	Bonfire at Sadie's
Sept. 5th (Wed.)	5:00-8:00	Pool Party Skretvedt's

All activities are open to youth ending their 7th grade year thru 12th grade. Feel free to come to one or all of our activities! If you have any questions, please contact Karen at kmad@prtel.com or 218-205-4879. Schedules have been sent to homes regarding more details about these events!

**We also hope to have a few “last minute” gatherings at our home—in which case we will alert people within a few days by text, email and Facebook.**

**Camp scholarships:** Just a reminder that camp scholarships are STILL available! If your child is planning to attend a Christian camp this summer, Federated church offers scholarships toward the cost of the tuition. Applications are available outside the church office.

**Sunday school teachers for fall:** We have an exciting challenge to address concerning Sunday school! It looks like we may have a LARGE Kindergarten-age class beginning this fall! And coupled with the kids we already have in attendance, we are in need of starting up a new 3rd-4th grade class as well. The opportunity to teach Sunday school DOES NOT REQUIRE a great fore-knowledge of the Bible! *(Article continues on page 5)*



*(Christian Education and Youth Continued)*

If you can read, you can teach! Most people who begin to teach our kids on Sunday mornings find that, even though they felt “inadequate” at first, they learn more than they ever thought possible about the Bible and their own faith! We will continue to use the format we have been using the past few years, with this year’s focus being primarily on the life of Jesus and the New Testament. With some new faces added to the teachers this fall, we plan to have a teacher training session and information-sharing time in late summer.



## Dates to put on calendar NOW for fall:

**Sunday, Sep 9th** Rally Day

**Wednesday, Sep 12th**

Kids Club/Senior High Youth Group Begins

**Sunday, Sep 16th** Sunday School Begins

**Wednesday, Sep 19th**

Confirmation Info Meeting

**Friday, Sept 21st-Sunday the 23rd**

Confirmation Retreat Weekend

**Wednesday, Sep 26th**

Confirmation Classes Begin

## Church News...

### Church Softball

We would love to see lots of fans pack the stands on Monday nights. Let’s cheer on our softball team. Go Federated! To see the schedule check the bulletin boards.

### Summer Hours

The church office will be open 10am-2pm starting in June.

### Summer Worship

We will be worshipping together in Roosevelt Park June 3rd and August 26th (Blessing of the Animals) at 9:30am. Please bring your own chair if you are able. Thank you!

### Habitat 500

On Sunday, June 10th, Paul Shol and Stan Carignan will speak during Federated’s Coffee hour about the Habitat 500. The seven day bike ride will cover 500 miles through Minnesota to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. This year, the ride will be coming through Fergus Falls! Updates on this event to come!

### Guatemala 2019 Fundraiser

The Guatemala Mission Team for 2019 is having a fundraiser at Union Pizza Wednesday, June 13th from 4pm-10pm.



### Noisy offering update

Our first “Noisy offering” was a clanking success! We raised \$119.64 to go towards stoves for Guatemalan families! For the next several months, we will continue to collect this fun offering of change and small bills during worship at the first Sunday of each month! Thank you to all who contributed!

### Stewardship Committee Letter

The Stewardship Committee is making plans for the Fall Stewardship Campaign. Our theme will again be “Generations Of Generosity”. Trying to meet the Annual Budget is our on-going goal. All of the committees and other areas of the church will turn in their budgets for the following year at the end of summer. Our task will be to reach out to the Congregation to help us meet these goals. Some of our members will be sharing their talents in videos that you won’t want to miss! We are confident that what they share will warm your heart and encourage your support of our wonderful church





# Bible Studies and Community Groups

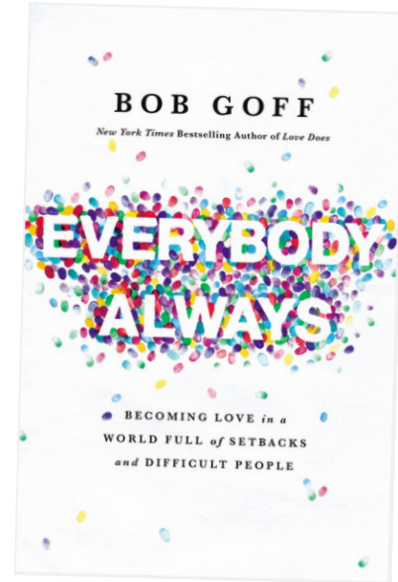
## Community Book Read

Join the community this summer in reading *Everybody Always* by Bob Goff.

What happens when we stop worrying about a challenging world full of difficult people and instead simply love everybody? In the highly-anticipated follow-up to the bestselling phenomenon *Love Does*, Bob Goff takes readers on an entertaining, life-altering journey into the secret of living without fear, care, constraint, or worry.

## Women's Bible Study

Pastor Karen is planning to run a women's Bible study during the months of June and July, beginning on June 5th and going through July 17th. We will meet on Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the narthex. We plan to study the Book of James.



## Kid's and Youth Highlights





# Business as usual

## Service Group

### JUNE SERVICE GROUP

#### Group #1

Mark and Tami Anderson  
 Jim and Robin Andrews  
 Erik Anthonisen and Marna Brown  
 Dennis and Bonnie Bergerud  
 J. Pat and Tami Collins  
 Jeff and Jo Kohlhasse  
 Norma Loomer  
 John and Eunice MacFarlane  
 Erika Mariotti  
 Jay and Cindy McDougall  
 Chad and Elizabeth Nelson  
 Roger and Jane Nelson  
 Jerry and Jodie Nuss  
 Clayton and Terri Skretvedt  
 Jake and Leslie Wendland

### JULY 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

## Greeters and Coffee Hosts

### JUNE 2018

#### Sunday, June 3rd

##### Worship In The Park

Mission Committee

#### Sunday, June 10th

9:30am Erika Mariotti and  
 Clayton and Terri Skretvedt

#### Sunday, June 17th

9:30am Chad and Elizabeth Nelson  
 and David and Mary Lundeen

#### Sunday, June 24th

9:30am Roger and Jane Nelson and  
 Erik Anthonisen and Marna Brown

### JULY 2018

#### Sunday, July 1st

9:30am Jacob and Karoline  
 Gustafson and Kim and Martin  
 Anderson

#### Sunday, July 8th

9:30am Doug and Barb Becker and  
 Darren and Erin Smith

#### Sunday, July 15th

9:30am Phil and Lori Kugler  
 and Jerry and Donna Hendel

#### Sunday, July 22nd

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

#### Sunday, July 29th

9:30am Ken and Marjan Scheutze  
 and Jerry and Nancy Bogen

**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.

## Ministry Nite:

### June 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.**

## Stewardship Report

### General Fund Report

Revenue	\$26,005
Expenditures	\$29,225

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$85,016
Actual Received	\$95,753

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

#### Sunmart

April	\$480.00
Total as of 5/1/18	\$84,009.00

#### Service Food

April	\$1,861.56
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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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## June Birthdays

06/01	Jerry Nuss	06/16	Nancy Malchert
06/02	Bob Johnson	06/16	James Michael
06/02	Cindy McDougall	06/17	Peg Werner
06/03	Gary Snyder	06/18	Kristen Kugler
06/03	Ken Garrahan	06/18	Kathy Hatling
06/04	Shane Harthun	06/19	Valerie Haavig
06/04	Ayla Hoff	06/19	Marianne Stone
06/05	Matyas Sundheim	06/20	John Erickson
06/05	Jackie Gondrez	06/22	Colin Dethlefsen
06/05	Harrison Saurer	06/24	David Nelson
06/05	Jordan Salgat	06/24	Jim Andrews
06/06	Maryjane Westra	06/25	Lois Tassler
06/07	Loran Johnson	06/25	Melissa Saurer
06/07	Eunice MacFarlane	06/25	Elizabeth Hatling
06/09	Deb Tabbut	06/28	Yvonne Marts
06/10	Kindree Ebert	06/28	Hannah Nelson
06/10	Clyde Schlepp	06/30	Lisa Anderson
06/10	Dustin Lien	06/30	Erik Anthonisen
06/10	Delaney Schara		
06/12	Bonnie Bergerud		
06/12	Danielle Anderson		
06/12	Anna Schlepp		



## July Birthdays

07/02	Jodie Nuss	07/18	Kenneth Anderson
07/03	Leila Alen-Ugstad	07/18	Mary Link
07/03	Cameron Haas	07/19	Ruth Anderson
07/03	Rebecca Michael	07/19	Stephanie Kohlase
07/03	Joan Schmidt	07/19	Bill Rodning
07/05	Jeanette Haas	07/21	Gloria Ronning
07/05	Mary Westra	07/21	Sarah Bowman
07/05	Vanessa Westra	07/23	Hayden Westra
07/05	Ben Dulski	07/24	Kim Erickson
07/07	Anne Worner	07/26	Joanne Styve
07/09	Lori Kugler	07/26	Piper Andrews
07/09	Emma Childs	07/27	Dominic Facio
07/09	Emily Stoddard	07/27	Alan Haavig
07/09	Benjamin Rundquist	07/27	Nicole Tabbut
07/10	Jean McKenzie	07/28	Linda MacFarlane
07/11	Joel Enderson	07/28	Tina Jo Kohlase
07/11	Charles MacFarlane	07/29	Adam Schlepp
07/11	Emma Michael	07/30	Wally Moe
07/11	Emily Nuss	07/30	Wayne Ronning
07/13	Tom Gehring	07/30	Mark Becker
07/13	Fiona Rundquist	07/31	Ken Schuetze
07/15	Jozee Lee	07/31	Kym Nygaard
07/16	Patty Link	07/31	Lorna McCabe



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