

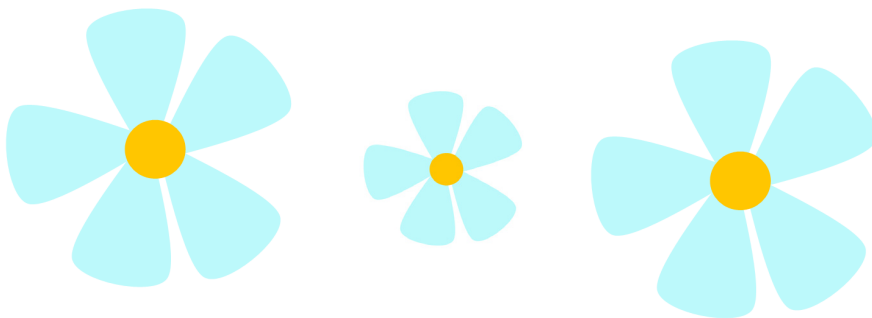
## May Worship

**MAY 5 9:30a.m. Worship** **BAPTISM**  
**The Hefted Shepherd** John 21:1-19  
*Pastor Doug Dent* *Celebrating the Lord's Supper*

**MAY 12 9:30a.m. Worship**  
**What the Sheep See** John 10:22-30  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

**MAY 19 9:30a.m. Worship**  
**TBA**  
*Dr. Ken Peeders*

**MAY 26 9:30a.m. Worship** **BAPTISM**  
**Life in a Minor Key: Hosea** Hosea 11:8-9  
*Pastor Doug Dent* First of a summer sermon series on minor prophets



## Dates to Remember

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**  
 3:30pm Last Jr. High Youth Group  
 7:30pm Last Sr. High Youth Group
- SUNDAY, MAY 5**  
 9:30am Baptism of Wendlands/ Loomer
- SUNDAY, MAY 12**  
 Mother's Day  
 10:30am Sunday School Trivia
- TUESDAY, MAY 14**  
 6:30pm Ministry Nite
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**  
 Newsletter Deadline
- THURSDAY, MAY 16**  
 6:30pm D&E Meeting
- SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
 Pastor Doug's Graduation Day  
 10:30am Ice Cream Social
- MONDAY, MAY 19**  
 Memorial Day: OFFICE CLOSED
- SUNDAY, MAY 26**  
 Baptism of Tenley Davenport
- SUNDAY, JUNE 2**  
 9:30am Worship in Roosevelt Park



*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. (Psalm 32:8)*

May 2019 marks the completion of my 25th year of school. Yup, that's right! I have been in school half my life. I love books and learning and research and writing. Te amo librorum! Yes, I am that nerd! (FYI: a nerd is learned on a variety of subjects, not to be confused with a geek who is extremely learned and enthusiastic about one subject. Now you know.)

Learning is vital to life. Some of the world's greatest historical figures were life-long learners.

"I am still learning." (Michelangelo)

"Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence." (Abigail Adams)

"Be curious, not judgmental." (Walt Whitman)

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty." (Henry Ford)

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." (Benjamin Franklin)

In Psalm 32:8, God says: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." God gifts us with the capacity for knowledge and the ability to study and increase our knowledge. God's world is so rich and vibrant. There is so much to see and explore and learn. God invites us to learn, promising to lead us forward in the way we should go, with a parental loving eye on us.

I am grateful for the chance to study these past four years. It was challenging to balance family, work, and study, but nothing worth doing comes easily. I am also grateful for the tremendous support from you, my Federated family. You understood when I needed time to read and write. You graciously accepted it when I scaled back my teaching schedule. You consistently asked about my studies and celebrated with me when I reached important milestones. Thank you.

The things I studied will have an impact on our ministry here. I am committed to sharing my work with you over the next few years through spiritual formation classes, sermons, and a greater outreach into our community.

To my fellow graduates this year (high school, college, and beyond!) I say, "Well done!" My prayer for all of you is that you will keep learning. Stretch yourself. Explore God's call for your life. Share what you know.

Blessings,  
Pastor Doug



## *Happy Mother's Day this May!*

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue. Proverbs 31:25-26

## “Life in a Minor Key” – a summer sermon series

Some parts of the Bible tend to get all the spotlight – the gospels, Paul’s letters, the psalms, Genesis, Isaiah. But it’s rare that we hear the names of Nahum, Habakkuk, or Obadiah on Sunday morning. The twelve books known as “the minor prophets” are often left out of the worship rotation because of the harsh nature of words and ideas they contain. (They are “minor” only because their books are shorter than the “major” prophets. Their words pack a powerful punch!)

Inside these twelve books, we find some of the Old Testament’s most shocking images and terrifying judgments: slavery, exile, genocide, sexual debauchery, and wanton immorality. The words spoken by the minor prophets are very specific words to very specific people. Israel is being devastated by wear and is in the grip of idolatry God sends the prophets to plead with Israel so they will denounce evil and turn back toward God. Amid the

sorrow we find God’s great grace: an unconditional love for God’s people and a desire to save them from their own wickedness and the wickedness of the world around them.

The minor prophets live in Israel’s “dark night before the dawn.” They speak to Israel in the time before the hero comes, when everything is looking hopeless. After the minor prophets conclude, we are left with 400 years of silence – a silence that is finally broken by the birth of the Messiah.

Although it’s tempting to gloss over these difficult books, it’s a temptation we should resist. Through the entire Old Testament, we see the world’s need for a Savior. The books of the minor prophets represent the pinnacle of that need. Alongside (and inseparable from) some of God’s harshest judgments are God’s greatest promises of mercy.

This summer we will explore the world of these minor prophets, draw parallels to our own day, and discover God’s timeless and limitless grace for us.

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## Welcome To The Family



On March 31st, we welcomed new members into the church. **Back Row:** Conner Brause, Jamie Brause, Pastor Doug. **Front Row:** Jenni Brause, Reggie Grecco and Timothy Olson

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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 April, we were able to help 9 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave a total of \$519.25 for food and other needs.

**LOCAL**  
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## Kids Club

The month of May wraps-up our 2018-2019 youth activity schedule. Kids Club ended on April 24th with a Jesus trivia game and movie fun. We had a great "Year of Jesus"! During our time together, the kids became exceptionally good at sharing prayer concerns and encouraging each other to find ways to show "Acts of Random Kindness." Our volunteers; Renee Larsen, Char Zielin, Carolyn Anderson, Colleen Kennedy, Madalyn Dent, Tate Preston, Dove Schierer; as well as all those who helped by bringing snack or dinner, made this an incredible year! Please thank these generous people for their love and service to our kids! Kids Club 2019-2020 starts on September 11th!

## Youth Group

**May 1st** marks the last day for Middle school and High school youth groups. Our middle school and high school youth groups had an exciting year as well. Aside from our usual lock-ins, game nights, deep discussions, and general fun we did several fundraisers which led to many from our groups going to Guatemala for a week of service and friendship. We are sad to lose some of our members to college, but we are hopeful for their futures and pray God's blessings upon each of them! It is hard to end so early, so we hope to do some impromptu gatherings at our home for games and/or air soft. We are putting together a schedule of summer activities that will be in the mail. We are planning a Valley Fair trip, a lock-in, Lake Day(s), Community Garden volunteering, and game days!

## College Scholarships

If you are or have a graduating senior in your home, please remember to apply for the Federated Church college scholarship! The deadline to submit your letter of request is **May 15th** to the church office or [church@federatedff.org](mailto:church@federatedff.org).

## Camp Scholarships

Camp Scholarships are available! If you have a child or youth planning to attend a church-related camp this summer, please remember to apply for the Federated Church's camp scholarship. Forms are available outside the church office. Deadline for submission is **June 1st**, and the amount awarded depends upon the number of people who apply.

## Sunday School

Sunday school continues through **May 12th**, at which time we will honor ALL volunteers who help out with our children's and youth ministries during worship, as well as hold a Trivia Challenge during Fellowship hour. We plan to challenge children and adults alike on their knowledge of Jesus—his life, ministry, and grace!

## Vacation Bible School:VBS

Vacation Bible School is set for **June 24th through 28th 9am-3pm each day**, so be sure to mark your calendars! We once again hope to encourage our older youth to be a part of the leadership for this special week alongside our Clearwater Forest counselors and adult volunteers. This is truly a highlight for the summer!

## Dates to Remember:

May 1st: Last Day of Jr/Sr High Youth Group  
May 12th: Youth vs. Adult Jesus Trivia 10:30am  
May 15th: Senior scholarship request deadline  
June 1st: Camp scholarship deadline  
June 19th: Valley Fair day trip Jr/Sr High youth  
June 24th-28th: Vacation Bible School  
Sept. 4th: Youth Group 2019-2020 begins  
Sept. 11th: Kids Club 2019-2020 begins  
Sept. 18th: Confirmation Meeting  
Sept. 25th: Confirmation 2019-2020 begins  
Oct. 4th-6th: Confirmation Retreat

*(More dates continue on page 5)*



## Upcoming activities highlighting our middle school and senior high youth:

April 29th: All-School Jazz Concert

May 6th: Senior Recognition

May 8th: Middle/High School Band Concert

May 13th: All-School Orchestra Concert

May 15th: High School Choir Concert

May 20th: Middle School Choir Concert

May 24th: Senior Graduation

Kennedy Auditorium

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Gold Gym

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We also have kids in track, tennis, golf, softball, and baseball. They are busy, talented people! If you are able to do so, come out to support our youth!



## Committee News

### Worship – Ruth Aulds

A HUGE 'thank you' for supporting our Chimes and Hymnal Project this past winter. We raised enough funds to completely pay for both projects, and with the additional money donated, we purchased additional materials related to the new hymnal.

We expect the chimes to be installed this spring/summer.

We hope you are enjoying the new hymnal as much as we are – the diversity of musical styles is exciting!

### Stewardship – Carri Thompson

The Stewardship Committee is grateful for the many ways Federated Church members continue to contribute to the mission and ministries of the congregation. Keep up the great work!

Federated is a very generous church. We admire how you share from the blessings you receive.

In 2018, we supported a variety of ministries and organizations in our community.

Boxes of Blessings (cancer center) \$492

Christmas Joy Offering \$494

Federated Mission Fund \$300

Food Shelf \$2,409

Gideons International \$370

One Great Hour of Sharing \$343

House of Hope, Guatemala mission trip \$10,329

Habitat for Humanity (budget) \$2,000

Habitat for Humanity (endowment grant) \$8,000

Local Charities \$1,894

Local Mission Fund \$8,591

Mission Committee \$2,600

Otter Angels \$716

United Way Backpack Program \$501

Youth Mission \$2,000

**Total Mission Giving in 2018 \$41,039**



STEWARDSHIP



# Church News

## Summer Edition

The next newsletter you receive is the Summer Edition including both June and July. If you have news for either month, please submit this information to the church by May 15th. The next submission date will be July 15th for the August Newsletter.

## National Day of Prayer

Fergus Falls meets May 2nd at City Hall from 12pm-12:30pm for National Day of Prayer. Together, we will pray for our country around the flagpole. If weather is poor, everyone meets in the City Council Chambers.

## Ice Cream Social

Let's celebrate the Sunday School year! On Sunday, May 19th at 10:30am, we will gather in the fellowship hall to enjoy delicious ice cream treats!



## Church Office

The church office is closed Monday, May 27th on Memorial Day.

## Worship in the Park

Save the dates for 9:30am Worship in the Park! We will worship at Roosevelt Park, June 3rd and at the Pebble Lake Picnic Shelter, August 25th. Remember, there is no service at the Federated building either of those days (unless poor weather forces us indoors.)

## Special Music

Calling all musicians! We are looking for special music for summer worship services. If you are

interested in providing music, please contact Brian Jensen, Federated's Director of Music Ministries, at fcffmusic@gmail.com or call the church office (218)739-3227.

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers

If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School this year, we need volunteers to bring snack and lunch for the kids over June 24th-28th. Sign up sheets will be available soon. Or contact the Karen at kmad@prtcl.com

## Minnesota Conference UCC Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the Minnesota Conference UCC is June 7th-8th, 2019. This year's theme is "Created for Connection: One Body, Many Members." If you would like to serve as Federated's voting delegate, please see Pastor Doug for details.



## Presbytery of MN Valleys

The next meeting for the Presbytery of MN Valleys is Tuesday, May 21st from 10:00am-3:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Willmar. Registration starts at 9:30am.

## Congratulations

Oliver Lindholm (grandson of John and Patty Lindholm) was born April 18th!

## Thank You

"I want to thank Kathy Gilbert and Marjan Schuetze for hosting a beautiful baby shower. Jackson and his parents are grateful to the wonderful ladies who gave him gifts. Thank you!"  
-Melissa Loomer

"Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of love and support, prayers, cards, donations, and meals. We are blessed to be part of this faith family."  
-Erik, Anders and Siri Anthonisen-Brown





# Business as usual

## Service Groups

### May SERVICE GROUP

Group #10

Carolyn Anderson  
Ruth Aulds  
Karen Bush  
Cy Grover  
Terry and Jeanette Haas  
Kurt and Sonja Johnson  
Amber Makovsky  
Wayne and Gloria Ronning  
Jon and Jess Steinbrenner  
Evan and Tanya Westra

### June SERVICE GROUP

Group #11

Grant and Mariah Davenport  
Hollis and Melissa Davenport  
Tim and Desta Hunt  
Millie Pearson  
Ben and Tessa Schierer  
Ross and Marianne Stone  
Beth Strom  
Jim and Arlene Worner  
Skip and Char Zielin

## Ministry Nite:

### MAY 14 - 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.

## Greeters and Coffee Hosts

### MAY 2019

#### Sunday, May 5th

9:30am Terry and Jeanette Haas  
Karen Bush

#### Sunday, May 12th

9:30am Jon and Jess Steinbrenner  
Carolyn Anderson

#### Sunday, May 19th

9:30am Greeting Only Kurt and Sonja Johnson and Jerry and Nancy Bogen

#### Sunday, May 26th

9:30am Evan and Tanya Westra and Amber Makovsky

**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	\$47,323.00
Expenditures	\$35,551.00

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$89,751.00
Actual Received	\$87,776.00

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

#### Service Food

March	\$10,585.90
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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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## May Birthdays

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|-------|--------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 05/02 | Melissa Loomer     | 05/17 | Truman Steinbrenner |
| 05/02 | David Stoddard     | 05/17 | Steve Thompson      |
| 05/02 | Henrik Gustafson   | 05/18 | Janet Knapp         |
| 05/03 | Nic Ebert          | 05/18 | Ashley Rodning      |
| 05/03 | Jan Nelson         | 05/20 | Dennis Echelberger  |
| 05/03 | Codie Tabbut       | 05/20 | Samantha Beck       |
| 05/03 | Alyssa White       | 05/22 | Bev Lambert         |
| 05/04 | Ingrid Morgan      | 05/22 | Carol Anderson      |
| 05/06 | Mariah Davenport   | 05/23 | Mary Lundeen        |
| 05/07 | Paige Westra       | 05/23 | Kim Anderson        |
| 05/08 | Susan Johnson      | 05/23 | Abby Harthun        |
| 05/08 | Arianna Hedrick    | 05/23 | Christian Saurer    |
| 05/08 | Vivian Olson       | 05/23 | Elizabeth Nelson    |
| 05/09 | Mary Milton (90th) | 05/25 | Thea Fransen        |
| 05/10 | Shelby Eckhoff     | 05/25 | Terry Harthun       |
| 05/11 | Rebecca Kalar      | 05/26 | Lisa Johnson        |
| 05/12 | Gerald Worner      | 05/26 | Ben Sundberg        |
| 05/14 | Joyce Youngren     | 05/26 | Desta Hunt          |
| 05/14 | Vern Tabbut        | 05/27 | Barbara Becker      |
| 05/15 | Jennifer Brause    | 05/28 | Mackenzie Schara    |
| 05/15 | Crystal Cavalier   | 05/28 | Mae Harthun         |
| 05/15 | Maren Hatling      | 05/30 | Matthew Solin       |
| 05/15 | Luke Barry         | 05/30 | Mae Reich           |
| 05/15 | Tucker Ugstad      |       |                     |



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