



Union Avenue News

KEEPING MEMBERS UP TO DATE

OCTOBER 2020

October Worship

OCTOBER 4 9:30a.m. Worship **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

FOCUS: Generations Together
Pastor Doug Dent

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Celebrating the Lord's Supper

OCTOBER 11 9:30a.m. Worship

Pastor Doug Dent

Exodus 32:1-14

OCTOBER 18 9:30a.m. Worship

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

FOCUS: Stop sitting On Your Assets
Pastor Doug Dent

Matthew 25:14-30

OCTOBER 25 9:30a.m. Worship

REFORMATION SUNDAY

FOCUS: The Greatest Tweet
Pastor Doug Dent

2Matthew 22:34-46



Federated Church Habitat Build Day

Please join us for a fun filled day on Saturday, October 3rd from 9am-3pm for Habitat for Humanity. If the weather is bad our backup date will be Saturday, October 10th. Please arrive around 8:45am to get signed in. Habitat for Humanity home is located at 1353 Lenore Way Fergus Falls. The house is right next to Calvary Free Lutheran Church. Everyone is welcome to come and help, must be 16 years of age. Please come prepared to work outside and wear closed toe shoes. Tools will be provided; you may bring your own if you would like. Please bring appropriate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Lunch and fellowship will be provided from noon-1pm. Please bring your own chair for the lunch break.

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00am Federated Church Habitat Build Day

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30am Worship starts back at Federated
10:00am Adult Bible Study
10:15am Sunday School Starts

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

11:30am Womans Bible Study Starts
ZOOM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

Columbus Day, Church Office Open

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

6:30pm Ministry Nite

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
6:30pm D&E

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



Albert Einstein once said: "The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking."

He's right, you know. A lot of the problems in the world are of our own making. Racism. Climate change. Hunger. Refugees. Warfare. Economic instability. Coronavirus. These things are our fault. We created them. We caused them. We encourage them.

We know they are wrong. We see their destructive power. We feel helpless to change them, so we do nothing. We wish things could be different.

They can. How do I know? The Bible tells me so. From the Book of Isaiah, we hear this: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

God's ways and God's thoughts run contrary to the ways and thoughts of the world.

Some examples:

You say	God says
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)
I am so tired.	I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
It is impossible.	All things are possible (Luke 18:27)
Nobody loves me.	I love you (John 3:16)
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you (Romans 8:1)
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:30)
I'm not able.	I am able (2 Corinthians 9:5)
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9)
I can't do it.	You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)
I can't manage.	I will supply all you need (Philippians 4:19)
I am afraid.	I have not given you fear (2 Timothy 1:7)
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you (Hebrews 13:5)

Maybe changing our world begins with changing our thinking. If we align our views with God's views, then the present looks much brighter and the future looks more hopeful.

Remember those nasty things I mentioned earlier? The ones we caused? Let's turn those to God's view:

Racism: "You are not like me; you are my enemy."
Love your neighbors or yourself. (Mark 12:31)

Climate Change: The world's resources are mine.
Everything under heaven belongs to God. (Job 41:11)

Hunger: "You must work if you want to eat."
Whoever gives to the poor will not want, but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse. (Proverbs 28:27)

Refugees: "If they don't like it here, they can leave."
Have a care for the widow and the orphan. (James 1:27)

Warfare: "I can take what I want."
God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Economic Instability: "There are plenty of jobs to go around for anyone who wants to work."
Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:7)

Coronavirus: "This pandemic is never going to end."
God forgives all our iniquities and heals all our diseases. (Psalm 103:3)

Change your thinking. Change the world.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug



New School Year

It's October and we pray that we can go ahead with a modified but active Christian Education ministry for our children and youth! Our theme for the year is **"WHO IS GOD?"** We will be learning all about God and how he works in our lives and our world! So excited about this year! We are working out the details to make this a safe and fun experience for our children, youth, and volunteers. Please bear with us as we continue to learn new information along the way just like everyone else!! After prayerful consideration we hope to start up with the following programming and dates:

Sunday School

K-6th, middle school, and high school Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 4th from 10:15am or when worship ends till 11:00am. We have most of our Sunday school teachers back this year! They are eager to see the kids and learn with them.

Kidz Club

Kids Club is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, October 7 at 3:45pm and go until 5:30pm. We will have bus transportation to church from the schools for our K-6 youth.

Confirmation

Confirmation began on Wednesday, September 30th with 7th and 8th grade students meeting by ZOOM and 9th grade students at their regular time of 6:30pm in person at the church. We will be scheduling a few special outdoor activities this fall in order to see one another!

Senior High Youth Group

Senior High youth group will begin meeting on Wednesday nights at our 7:30pm time in the Youth room. We have had some outdoor gatherings over the summer and early fall, and we will continue to do some of those special activities. It will be great to see one another more regularly again.

Due to Covid we will **NOT** be sharing a meal after Kidz Club and Confirmation on Wednesdays this fall. We hope to implement this fellowship time as soon as able.

It is our deepest hope that we will be able to move forward with in-person children's and youth ministries here at Federated, but with the situation changing all the time, we have developed alternative plans with take-home lessons and video talks for Kids Club, and of course Zoom for our older youth. Praying that all will be well and we can be together! Always remember that God is our **ONLY** constant in this ever-changing world!

If you plan to stay at home, but would like to receive weekly learning pages, please check out our website and go under resources..

Blessings to you all as we move forward in faith! In Christ, Karen

Church News

Office Hours: The church office hours will remain the same in October until further notice. Phones and emails will be answered from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Fridays. If you absolutely need access to the church building, please call ahead of time to make an appointment.

Worship at Federated: We will be returning indoors for worship at 9:30am at Federated Church on Sunday, October 4th.

Home Communion: Do to the situation with COVID-19 we will not be able to serve Home Communion in October.

Women's Bible Study: Women's Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, October 6th at 11:30am VIA ZOOM. We will be studying the book of Daniel. If you are interested in being included in this group, please contact Karen at kmad@prtcl.com in order to receive the link for the online study. We always love to have new members!

Ways to Worship: If you don't feel comfortable attending worship in person you can view the service later on YouTube. If we can get 100 subscribers, we can get our own YouTube page. You can subscribe by going to youtube.com, in the search type in **FF Federated Church** and click subscribe. It may require you to have a Google/G-mail account. You can always tune in on 107.3 FM and listen to the service live. Remember you need to be at least 1.5 miles or closer to where the service is being held. You can also view the service on PEG Access TV Channel 8. Sundays at 1pm, Tuesdays at 7am and 7pm, and Thursdays at 11am.

Adult Bible Study: Join Pastor Doug after the service for Adult Bible Study. You can meet in person or join by ZOOM. A link will be set up and sent out each week. Adult Bible Study will start Sunday, October 4th and go till the last Sunday in November. If meeting in person safe protocols will take place. Please practice social distancing, wear your mask, and only 3 people to a table.



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Stewardship Report

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$29,578
Expenditures	\$37,844
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$249,105
Actual Received	\$277,928



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



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

October Birthdays

- 10/01 Dorothy Porter
- 10/01 Tami Collins
- 10/01 Zayne Weinrich
- 10/02 Terry Haas
- 10/03 Evan Westra
- 10/04 Tanya Sundberg
- 10/07 Doris Enderson
- 10/07 Grant Davenport
- 10/09 Jaden Beck
- 10/13 Kym Christiansen
- 10/13 Madison Weinrich
- 10/14 Austin Nygaard
- 10/14 Caitlyn Nygaard
- 10/16 Kathy Zimmerman
- 10/16 Jo Kohlhase
- 10/16 Heidi Lien
- 10/17 LaVane Ugstad
- 10/18 Louetta Hanneman
- Savoy
- 10/19 Phil Kugler
- 10/19 Courtney Meis
- 10/23 Drew Johnson
- 10/25 Mary Moe
- 10/25 Tyler Harthun
- 10/26 Jon Steinbrenner
- 10/26 Viktor Gustafson
- 10/27 Carol Rose
- 10/28 David Lundeen
- 10/28 Joshua Whipple
- 10/28 Alexis Nelson
- 10/28 Ivy Iverson
- 10/29 Beatrice Schierer
- 10/31 Angelo Griego, Jr.

10/21 Dennis Bowman

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