

March Worship

MARCH 3 9:30a.m. Worship	CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
What's in a Name <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Isaiah 43 <i>Lord's Supper</i>
MARCH 6 7:00p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
G.O.D <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Psalms 91
MARCH 10 9:30a.m. Worship	
The Moon-Shot Effect <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Luke 9
MARCH 17 9:30a.m. Worship	
The Legacy of St. Patrick <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Acts 16
MARCH 24 9:30a.m. Worship	
Bad Credit? Okay! <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Isaiah 55
MARCH 31 9:30a.m. Worship	
The Unhelp of the Lord <i>Pastor Doug Dent</i>	Luke 15



Dates to Remember

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

6:00pm Federated Fun Night

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

9:30am Confirmation Sunday and Communion

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Daylight Savings Time Begins

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

5:30pm Lenten Services Start

6:00pm Lenten Suppers Start

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

6:30pm D&E Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

12:30pm Federated at the Food Shelf

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

10:30am Softball Pancake Breakfast



Pastor's Pen

Pastor Doug Dent

On the TV show, M.A.S.H, Father Mulcahy says to Klinger, "I thought you were an atheist."

Klinger replies, "I gave it up for Lent."

The Lenten season often gets a bad wrap! There is an old Dutch saying, "He's as welcome here as the first day of Lent." Lenten services have somber music, dark sentiments, and little humor. Lent is a season for sober reflection on our sinfulness in the face of God's graciousness. And in some traditions, Lent is a time to give up something we love to show our greater love for God.

But Lent need not be cast as such a gloomy time. This is the time of year when the days are growing longer, when light is increasing and reaching into corners long dark. It's the time of year when flower bulbs beneath the frozen earth are stirring themselves to new growth, new life. And once we get to Easter, it's just a few short weeks until fishing opener!

This year, instead of depriving yourself of something or trudging through Lent with a heavy heart, why not enrich yourself?

- Try saying the Prayer of St. Patrick each morning for forty days? (You can Google it.)
- Read the daily lectionary for forty days or find a Lenten Devotion (there are many options online).

• Check out the new daily prayer i-phone app from the PCUSA at www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/devotions/.

• How about giving yourself twenty whole minutes of uninterrupted silence at the beginning or the close of each day for forty days? (Ok, how about ten minutes!)

• If you choose to give something up during Lent, how about giving up guilt, blame, grudges, bad habits, gossip, or any technology that makes you less present to those who love you?

• How about giving up the price of a cup of coffee each day for the forty days of Lent and sending the money to a charity of your choice?

Lent begins on March 6th with a service of ashes in the sanctuary (7PM). Each Wednesday in Lent, we will hold our Lenten Services and Suppers (5:30 PM) and a member of our faith family will share his or her faith journey.

I hope you'll take up some joyful practice this Lenten season.

I look forward to making this journey toward Easter with you.

Lenten blessings,

Pastor Doug

Lenten & Easter Services

March 6	Ash Wednesday (7:00 PM)
March 13	Wednesday Service and Supper (5:30 PM) - Hollis Davenport
March 20	Wednesday Service and Supper (5:30 PM) - Brian Jensen
March 27	Wednesday Service and Supper (5:30 PM) - Becca Michael
April 3	Wednesday Service and Supper (5:30 PM) - Mary Ann Nead
April 10	Wednesday Service and Supper (5:30 PM) - Rebekah Meder
April 14	Palm Sunday (9:30 AM)
April 18	Maundy Thursday/Seder Supper (7:00 PM)
April 19	Good Friday (7:00 PM)
April 21	Easter Sunday (9:30 AM)



Graduation Bus

Pastor Doug's 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. If there is enough interest, we will reserve an Otter Tail 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!

Local Mission

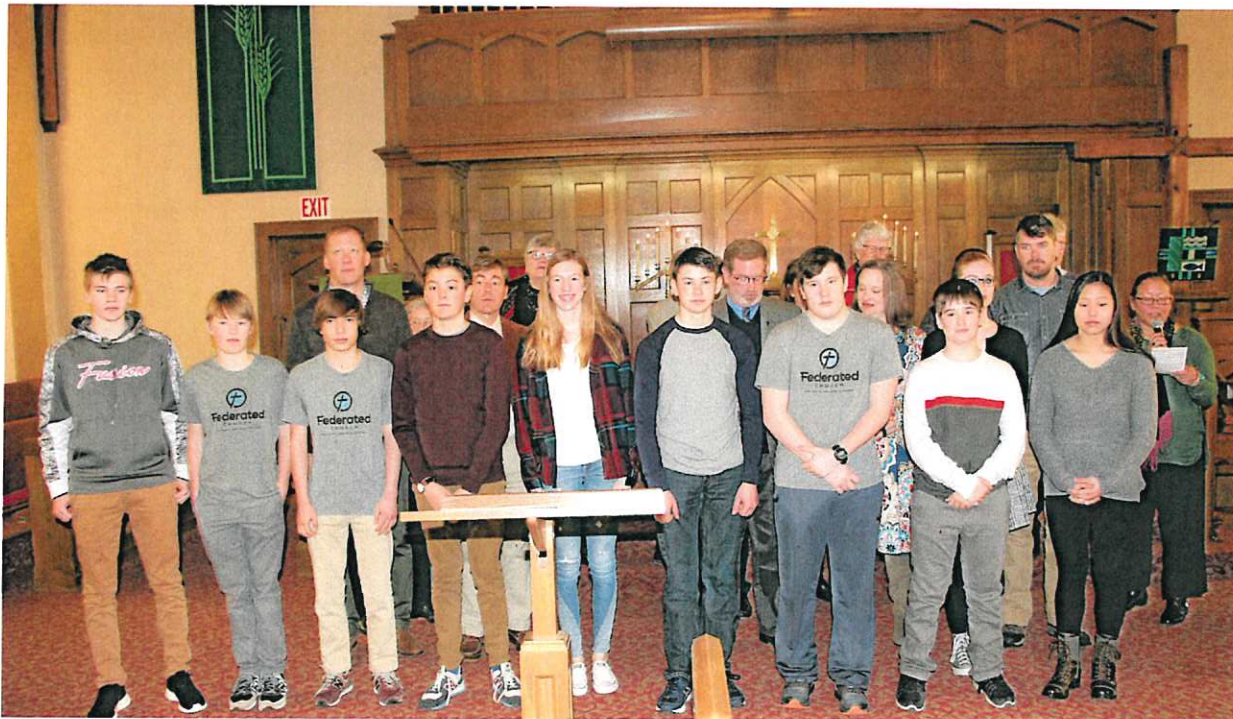
Thank you for your continued generosity with the Local Mission Fund! Those who are helped by this fund are extremely grateful for the extra support they receive during tough times. According to our policy, we are able to help each family or individual three times during a 12 month period, with up to \$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 February, we were able to help 2 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$200.00 for rent.

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Guatemala Mission Trip



More stories and photos from the trip to come. Please check Facebook Instagram, the Monday Memo and next month's Newsletter for updates.

House of Hope Commissioning for our Guatemala Mission Team. The team was gone from Feb 16th-24th.



Kids Club

Kids Club had a great first session for the 2019 year! We dove into several stories about the early life and ministry of Jesus, continuing with our "Year of Jesus" theme.

Topics we covered include: Jesus' (and his parents!) flight to Egypt soon after his birth, Jesus' dedication in the temple, his "stay-over" at age 12 in the Jerusalem temple, his baptism, the call of his disciples, and his conversation with Nicodemus.

During our upcoming session, beginning February 27th and going through the end of April, we will learn about the "I AM" statements of Jesus from John's Gospel. One big highlight for our spring session is that Pastor Doug will be coming to help out each week! It is one of his favorite times of the year! Be sure to join us!

Youth

Jr. High Youth Group

Now that confirmation is over until Fall 2019, Jr. High Youth group begins! Our session runs from February 27th through the first week of May. We will meet 3:30-5:30pm, with snacks, gym, and then, instead of confirmation class we will do "youth group" things! Be sure to come for fun and fellowship as we spend time getting to know one another and begin to make fun church memories! During the SUMMER MONTHS, we will have special events, usually on Wednesdays. Look in the mail by mid-April for our tentative summer schedule and permission slips covering off-site events!

Upcoming Dates

Confirmation Sunday is March 3rd at 9:30am.

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

Camp 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 have a Federated Church family Passover Seder service on April 18th in the Fellowship Hall.

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

VBS: As we look ahead, Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 24th-28th. We meet every day from 9am-3pm.



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Church News

Federated FUN Night

Don't miss out on this FREE 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!)

Lenten and Easter Services

Lenten services are Wednesday, March 13th, March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd and April 10th at 5:30pm at Federated Church. Supper follows the services at 6:00pm. Please see page 2 for more service details.

Daylight Savings time begins Sunday, March 17th. Spring Ahead!

Doctoral Studies

I submitted my thesis, "Breathing with God: Inhaling God's Spirit, Exhaling God's Reign," on March 1st! It's a wonderful feeling to have that challenge completed. But it's not over yet. I will defend my thesis before the faculty during the first week of April 2019. They may yet send it back for changes. Keep the prayers coming! -Pastor Doug

Join us for Coffee and Fellowship at the Village Co-Op Tuesday, March 19th at 1:30pm.

Food Shelf Month

March is food shelf month. If you would like to donate, look for the blue envelopes in your pew.

Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale

Federated's annual Salad Luncheon is Tuesday, April 2nd 11am-1pm in the church fellowship hall. Lunch is \$8 a person. Don't forget to browse the goodies in the bake sale too! All funds raised will go toward community charities. If you would like to bring a meat, veggie or fruit salad (deviled eggs also welcome), please contact the church office, or sign up on the sheets in the fellowship hall.

30 Days of Biking

Free! Join the Fergus Falls community in the 30 Days of Biking challenge. Sign up to pledge getting on your bike and riding it every day in April. Distance doesn't matter!

Register at <http://www.30daysofbiking.com/>

Did you know? Federated is a bike friendly church. We have bike parking available on the north side of the church building.



Softball Breakfast: Our annual Pancake Breakfast in support of our church league softball team is Sunday, March 31st at 10:30am.

Special Music

We are looking for special music for our spring services. If you or someone you know would like to provide special music, please contact the church office (218)739-3227 or Brian, The Director of Music Ministries, at fcffmusic@gmail.com.

Federated Feeds Federal Employees

On Monday, Feb 4th, 2019, Federated helped feed 6 federal employees and their families. Due to the recent government shutdown, Federated wanted to show support of federal employees by providing a meal at a downtown restaurant.

Thank you

Pastor Doug and all of Federated Church, I am the supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Realty Office in Fergus Falls. The gracious gift of meals that you gave our employees during the federal government shutdown means more to us than you probably realize. The kindness you showed us during a very dark time will not be forgotten! I will personally see to it that we pay your kindness and gratitude forward to others!

Thank you so much for thinking of us!

Stacy Salvevold,

USFWS Div of Realty

Fergus Falls Wetlands Acquisition Office

(Stacy and her husband are former members of Federated Church)



Committee News

Deacons and Elders

At their meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019, the Deacons & Elders:

- Welcomed into membership the 2019 Confirmation class: Anders Anthonisen-Brown, Grace Olson, Ben Rundquist, Dove Schierer, Shelby Tabbut, Tate Taswell-Preston, and Zayne Weinrich. Confirmation Sunday is March 3rd.



- Welcomed four new officers: Amy Donoho, Kurt Johnson, Wayne Link, and Erika Mariotti.

- Received the Audit Committee report and strategized ways to make our financial policies and procedures stronger.

- Discussed the ongoing efforts to rebuild the praise team and offer worship services that appeal to the entire congregation.

- Appointed chairpersons for 2019:
Board of Managers – Donna Hendel
Caring Ministry – Mary Jones Olson
Christian Education – Karen Bush
Fellowship – Dennis Bowman
Missions – Sonja Johnson and Michelle Loomer
Personnel – Jon Steinbrenner
Stewardship – Carri Thompson
Worship – Ruth Aulds.

- Appointed D&E representatives to committees:
Board of Managers – Steve Wienbar and Erika Mariotti
Caring Ministry – Amy Donoho
Christian Education – Erik Anthonisen and Becca Michael
Endowment – John Erickson
Fellowship – Kurt Johnson
Mission – Wayne Link
Personnel – Jon Steinbrenner
Stewardship – Kathy Truax
Worship – Patty Shol.

Mission Committee

Meals by Wheels

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, April 1st-5th and 8th-12th. Drivers should gather at the Senior Center at 11:00 AM (use the alley entrance at the rear of the building). It takes about an hour to deliver these noon meals. If you can help, please contact Melinda Wienbar (701-202-6833).



One Great Hour of Sharing

Both the PCUSA and the UCC collect OGHOS offering to aid with disaster relief nationally and internationally. Our areas 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 during worship on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019.



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Mission Gifts

The Mission Committee awarded a gift of \$600 to the Matthew House, a Christian-based housing facility for men who are transitioning out of jail.

-Sonja Johnson





Business as usual

Service Groups

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 Youngren

April SERVICE GROUP Group #9

Doug and Barb Becker
 Jerry and Nancy Bogen
 J. Pat and Tami Collins
 Carol Hoivik
 Jeremy and Jen Jensen
 Jeff and Jo Kohlhase
 Jean McKenzie
 Chad and Elizabeth Nelson
 Jerry and Jodie Nuss
 Jake and Leslie Wendland

Ministry Nite:

March 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.

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

MARCH 2019

Sunday, March 3rd

9:30am Ross and Lisa Johnson
 and Karen Johnson

Sunday, March 10th

9:30am Brent and Tara Barry
 and Cindy Holte

Sunday, March 17th

9:30am Gerry and Anne Worner
 and Karen Hauck

Sunday, March 24th

9:30am Nathan and Stephanie Hoff
 Pam Phillips

Sunday, March 31st

9:30am Greeting Only LoveEll
 Hultin and Jeff and Emily Sivertson

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

General Fund Report

Revenue	N/A
Expenditures	N/A

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	N/A
Actual Received	N/A

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

January	\$12,814.72
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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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March Birthdays

03/01	Char Zielin	03/18	Kayla Dean
03/01	Natalie Vogel	03/18	Leslie Wendland
03/02	Douglas Becker	03/19	Marian Wasvick
03/02	Lisa Becker	03/19	Martin Anderson
03/02	Brian Rodning	03/19	Willow Sundheim
03/02	Benjamin Nuss	03/20	Cayden Hendrickson
03/02	Grace Saurer-Olson	03/23	Bonita Stock
03/05	Sadie Carter	03/23	Karen Bush
03/06	Melissa Davenport	03/25	Madalyn Dent
03/06	Gabe Dean	03/26	Skip Zielin
03/06	Matthew Orcutt	03/26	Terri Skretvedt
03/08	Mark Anderson	03/27	Cleo Langseth
03/10	M. Emilia Griego	03/28	Vanessa Whipple
03/11	Jim Behrends	03/28	Leif Christianson
03/12	Karen Anderson	03/28	Ryan Truax
03/12	Jordan Schiefert	03/29	Robert Hansen
03/14	Carol Andstrom	03/29	Tanner Johnson
03/15	Robert Flom	03/29	Mary Ann Nead
03/17	Ross Stone	03/30	Dolores Duncan
03/17	Cindy Holte	03/31	MacKenzie Meis
03/18	David Whipple		



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