

The Monday Memo

Federated Church members look at the week ahead

Week of November 6, 2016

God will bless you hungry people. You will have plenty to eat! God will bless you people who are crying. You will laugh!

LUKE 6:21 (CEV)

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving us a hope and a future. May our whole lives bring praise to you. Amen

Last week — In review

Paul Richter celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday. Happy birthday, Paul!

November 6, 2016: Yesterday, in honor of All Saints' Sunday, we remembered all those from our Federated family who passed away during the last year with white roses and special music and liturgy. Pastor Doug preached on 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Acts 1:12-17, 21-26, a sermon entitled *Choose Wisely*. Visit the website to read a copy of the sermon. This was also communion Sunday at both the 9am and 11am services.

First Sunday Bible Study gathered at noon with lunch and a discussion on *Making End of Life Decisions*.

November 13, 2016: Sunday is Mission Sunday! We will gather for one worship service at 10am, followed by a dinner in the fellowship hall, provided by the Mission Committee. All funds raised at the dinner will go towards this year's mission initiative - the Federated Mission Fund, which goes to help our own Federated family in times of financial need.

This week — Looking ahead

Operation Christmas Child: there's still time to fill a box or donate individual items for Operation Christmas Child! Bring filled boxes or individual items to the church office, or to the packing event later this week. The packing event is this Wednesday: supper at 5:30pm, with shoebox packing to follow. All ages are welcome!

Laurie Hansen has moved to a nursing home in New Prague. Letters and emails are welcome. Her email address is roblaurhansen@netscape.net, and address is: Mala Strana Health Care Campus

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1001 Columbus Ave. N.
New Prague, MN 56071

Community Veteran's Service: Sunday, November 13th at 6:00pm at Bethel Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls. Enjoy special patriotic music, speaker Lindell Quam, and a reception following the service.

Prayer requests

If you have a prayer request, please notify the church office. (See page 2)

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY (11/7)

9:00am Parish Nurse
12:00pm Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY (11/8)

10:00am Ladies Coffee Hour
6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY (11/9)

3:30pm Kid's Club
3:30pm Jr. High Youth Group
4:00pm Confirmation
5:30pm Supper and Operation
Christmas Child packing event
5:30pm Praise Band
6:00pm Bell Rehearsal
6:30pm 9th Grade
Confirmation
7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY (11/10)

10:30am Women's Bible Study

FRIDAY (11/11)

6:30pm Social Dance Lessons

SUNDAY (11/13) MISSION SUNDAY

10:00am Worship
11:00am Mission Dinner



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A prayer for before the election by The Rev. Dr. Ken Carter, senior pastor of Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC

Creator of us all:
you are the source of every blessing,
the judge of every nation
and the hope of earth and heaven:

We pray to you on the eve of this important and historic election.

We call to mind the best that is within us:
That we live under God,
that we are indivisible,
that liberty and justice extend to all.

We acknowledge the sin that runs through our history as a nation:
The displacement of native peoples, racial injustice, economic inequity, regional separation

And yet we profess a deep and abiding gratitude
for the goodness of ordinary people who have made sacrifices,
who have sought opportunities,
who have journeyed to this land as immigrants
strengthening its promise in successive generations,
who have found freedom on these shores,
and defended this freedom at tremendous cost.

Be with us in the days that are near.
Remind us that your ways are not our ways,
that your power and might transcend
the plans of every nation,
that you are not mocked.

Let those who follow your Son Jesus Christ be a peaceable people
in the midst of division.

Send your Spirit of peace, justice and freedom upon us,
break down the walls of political partisanship,
and make us one.

Give us wisdom to walk in your ways,
courage to speak in your name,
and humility to trust in your providence. Amen



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