

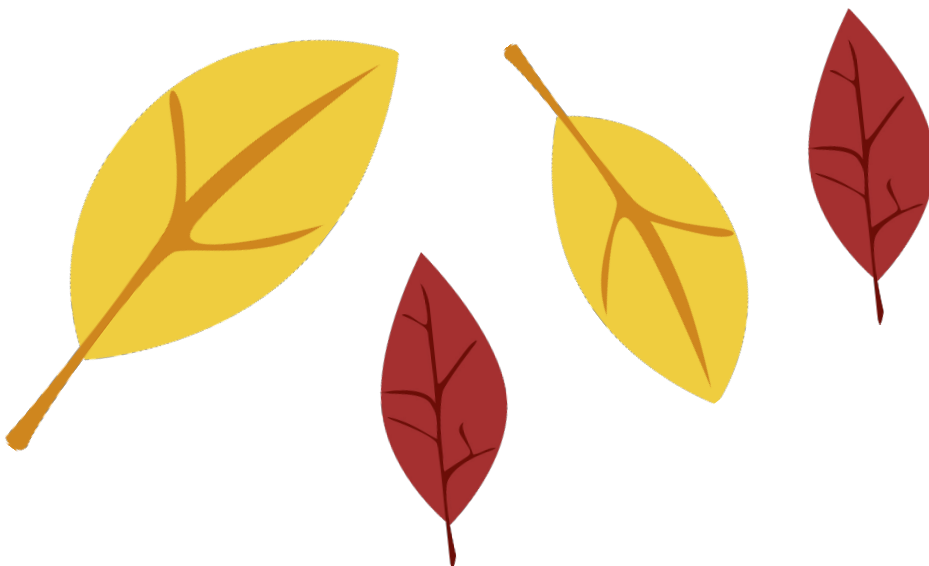
September Worship

Sunday, September 5 10:00am Susan Clamby, Organist
Worship will be in Kirkbride Park
"Jesus Gets a Reputation" Mark 7:24-37
Pastor Doug Dent A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, September 12 10:00am Rally Day
Worship will be in Kirkbride Park
"Let Us Stand Up Together" Isaiah 50:4-9a
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, September 19 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"The Snowplow Conundrum" Psalm 1
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, September 26 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Wonder Woman" Esther 7:16; 9-10; 9:20-22
Pastor Doug Dent



Dates to Remember

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
LABOR DAY: OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
RALLY DAY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
6:30PM MINISTRY NITE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
3:45PM KIDZ CLUB STARTS
5:30 PM CONFIRMATION MEETING
7:30PM SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP
STARTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
6:30PM D&E MEET

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
CONFIRMATION RETREAT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
10:15AM SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS
10:15AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
3:45PM 7TH/8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STARTS
7:30PM 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STARTS



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. (Ps. 23:1-2)

With summer ending and fall activities ramping up, I was feeling a little anxious. I admit that during the pandemic the slower pace of life felt good. I'm not ready for life to feel so frantic again.

So, I was overjoyed to find this rendering of Psalm 23, which reminds us to "walk in the pace of the Lord."

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush.

He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.

He provides me with images of stillness, which restores my serenity.

He leads me in the ways of efficiency through calmness of mind, and His guidance is peace.

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day, I will not fret;

His presence is here, His timelessness, His all importance will keep me in balance.

He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with His oils of tranquility.

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely, harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,

for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house forever.

When we allow God to be our pace-setter, to embrace the quiet intervals God provides for refreshment and renewal, calmness and peace will be ours.

When we stop and are still before God, our serenity is restored for God is in charge and we need not fret.

When we remember that God is always present with us, our cup of joyous energy overflows, and harmony and effectiveness are the fruit of our labors.

I've read many renderings of Psalm 23, but this version seems right and true for this stage of my life.

May you walk in the pace of the Lord, matching your steps to God's, and find peace for your soul.

Pastor Doug

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!

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Committee News

Mission Committee - Meals by Wheels

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, October 25th-29th and November 1st - 5th. Drivers should gather at the Senior Center at 11:00am. It takes about an hour to deliver these meals. If you can help please contact Peg Kalar (218-205-5028) or Sonja Johnson (218-205-7741).

2022 Stewardship Campaign

The Stewardship Campaign for 2022 kicks off on Sunday, September 26, 2022.

Our theme in this 150th year of Federated Church's ministry in the community is "Praising God's Faithfulness." Drawing on Hebrews 10:23, we are "holding fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who promised is faithful."

We are asking each household to consider a 15% increase to their pledge in honor of our 150th year of ministry. This equates to an additional \$15 for every \$100 pledged or an additional \$150 for every \$1,000 pledged in 2021. Will you accept our anniversary challenge? If everyone accepted, it would mean an additional \$60,000 for our ministries.

We are also asking households who did not pledge in 2021 to consider a pledge for 2022. As we emerge from the pandemic and re-start active ministry in the community again, we need everyone's support.

Stewardship Sunday is October 17, 2021. Please make your pledge by that date.

Federated Church is pleased to offer electronic giving through Tithe.ly!

Tithe.ly is an online giving platform designed for churches and non-profits which now supports over 30,000 congregation worldwide.

Tithe.ly offers multiple ways for giving one-time or recurring gifts, including a mobile app, online giving, and text giving.

Tithe.ly delivers instant receipts and timely giving statements to donors and provides Federated Church quicker access to funds and reports.

Best of all, Tithe.ly allows YOU to be in control of your giving!
Signing up is simple: create an online profile in just a few minutes.

Have questions about Tithe.ly?

Visit <https://help.tithe.ly/en/articles/1594047-common-faqs-for-donors> to see how easy and helpful online giving can be.

Ready to give Online or Text with Tithe.ly?

Go to [Tithe.ly/give](https://tithe.ly/give) to create your online account.





Christian Education

Hallelujah! Fall is just around the corner! We have been hard at work preparing for our children's and youth ministries. Here is what we are looking forward to kicking off:

Blessing Of The Backpacks

Be sure to bring your backpack or something related to the learning that you will be doing this upcoming year. This annual tradition is an important way to mark a new year of learning for all of us as we ask God's blessing upon each of us.

Fourth Grade Bibles

Once again, we will be dedicating personal Bibles to our fourth-grade children. Children will be asked to come forward to receive their Bibles.

Kindergarten Bibles

Once again, we will be dedicating special Bibles for our younger children as they begin "big kid" Sunday school! Students will be asked to come forward to receive their Bibles.

BACK
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School

Kids Club

Kidz Club begins on Wednesday, September 15th from 3:45-5:15pm.

- Our theme is "God's Promises to Us". We will be studying and celebrating the incredible promises that our amazing God has for all of His children!
- We will start with snack time, followed by gym, stories, and crafts.
- We now have a kitchen team that will be organizing the snacks and meals each week. Roxanne Nereson and Jane Nelson are both "safety food certified" and have begun making plans. We ask that rather than contributing food, individuals from church instead plan to "sponsor" a specific meal with funds. We are so excited for this opportunity.



Senior High Youth Group

Senior high youth group begins on September 15th at 7:30pm in the youth room.

- We are gearing up for another year of learning, fellowship, and LOTS of energy with this awesome group!
- Our schedule will be mailed/handed out as we get closer to the start up.

Sunday School

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 19th at 10:15am.

- We have wonderful teachers set for each small group. We will divide up into K-1, 2-4, 5-6, and middle school/high school.
- Our elementary school curriculum focuses on how we can grow together to be more like Jesus. It considers specific actions like forgiveness, peacemaking, and having a servant's heart.
- We are working on restarting the Pre-K and Parent monthly class and will have more details soon.



Kid's Activities

As we begin the church school year, we'd like to encourage families with kids to engage in the many terrific activities Federated Church offers:

Kid's Club starts	Sept. 15th
Sr. High Youth Group starts	Sept. 15th
Confirmation Retreat	Sept. 17th-19th
Sunday School starts	Sept. 19th
Confirmation starts	Sept. 22nd

Confirmation

Confirmation begins with a parent and student meeting on September, 15th at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

- Our fall retreat is set for September 17th-19th at Clearwater Forest near Brainerd, MN.
- Confirmation classes begin on Wednesday, September 22nd. 7th-8th grade students meeting from 4-5:30pm and our 9th grade class will meet at 6:30pm.
- Our 7th and 8th grade students will be combined again this year.
- We plan to do more "youth group fellowship and service" activities throughout the year, intermixed with our classes. For example, one week we may NOT study the curriculum but instead do a special activity as a group.



Confirmation 2021

Top left to right: Kellen Stenstrom, William Nuss, and Pastor Doug Dent

Bottom left to right: Harvey Beske, Nevaeh Konrad, and Jonathan Dent



Church News

The Church Office

The church office hours will remain the same in September. Phones and emails will be answered from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Friday's. If you need access to the church building, please call ahead of time to make an appointment.

Pastor Doug returns from vacation on Wednesday, September 1st.

Brianna will be on vacation September 7th - 13th. If anyone can help out in the office 10am-2pm on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, and 9am-12pm on the 10th let Brianna know. Thank you!

Rally Day

Rally Day is Sunday, September 12th in Kirkbride Park! Take a look at our fun filled schedule:

At 10:00am

- *Worship
- * Blessing our student's backpacks
- * K and 4th grade receive Bibles

At 11:00am

- *Lunch: pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and chips.
- *Treasure-hunt for children, Bingo for all ages, Bean Bag, Toss, and Prizes!

Meetings

Ministry Nite is Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30pm

Confirmation Meeting is Wednesday, September 15th at 5:30pm

D&E is Thursday, September 16th at 6:30pm

Worship

Worship will start back up at Federated Church on Sunday, September 19th at 9:30am and will be live streamed.

To access federated Church's online worship services, visit the church website (www.federatedff.org). There are three ways to retrieve worship videos:

1. Click the worship slide on the homepage.
2. Click the YouTube or Facebook icon at the bottom of the homepage.
3. Click the "Resources" tab (top right), click "Live Stream Worship," and click a service to view.

Home Communion

We are now offering home communion. Teams of Deacons and Elders who are fully vaccinated will bring the elements to your home or residence. If you would like to receive communion, please contact the church office (218-739-3227).

For safety reasons, we must comply with the requirements and restrictions of your residence. If your residence is not yet allowing public visitation, we will be unable to serve communion to you at this time.

If you are an ordained Deacon or Elder, are fully vaccinated, and would like to help us with this important outreach ministry, please contact Pastor Doug.

Let's Play Golf

Join us on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm at Pebble Lake golf course on the range. There is no cost, and church members do not need to own clubs to participate. All ages please join us, and clubs and advice are provided if needed.





Bible Study

Adult Bible Study

Sunday, September 19th at 10:15am

Our study of Paul's letter to the Galatians continues...picking up at chapter 5:1, where we left off in the spring. We will meet in the parlor (next to the kitchen). Everyone is welcome! We will recap the first part of Galatians to refresh our memories about Paul's theme: the Gospel and nothing else!

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 7th at 11:30am

Women's Bible study will be wrapping up the Gospel of John after a summer break in the Narthex.

On October 5th we will begin a new study into the Book of Hebrews, a "mysteriously written letter" to a Jewish Christian community in the first century that points readers to the superiority and sovereignty of Jesus Christ over all things.

Coffee Hour

Women's Coffee Hour

Women's coffee hour is on Tuesday's in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.

Men's Coffee Hour

Men's coffee hour is on Friday's in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.



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

Ministry Nite:

September 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.

Stewardship Report For June

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$20,952
Expenditures	\$25,408
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$213,556
Actual Received	\$216,385

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
August	\$7,724.76

Newsletter Deadline

Articles and announcements are due the 15th of each month. Please send them by email whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.





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If you would like to Text "give", please **text the message give to 855-235-5961.** Click on the link to the setup page and enter your information.

September Birthdays

09/01	Heather Rundquist	09/18	Lizzy Thiel
09/02	Jake Wendland	09/18	Amy Underdahl
09/04	Lucinda Dix Echel berger	09/19	Paige Undseth
09/05	Teri Nygaard	09/19	Leo Schierer
09/05	Alex Jensen	09/20	Donna Ohe
09/06	Wade Ugstad	09/23	Ruth Aulds
09/07	Mark Becker	09/23	Russell Larsen
09/08	Erika Mariotti	09/24	Gail Green
09/10	James Underdahl	09/25	Wesley Beske
09/12	Janice Borowski	09/25	Jean Bowman
09/12	Jessica Nelson	09/26	Amanda Mandelke
09/13	Makiya Cavalier	09/27	Tim Hunt
09/13	Jim Iverson	09/28	Christopher Ander son
09/13	Thatcher Iverson	09/29	Carolyn Anderson
09/14	Nicole Krohn	09/30	Ben Schierer
09/14	Erin Smith		
09/16	Peg Kalar		
09/17	Chad Nelson		
09/17	Lena Wendland		



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