

The Monday Memo

Federated Church members look at the week ahead

Week of March 6, 2017

God loved the people of the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. JOHN 3:16 (CEV)

God, thank you for showing us your great love through Jesus. Make our lives signs of your love to those around us. Amen

Last week — In review

Winter Camping trip: a group of 17 members and friends of Federated Church enjoyed time at Maplewood State Park this Friday & Saturday. It was a refreshing time to get away and connect with God and one another, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Thanks to the fellowship committee for supporting the trip, and to Paul Shol for organizing and leading!

March 5, 2017: Sunday was the first Sunday in Lent. We celebrated Communion at both the 9am & 11am services this morning. Pastor Doug spoke on Genesis 2 & 3, a sermon called *When Failure IS an Option*. To read a copy of the sermon, visit www.federatedff.org. The parish nurses offered blood pressure checks between services. First Sunday Bible Study met at noon in the fellowship for a discussion-based study on *Compassion as a Spiritual Discipline*.

March 12, 2017: Don't forget to set your clocks ahead! Daylight savings time begins at 2am on Sunday morning. Worship services are at 9am & 11am. The three Ebert children will be baptized during the 9am worship service. Pastor Doug will be preaching this Sunday: *The Devil's Clickbait*, based on the text found in Matthew 4:1-11. Make sure to come to the fellowship hall during coffee hour! The softball team, along with the fellowship committee, will be serving a Pancake breakfast and putting on a silent auction as a fundraiser for league costs and equipment. Come enjoy pancakes and support the team!

This week — Looking ahead

Food Shelf Tour: March is Food Shelf month! If you'd like to get a better idea of where your donation is going, join Mike Shol for a Food Shelf tour this Tuesday or Thursday at 1pm at the Fergus Falls Community Food Shelf.

Lenten Service: Service // 5:30pm Supper // 6:00pm

This Wednesday is the beginning of our Lenten services and suppers! This Wednesday, Stephanie Hoff will be sharing her faith story. Supper will be provided by John MacFarlane and the Men's Club. All are welcome!

Worship survey: Pastor Doug needs your help! As part of his coursework, he is conducting a survey on worship preferences of Federated Church. If you have not completed the survey, click the [here](#) to do so! Please have each person in your household fill out one survey. Thank you for your help!

Local artist-made pendants: Local artist Sarah Karsnia, has made a limited number of pendants for The Federated Church using our new logo and the *Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Arms.* vision. Pendants are \$35 and are available in the church office.

Prayer requests

In addition to the people on our prayer list, please remember:

Pray for Jayne Irwin (cook at the Salvation Army) for relief from pain following knee surgery, and also for heart concerns.

If you have a prayer request, please notify the church office.

Weekly Calendar

MONDAY (3/6)

12:00pm Men's Bible Study

TUESDAY (3/7)

9:00am Parish Nurse
10:00am Ladies Coffee Hour
5:30pm Stephen Ministers' Meeting

WEDNESDAY (3/8)

3:30pm Kid's Club
3:30pm Jr. High Youth Group
5:30pm Lenten service
6:00pm Supper
6:00pm Bell Rehearsal
6:15pm Praise Band
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group

THURSDAY (3/9)

10:30am Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY (3/12)

9:00am Contemporary Worship
Ebert Baptisms
9:45am Sunday School
10:00am Adult Sunday School
10:00am Softball fundraiser
Pancakes & silent auction
11:00am Traditional Worship



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