

November Worship

Sunday, November 7 9:30AM All Saints' Sunday
Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"Master Class" Mark 10:35-45
Pastor Doug Dent A Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Remembering those who died this past year

Sunday, November 14 9:30AM
Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"The Confess Project" Hebrews 10
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, November 21 9:30AM Christ the King Sunday
Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"Do you Belong" John 18:33-37
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, November 28 9:30AM First Sunday of Advent
Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"Sunday Scaries" Psalm 25:1-10
Pastor Doug Dent



Dates to Remember

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1
5:15PM ENDOWMENT MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
COMMUNION
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
6:30PM MINISTRY NITE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
VETERANS DAY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
6:30PM D&E MEET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21
6:30PM JAIL INC. SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
5:30PM ADVENT SERVICE



"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

In this chapter of Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica, he gives believers a series of exhortations. As children of the day who anticipated the immediate return of Jesus, they needed to live righteously. Paul calls upon them to treat all their fellow believers kindly and patiently and to do good to one another. Paul admonishes them to be joyful and to keep on praying. Constant thanksgiving is to mark their lives. Further, Paul tells them not to quench the Holy Spirit or to have negative attitudes toward prophetic ministries. Finally, Paul urges the Thessalonians to keep a firm grasp on teachings that they tested and found to be true, so to avoid falling into evil ways.

In verse 18, Paul encourages his readers to give thanks in all circumstances. He adds that it is God's will to do so. Regardless how difficult our circumstances may be, we can always find reasons to thank God. We can be thankful that:

- All things work together for our good if we belong to God (Romans 8:28).
- God's grace is sufficient to sustain us in every circumstance (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- Nothing can separate us from God's love (Romans 8:37-39).
- God even supports us spiritually when trials produce difficulty in our prayer life (Romans 8:26).
- Rough circumstances also prove the genuineness of our faith (1 Peter 1:6-7).

Previously Paul wrote to "rejoice always" (verse 16). Joy is not the same thing as happiness. In a similar way, Scripture makes the distinction between giving thanks "for" our circumstances, as opposed to giving thanks "in" our circumstances. We may not give thanks for an illness, but we can be thankful that there are medicines and nurses who restore us to health. We may not be thankful for a loved one's death, but we can be thankful that we shared time with and learned lessons from that person.

This is not a Pollyanna-ish view of life or an attempt to make lemonade out of lemons. It is recognizing that God is still at work, with and for us, and for that we can always be thankful.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I encourage you to take stock of the blessings you have and to give God thanks for giving them to you. As Paul says, "I give thanks for you!"

Happy Thanksgiving!
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!



December Worship

Sunday, December 5 9:30AM Second Sunday of Advent

Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"Saved to Serve "

Luke 1:68-79

Pastor Doug Dent

A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, December 12 9:30AM Third Sunday of Advent

Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"What Would Jesus Give"

Luke 3:7-18

Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, December 19 9:30AM Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"Enter the Matrix"

Luke 1:39-55

Pastor Doug Dent

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00pm, *Worship will be in-person and streamed online*

"Tonight!"

Luke 2:1-20

Pastor Doug Dent

8:00pm, *Worship will be in-person and streamed online*

"The Unused Gift"

Luke 2:1-20 & Titus 2:11-4
A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, December 26 9:30AM First Sunday of Christmas

Worship will be in-person and streamed online

"Loud Praise, Softly Spoken"

Psalms 148

Pastor Doug Dent

Midweek Advent Services

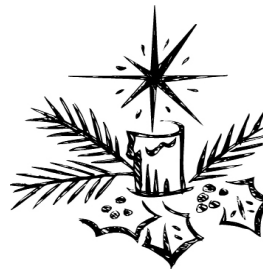
Join us at our midweek Advent services on Wednesdays at 5:30pm, as we study the "Symbols of Salvation" that pointed the way to Jesus.

December 1 – The Burning Bush

December 8 – The Tent of the Tabernacle

December 15 – Gideon, The One Man

December 22 – The Living Nativity





We are marching closer to the winter season, with holidays coming at a fast pace! November and December always seems to fly by with Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. This year we are looking forward to being together for these times.

Sunday School

Our K-6th Sunday school classes have been studying some of the qualities disciples show—mainly forgiveness, peacemaking, and servant-heartedness. Our curriculum focuses on a quality for a series of weeks before moving on to the next one. It is our hope that our young people are learning valuable lessons about how we might live in our ever-challenging world. One project that our 5th-6th grade class decided to embark on is to design a prayer jar for someone in the church family. Each month we will make a new jar for a different person and then give that individual the jar. The group is very excited about it and plans to encourage the other Sunday school classes to add their own prayers to the jar. Our middle school/high school class meets each week and tackles a new and unique subject that they help choose. It sounds like they have great discussions!

Kidz Club

We are well into our third month of Kidz Club with September and October behind us! We are studying God’s Promises to us, ranging from strength, to refuge, to caring for us. Each week we learn the promise, review a Bible story that relates to that promise, and then create a craft to help us remember that promise. We are filling boxes we made the first day with our promise crafts, so that we can take home our “God Promise Box” at the end of the session! As we head into December we plan to spend each Wednesday hearing a message related to Advent and work on Advent crafts.

Confirmation

After the success of the confirmation retreat we are settling into our weekly class routines. Pastor Doug is heading up all of the confirmation classes this year and he is enjoying the youth tremendously. It is sometimes challenging to compete with after-school sports (which didn’t used to be on Wednesdays so consistently), but we hope to see everyone most of the time throughout the confirmation season. Confirmation goes from September through February.



Senior High Youth Group

Our senior high youth group continues to grow and change all the time, with friends inviting friends nearly every week. I am so happy to report that our group is great at welcoming new people! We have been covering a variety of topics recently such as “healthy relationships”, “unhealthy relationships”, “angels”, and we even had a movie night, watching *Evan Almighty*. We have a great time playing a variety of games such as “couch of power”, “psychiatrist”, “infection”, and the occasional informal basketball tournament! It is a joy to be with these wonderful youth each week, watching them grow and mature into amazing people!

Christian Education and Youth



Church News

All Saints' Sunday

During worship on Sunday, Nov. 7th, we will honor members who passed away during the last year.

Meetings

Ministry Nite is Tuesday, Nov. 9th at 6:30pm
D&E is Thursday, Nov. 18th at 6:30pm

Online Worship

To access Federated Church's online worship services, visit the church website (www.federatedff.org).

There are three ways to view worship videos:

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

Poinsettias

It is that time of year! Poinsettia forms should appear in your bulletin around the 2nd week of November. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the poinsettia form and return it to the church office or call the church office.

We will also be sending out an event link through Tithe.ly. You will be able to choose red or white and pay through Tithe.ly. The price of the Poinsettias is TBD. More information will be sent out in a memo.



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?
Follow the easy steps on the enclosed cards to create your online account.

Thank you for your support of Federated Church's mission and ministries.

Jail Inc. Service

The Jail Inc. service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 21st at 6:30pm at Life Church.

Bell Choir

The bell choir is hoping to play something during December with safety measures put in place. If anyone is interested, they can meet at Federated on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7pm. If you have any questions, please, contact Tessa Nord at 218-205-8627. No experience necessary. Ages 10 and up welcome.

Audio-Video Technician

Federated Church is hiring an Audio-Video Technician to be responsible for operating the audio and video systems for worship and rehearsals, and for maintaining these systems in good working order. This would be a part-time, ten hour per week position (averaged across the year). Applicants must be 16-years

age or older. Please go to website for employment application and more on the job description. (www.federatedff.org) under the resources tab and employment opportunities.



Committee News

Mission Committee

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, Nov. 1st - 5th and Jan. 10th-14th, 2022. 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).

Mission Brunch

This year's Mission Brunch, normally hosted in mid/late November, will be postponed to a later date.

2022 Stewardship Campaign

Our 2022 campaign is going extremely well so far! As of Oct. 25th, 2021, we have 81 pledges totaling \$270,898.00 (which is 68.6% to our goal of \$394,876). Many households (44) accepted our challenge and raised their pledge for 2022, while other households (29) kept their pledge the same for 2022. We even have 4 "new" households pledging!

Thank you to everyone who pledged already! If you have not yet made your pledge for 2022, please send us your pledge soon, so we can begin the budgeting process.

Remember to check out Tithe.ly, our online giving service. It's easy to use and convenient.

Deacons & Elders

At its Oct. 21st board meeting, D&E elected to make some adjustments to the COVID-19 mitigation measures: printed bulletins will now be available in the Narthex, and hymnals will be back in the pews for people who want to read the music as they sing. We are not going back to the delineated seating sections from last spring.

The measure we discussed at length was whether to loosen mask requirements. The conclusion was, not quite yet. With cases still on the rise in Otter Tail County, and the beginning of flu season, the board determined we will keep the mask requirement in place, for now. There was a lot of thoughtful and respectful discussion about the mask mandate. D&E is committed to revisiting the policy every month at its meeting and thanks those who shared their opinions.

We celebrate that church attendance increased slightly this fall, and we continue to offer livestream services for people not comfortable worshipping in person yet. We love all members of our Federated faith family and appreciate the courtesy and respect you have shown each other. Thank you for keeping each other in thought and prayer as we navigate this journey together.





Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study - Tuesdays at 11:15am

Our Tuesday Women's Bible Study has taken a little longer to finish up the Gospel of John. We are now planning to start the book of Hebrews on Nov. 17th in the narthex. If you are interested in joining us, please feel free. We generally go through a chapter a week unless there is so much content that we need to extend it into the next week. We typically spend some time at the beginning in prayer and then dive into the chapter for the day. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at kmad@prtcl.com.

A Season of Giving

I invite you to share this giving season with children in the Otter Tail County Foster Care. We are collecting items for children in our community and surrounding communities Monday, Nov. 1st-Wednesday, Dec. 8th. These kids need new and unopened personal care items and body products such as shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. We will also be collecting child sizes of new hats, gloves, socks, and underwear. Gift cards are also a great option. Items can be dropped off in the church Narthex. Let all that you do be done in love. If you have any questions, please contact Rebekah Meder at 218-205-3384.

Coffee Hour

Women's coffee
Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00am

Men's coffee hour
Fridays 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:

November 9- 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

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$33,231
Expenditures	\$34,901
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$274,572
Actual Received	\$276,342

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
September	\$2,300.48

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.



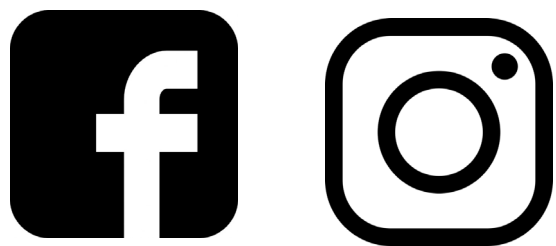


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If you would like to Text "give", please **text the message give to 855-235-5961.** Click on the link to the setup page and enter your information.

November Birthdays

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| 11/01 Sammy Ebert | 11/15 Rick Schara |
| 11/02 Andrew MacFarlane | 11/16 Terry Harrington |
| 11/02 Addison Davenport | 11/16 Charlie Schlepp |
| 11/02 Koven Ebert | 11/18 Donna Solin |
| 11/04 Maximillian Jensen | 11/19 Tessa Becker |
| 11/07 Brandon Truax | 11/20 Maury Skogen |
| 11/07 Mike Walls | 11/22 Ross Johnson |
| 11/08 John MacFarlane | 11/22 Molly King |
| 11/09 Matthew Beske | 11/23 Landon Link |
| 11/09 Lance Nygaard | 11/24 Brayden Aasen |
| 11/10 Ann Porter | 11/24 Michelle Loomer |
| 11/10 Laurie Skogen | 11/24 Katelyn Sperling |
| 11/11 Mark Sundberg | 11/25 Elaine Snyder |
| 11/12 Austen Tabbut | 11/25 Keira Thompson-Ohren |
| 11/12 Nathan Hoff | 11/26 Meg Garrahan |
| 11/13 Bill Nead | 11/26 Franklin Schierer |
| 11/14 Dennis Bergerud | 11/27 Lydia Meder |
| 11/14 John Lindholm | 11/29 Duane Rose |
| 11/14 Erik Lindholm | 11/29 Erik Loomer |
| 11/14 Alexandria Haas | |
| 11/15 Karen Hauck | |

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