

May Worship

MAY 6 9:30a.m. Worship

Spirit- Driven Disruptions
Pastor Doug Dent

Acts 10:44-48
*Celebration of the
Lord's Supper*

MAY 13 9:30a.m. Worship

A Mother's Comfort
Pastor Doug Dent

Isaiah 66:13

MAY 20 9:30a.m. Worship

Babel Fish Church
Pastor Doug Dent

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-21

MAY 27 9:30a.m. Worship

Guardian of the Galaxy
Pastor Doug Dent

TRINITY SUNDAY

Isaiah 6:1-8



Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Communion
Home Communion
11am Walk MS Registration

TUESDAY, MAY 8

6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Last Day for Jr and Sr High
Youth Group

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Women's Habitat Build

SUNDAY, MAY 13

MOTHER'S DAY
Bells Play

TUESDAY, MAY 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Last Night of Choir Practice

SUNDAY, MAY 20

10:30am Ice Cream Social/ Last Day of
Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day (OFFICE CLOSED)



Expansive. That's the word I would choose to describe events surrounding the Ascension of Jesus and the First Pentecost. In the Gospels, Jesus often spoke of his leaving and of the Holy Spirit coming to help the disciples spread the good news of God's expansive love for the world.

In the book of Acts, Jesus gives more details: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (1:8). He is then lifted to heaven. The disciples stand there watching him go, even after a cloud obscures him from their sight. Two men appear beside them, dressed in white robes (probably angels), and ask them, "Why do you stand there looking up to heaven?" (1:11). The implication is that there is much work to be done, here and now, and their gaze needs to be more horizontal than vertical.

In the very next chapter, the promised Holy Spirit descends as a "mighty wind" and as "tongues of fire" upon the disciples (2:2-3). Both wind and fire are signs of power, and the Holy Spirit empowers the disciples to share the good news about Jesus by speaking in the languages of those visiting Jerusalem for the Pentecost festival. Each one heard them speaking in the native language of each and they were amazed and astonished (2:6-7).

Jesus' words at the Ascension determined the mission field, expanding outward from Jerusalem, to Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The Spirit's work at Pentecost expanded God's good news of salvation to the people of "every nation under heaven" (2:5).

Then the apostle Peter spoke to the crowd, driving home the expansiveness of God's Kingdom: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him" (2:38-39).

Our God is expansive by nature. God extended God's Self to us in Jesus Christ, coming to us in our time of need. Jesus extended himself to us by sending the

Holy Spirit to be with us forever. Now, God calls us to be expansive, extending ourselves to those closest to us and to those far away with the good news of God's love for all people.

God's mission never changes. God's goal is nothing short of the full redemption of the world. This, then, is our mission, too. We are to speak the good news of salvation to all people. We are to show the love of Christ to all people. We are to work with the Spirit for the transformation of all people. We are called to be expansive people, open to the Spirit nudging us outward, to reach more people for God's Kingdom.

I encourage you, as expansive people, to reach beyond yourselves. Find a need and meet it. Speak good news of love to another person. Perform an act of kindness in the name of Jesus. And may God's Holy Spirit guide you!

Blessings,

Pastor Doug



National Women's Build Week 2018

"National Women's Build week, a nationwide initiative created by Habitat for Humanity and Lowes in 2008 has brought together more than 117,000 women construction volunteers to build or repair homes with nearly 5,000 families over the past 10 years."

Our community will help with a build Saturday, May 12 from 9am-3pm. Women volunteers will help build window, door-headers and frames for an upcoming home build.

All women are encouraged to volunteer!

- No construction skills or experience on previous Habitat builds is necessary
- All safety equipment is provided (eye and hearing protection, hardhats and gloves)
- A light lunch will be served at no charge.

For more information on the build and preparation clinics, call Habitat for Humanity at 218-736-2905.



Connect with Federated



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

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 April, we were able to help 2 families or individuals through the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$150.00 for food cards. Please note that funds from the salad luncheon will be used in May.





May in Christian Education

The Christian Education committee is trying something new during our Annual End-of-Sunday school/Ice Cream Social fellowship time on May 20th. We will be hosting a Trivia Game in the Fellowship Hall during the ice cream event with "Youth versus Adults" teams! Many of the questions will be Bible-based, covering what the kids have learned over this year in Kids Club, Sunday School, and Confirmation. We will be searching out some brave adults to take on our youth in this fun challenge. Don't be shy! We are excited to show you all what our kids have learned and remembered!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

VERY VERY IMPORTANT!! Please remember that VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held during the week of **JUNE 25th THROUGH JUNE 29th!** We will meet from 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday. In addition to the counselors from Clearwater Forest, we hope to have some of our older youth who are going on the mission trip to be a part of the leadership that week.

Guatemala Mission Team Update

The entire crew of the youth Guatemala mission team would like to say a big "Thank You!" to those of you who donated cakes, bid on cakes, and overall made our April 15th Cake Auction such a success! A special shout-out to Rick Schara who acted as auctioneer and Jerry Worner who used his car auction experience to make it an exciting and action-packed event! You helped us raise over \$4500—which is the equivalent of Three individual youth trips! Thank you again for your support of our youth!

Youth Groups

Both the middle school and senior high youth groups will continue to meet through Wednesday, May 9th at their regular times. I am working with the youth and parents to plan out our summer events—letters with dates will be mailed out by May 1st. There is a request for a Valley Fair trip and an airsoft/Nerf war by the middle school youth. The senior high have expressed interest in hearing Clayton Jennings (a dynamic Christian speaker) in Minneapolis in mid-June. Both groups will be invited to work at the Community Gardens,

and we plan to have at least two Game Days at our home! If you have a lake place and would be interested in hosting a youth event, please contact me at kmad@prtcl.com or 205-4879. We hope to work out the details and make these events happen. Stay tuned for more information as we get it!

Kids Club

Our last official day of Kids Club was on Wednesday, April 25th. It is hard to believe we are finished with our 2017-2018 Kids Club calendar year! Each session went so well, and I really think the kids learned a great deal throughout the year! We hope to put their knowledge to the test on Sunday, May 20th during the annual Ice Cream Social by holding a Youth vs. Adults Bible Trivia Tournament! Grown-ups, get your Bible on! Between the kids and confirmation-aged youth, there is a lot of knowledge out there!

A Note From Sadie

Spring is Finally Here! Which means only a few days left until summer break! There will be NO Sunday mornings with Sadie in May. We will begin again when school starts up. I look forward to hearing your ideas to better our time together next fall!

Please stay in touch over summer vacation. We do a lot of fun activities as a church family.

~ Sadie

VBS
Federated Church
New Dates This Year!
June 25-29



Bible Studies and Fellowship Groups

Men's Bible Study

MONDAYS 12pm

Men's Bible Study meets on Mondays at noon for one hour. They will be diving into a study of Revelation. All men are invited! Friends of Federated are invited, too!

Coffee Hours

Women: Tuesdays, 10am

Men: Fridays, 10am

Sunday Morning: 10:30am

Church News...

Home Communion

Home communion will be offered May 6th

Next Newsletter Edition

Remember, the next newsletter will be our Summer Edition. Both June and July news will be together.

Last Day of Events

As we are nearing the end of the school year, some church events come to an end as well.

The last day of:

Kid's Club was April 25th

Sr High and Jr High Youth Group is May 9th

Sunday School is May 13th

Bells is May 13th

Choir Practice is May 16th

ACE Interface

"The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study findings represent a paradigm shift in human understanding of the origins of physical, social, mental, and societal health and well-being. We now know that leading causes of disease and disability, learning and productivity problems, and early death have their roots in the cumulative neurodevelopmental impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)." On Thursday, May 17 at 7pm, Federated Church is hosting an ACE training event to better understand self-healing communities. Everyone is invited to learn more about this program.

Church Softball

The Federated Church slow-pitch softball team will be playing on Monday evenings again this summer, starting on May 14th until August. The games typically start at 7pm at DeLagoon Softball Complex. If you are interested in

participating, please contact Mark Anderson @ 218-731-4813.

Summer Worship

We will be worshipping together in Roosevelt Park June 3 and August 26 at 9:30am.

Lake Region Run

Register for the 2018 Lake Region Run! The run is Saturday, June 2.

Not interested in participating in the run?

We need volunteers! Contact Mary at mlbudke@lrhc.org or 736-8610.

All proceeds go to Lake Region Healthcare's Cancer Care & Research Center.

Doctoral Studies

I submitted drafts of the first four chapters of my thesis on March 31, 2018. They are now under review by the faculty. I expect to complete my research work with the small group of Federated members by the end of May 2018.

This summer, I will be taking some sabbatical time (June 1-August 19, 2018) to compile and analyze the research and begin writing the final chapters of my thesis. Watch your mail for more details about the pastor's sabbatical. Your continued support and prayers are a crucial component of my doctoral work. Thank you! Keep the prayers coming. The final thesis is due February 2019. Expected graduation is May 2019.





Guatemala

I received Greg Miller's missionary update letter recently, and wanted to highlight what he said about our team that went this past February. (Greg is the director of the House of Hope Orphanage and also runs a ministry where he trains and supports pastors in mountain villages.) He is quoted as saying:

"We had our second team (from Fergus Falls, MN,) the Federated Church, of the year come in February and again, what a blessing. They installed eight stoves in two different villages, Plan Del Morro and Barrio Nuevo. In Barrio Nuevo, not one of the stoves was in an easy place to get to, we had to carry the pieces up and down the mountains to get to the houses. Praise God that the team was strong and the villagers helped us, we could have never gotten the stoves delivered if it wasn't for the help. It's such a blessing to watch the folks as their

stove gets installed and be able to pray with them after it's installed."

The House of Hope also recently received the generous donation (from a church in the United States) of 99 solar panels which were installed shortly after we left. The hope is that these solar panels will eventually eliminate most electricity costs for the orphanage, which has multiple buildings and a large monthly utility bill. Greg and the rest of the people there, adults and kids alike, are finding multiple ways to become self-sufficient right at the site. Vegetables, fruit, and other nutritional plants (such as Moringa) are grown throughout the grounds, chickens are kept for egg-laying, and several manmade ponds provide tilapia for their own food as well as for a side income. It is an impressive venture that includes the older youth and allows them opportunities to help support the work at HOH.

- Karen Anderson



Committee News

Meals By Wheels (Volunteers)

Meals By Wheels is a program which "prepares and delivers nutritious meals to older adults and people with disabilities who are unable to prepare the food for themselves or travel to a site where a meal is being served."

Each quarter, Federated Church volunteers to drive for Fergus' Meals By Wheels program.

We are very thankful for our volunteers who deliver meals to community members. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Federated's Mission Committee is looking for more volunteers to help with this program.

If you are interested in Meals By Wheels and would like to drive meals to individuals in need, please contact the church office (218)739-3227. The next delivery months for Federated are July, October and January.

Stewardship Committee

- Millie Pearson

The Stewardship Committee plans to spotlight upcoming special events monthly. Stewardship isn't just about money. There are so many ways we can help support the church with our time and talents besides our money. We can volunteer to bring food snacks for youth activities, bake sales, and salad luncheons. Our presence is needed at the special events the Fellowship Committee plans monthly, at game nights, softball games, Sunday School and services. Other opportunities to share our talents include singing in the choir or praise band, playing bells, serving at funerals, serving on committees and many more. Please consider getting involved. It is very rewarding.





Business as usual

Service Group

MAY SERVICE GROUP

Group #10
 Doris Enderson
 Joel Enderson
 Gail Green
 Terry and Cheryl Harrington
 Gerri Hilden
 Janet Knapp
 David and Mary Lundeen
 Millie Pearson
 Paul and Bev Richter
 Mark and Sheila Rodning
 Heather Rundquist
 Wade Ugstad
 Perry and Peg Werner
 Linda Wolfe

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 Kohlhase
 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

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

MAY 2018

Sunday, May 6th

9:30am Doris Enderson and
 Joel Enderson and
 Mark and Sheila Rodning

Sunday, May 13th

9:30am Janet Knapp, Linda Wolfe
 and Millie Pearson

Sunday, May 20th

9:30am David and Mary Lundeen,
 Terry and Cheryl Harrington

Sunday, May 27th

9:30am Peg and Perry Werner
 and Heather Rundquist

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

Ministry Nite:

MAY 8 - 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	\$36,948.02
Expenditures	\$30,752.60
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$82,500.00
Actual Received	\$101,094.00

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Sunmart	
March	\$1,115.00
Total as of 4/1/18	\$83,529.00
Service Food	
March	\$9,183.88

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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Condolences To:

The family of Doris Wenino
The family Irving Dewey
The family of Lucille Sheldon

Congratulations To:

Our graduating seniors! (Camen Andrews, Ronnie Becker, Tommy Bowman, Joe Grecco II, Lilly Makovsky, Ben Nuss, Rosemary Rundquist and Ryndel Vogel)
Blessings to you on your next chapter of life!


Paul Shol on graduating 1st in his class at USAF in Basic Training!

Camen Andrews on earning top scores at State in (Business Professionals of America)!
He is headed to nationals in Texas.

Tommy Bowman and his duo partner for making it to speech sections!

May Birthdays

005/02	Melissa Loomer	05/17	Winnie Clambey
05/02	David Stoddard	05/17	Truman Steinbrenner
05/02	Henrik Gustafson	05/17	Steve Thompson
05/03	Nic Ebert	05/18	Janet Knapp
05/03	Jan Nelson	05/18	Ashley Rodning
05/03	Codie Tabbut	05/20	Dennis Echelberger
05/03	Alyssa White	05/20	Samantha Beck
05/04	Ingrid Morgan	05/22	Bev Lambert
05/06	Mariah Davenport	05/22	Carol Anderson
05/07	Paige Westra	05/23	Mary Lundeen
05/08	Susan Johnson	05/23	Kim Anderson
05/08	Arianna Hedrick	05/23	Abby Harthun
05/08	Vivian Olson	05/23	Christian Saurer
05/09	Mary Milton	05/25	Elizabeth Nelson
05/10	Shelby Eckhoff	05/25	Thea Fransen
05/11	Rebecca Kalar	05/26	Terry Harthun
05/12	Gerald Worner	05/26	Lisa Johnson
05/14	Joyce Youngren	05/26	Ben Sundberg
05/14	Vern Tabbut	05/27	Desta Hunt
05/15	Crystal Cavalier	05/28	Barbara Becker
05/15	Maren Hatling	05/28	Mackenzie Schara
05/15	Luke Barry	05/30	Mae Harthun
05/15	Tucker Ugstad	05/30	Matthew Solin



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