

February Worship

Sunday, February 6 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Who You Gonna Call?" 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Pastor Doug Dent A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, February 13 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"The Blessing That Counts" Luke 6:17-26
 Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, February 20 9:30am
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Unreasonable Love" Luke 6:27-38
 Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, February 27 9:30am Transfiguration of the Lord
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Lifting the Veil" 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
 Pastor Doug Dent



Dates to Remember

Sunday, February 6

Communion

Tuesday, February 8

6:30pm Ministry Nite

Wednesday, February 9

Last Day of Confirmation

Monday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day!

Tuesday, February 15

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, February 16

4:00pm Jr. High Youth Group Starts

Thursday, February 17

6:30pm D&E Meets w/
Confirmation Students

Monday, February 21

Presidents Day - Office Closed

Thursday, February 24

1:00pm Village CO-OP Coffee



Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

In our family, there are times when we meet to discuss things of mutual concern or importance. These "family meetings" are a good way to work things out, share ideas, brainstorm, and generally improve how we "do" family.

As a faith family, we need to do this, too. I am inviting you to be part of five Federated Church Family Meetings after the Lenten services and suppers on March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 2022. Services are at 5:30 PM. Suppers – graciously prepared by the Men's Club – are at 6:00 PM. The roundtable discussions will begin about 6:30 PM and last no more than one hour.

Safety is still a concern. We ask that you be masked when not eating. Meals will be served family style to minimize movement around the room. Please limit table guests to family groups or no more than 4 people per table. We appreciate your assistance in creating a safe space to meet.

For our first meeting on March 9th, I would ask you to consider two things:

- I am most proud of Federated Church when...
- My wish for Federated Church is...

We've not been able to meet as often or as easily as we traditionally have; but it is time for us to gather and to spend some time getting reacquainted, to encourage one another, and to make plans for our congregation's future.

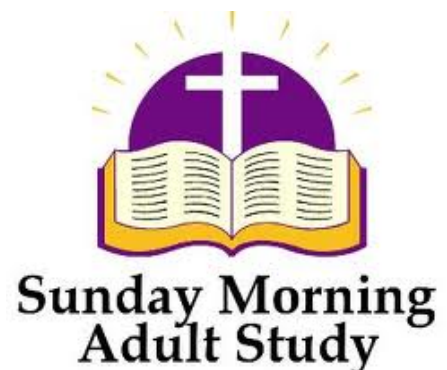
Please mark your calendars! We need to add your voice to the conversation.
I am excited to share this time with you!

Pastor Doug

Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings, after worship, in the parlor.

Pastor Doug is leading a study on the trial narratives in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. Based on the book, *The Trial Narratives* by Matthew Skinner, these trials have much to teach us about conflict, power, and identity in the New Testament. It will be a fascinating study. Everyone is welcome!





Save The Date!

We are gathering for coffee at Village Co-Op. We will meet at the Village Co-Op in the Community Room Thursday, February 24th at 1:00pm. Even if you do not live at Village CO-OP, you are welcome to join us!



Events: Looking Ahead

Last Day of Confirmation, February 9

@4:00pm 7th/8th grade
@6:30pm 9th grade

Jr. High Youth Group, February 16

@4:00pm

D&E Meets, February 17

@6:30pm with confirmation students

Ash Wednesday, March 2

Service @7:00pm

Confirmation Sunday, March 6

Service @9:30am

Ministry Nite, March 8

@6:30pm

Lenten Services and Supper, March 9

@5:30pm on Wednesdays until April 6

D&E Meets, March 17

@6:30pm

Palm Sunday, April 10

Service @9:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Service @7:00pm

Good Friday, April 15

Service @7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

Service @9:30am

Senior Brunch, April 24

@10:15am

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!





Wow! We are having quite the winter here at Federated Church, with lots of great activities, fun and learning for all ages! We Minnesotans have to make the best of these cold months by creating fun fellowship opportunities! Here are some of our recent and upcoming happenings.

Senior High Youth Group

In spite of a PLETHORA of challenges leading up to our rescheduled (from last year!) winter retreat, I am thrilled to report that we had a successful gathering over the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Fifteen youth and three adult leaders made the journey at the tail-end of a Friday blizzard. School had been canceled that day—which actually allowed us to leave early and venture to Clearwater Forest Camp. We stayed at our favorite place, Eagle Lodge, and spent the weekend having a great time! Our theme was “Be the Light!” and we explored what it meant to be LIGHT in the world when DARKNESS seems to dominate. We also spent a lot of time outside, with people snow-shoeing, exploring, and building an incredible fort! At night we played games and simply spent time hanging out. It was a welcome break in the midst of school and work and the stresses of life, and I am so thankful for everyone who helped make it happen! Thank you to our fearless leaders Hollis Davenport, Ben Schierer, and Madalyn Dent. It was a wonderful time, and hopefully it will become an annual event!

Kidz Club

In January we began a new series in Kidz Club exploring some of King David’s Psalms. We are learning more about David and his life, we are memorizing important Psalms and verses, we are creating lots of great crafts, and we are SINGING again! So many fun songs are based on the Psalms, and we are working on them during our time together. We hope to share them with the congregation sometime this spring. We have a very consistent group of faithful young people attending each week, and we are also looking forward to adding more!

Thank you to our kitchen ladies who provide a delicious meal for families after each weekly session.

Sunday School

Our Sunday school program is continuing to focus on living as disciples. We are learning stories from the Bible that show forgiveness, peace-making, and servant-heartedness. Our kids love hearing about people of faith in scripture and doing crafts. We enjoy the time we get to spend together each week! We are always excited to welcome new and returning faces.

Confirmation

Our confirmation classes are coming to a close for the year, which is hard to believe! Our 9th grade students will be confirmed on Sunday, March 6, during our church’s worship service. When 7th and 8th grade confirmation class finishes for the year, we will be moving right into middle school youth group during the same time slot as confirmation, most likely in mid-February. We will be sharing more information with our youth as we work through our final weeks of class. We look forward to having time together doing fellowship, fun and service!

Women’s Bible Study

Our women’s Bible study continues to meet each Tuesday at 11:15 am in the parlor. We are diving deeply into the book of Hebrews, a rich and beautiful Biblical text with an unknown, mysterious author. There is so much to gain from each chapter, and we find searching together blesses each one of us! We are an open and welcoming group who enjoys new people!

Christian Education and Youth





Church News

Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation Sunday is March 6, 2022. Please hold our confirmation students in prayer as they complete their course of study and write the Statement of Faith.

The 2022 Confirmation Class: Siri Anthon-isen-Brown, Shelby Eckhoff, Kristian Fransen, Beatrice Schierer, Sam Sundberg, Preston Weinrich

Church Office

The church office hours will remain the same in February. Phones and emails will be answered from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm of Fridays. The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 21st for Presidents Day.

Coffee Hour

Women's coffee hour is on Tuesdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

Men's Coffee hour is on Fridays at 10am in the Parlor.

Safety At Federated

Face coverings are required for everyone, masks will be provided, wash hands frequently, and sanitizing stations will be provided.

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:

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.

Presbytery News

The Presbytery of MN Valleys will meet:

Saturday, February 5 via zoom from 9:00 – 10:30

Tuesday, April 5 in person from 10:00-3:00 p.m. (location: Spicer, Hope)

Tuesday, June 7 via zoom from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 16 via zoom from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (typical meeting date)

Saturday, October 8 in person from 10-3:00 p.m. (location: St. Cloud)

Tuesday, December 6 via zoom from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Communion Cups

We celebrate communion on the first Sunday each month. If you plan to worship from home, you may pick up prepackaged communion cups (bread and juice included) at the church office between 10AM-2PM, Monday-Thursday or 9AM-12PM on Fridays. A gluten free option is available. Call Brianna (218-739-3227) to reserve your communion cups.

A Note About Pre-pledging

As we near the new year, please remember the following when pre-pledging. If you prepay your pledge, by law it will appear on the statement in the year it is received. For example, 2022 pledges received in 2021 will appear on 2021 statements.

Bell Choir

The Bell Choir is practicing during January with safety measures put in place. If anyone is interested, they can meet at Federated on Tuesdays from 7-8pm. If you have any questions, please, contact Tessa Nord at 218-205-8627.





Committee News

Mission Committee

Meals By Wheels

Federated Church members drove the noon meal for Meals-by-Wheels across two weeks in January. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help with this important outreach ministry. Your care for your neighbors is appreciated.

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, March 28th - April 1st. Drivers should gather at the Senior Center at 11am. 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).

Fellowship Committee

Birthday Cake Sunday

Celebrate your birthday on February 27th! During the fellowship hour at 10:15am you can share cake with other's from your birthday month. Safety is still a concern. We ask that you be masked when not eating. Cake will be served family style to minimize movement around the room. Please limit table guests to family groups or no more than 4 people per table. We appreciate your assistance in creating a safe space to meet.

Deacons & Elders

At their meeting on January 13, 2022, the Deacons & Elders:

- Finalized plans for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation (January 23, 2022)
- Reviewed the 2022 budget and recommended it to the congregation
- Reviewed the pastor's terms of call and recommended to the congregation the granting of one additional week of vacation and one additional week of continuing education (in lieu of COLA) in 2022
- Reviewed the COVID-19 safety protocols and decided to open the church nursery
- Received with deep appreciation a \$50,000 gift to the endowment fund
- Decided to send the monthly newsletter electronically as a cost saving measure, while allowing members the option to still receive a paper newsletter if they request one
- Approved hosting Birthday Cake Sunday (February 27, 2022)
- Approved hosting the Lenten Suppers (March-April 2022)

FEBRUARY 2022 - GREETERS

Sunday, February 6th

Ingrid and Ed Morgan

Sunday, February 13th

Dave and Vivian Whipple

Sunday, February 20th

Landon Link

Sunday, February 27th

TBD

Greeters are asked to wear face coverings and refrain from contact (please do not shake hands or pass out bulletins).

If you are uncomfortable worshipping in person or serving as a greeter, please let Brianna know. We understand the need for safety and respect your choice.

If you would be willing to be "on call" as a Greeter, in the event we are unable to find someone, please contact Brianna. She will create a list of volunteer greeters. We are grateful for your help.



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 [e](#) to see how easy and helpful online giving can be.

Ready to give Online or Text with Tithe.ly?

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



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.



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: February 8- 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.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$37,148
Expenditures	\$31,777
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$332,817
Actual Received	\$335,587

Grocery Receipts THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
January	\$486.09

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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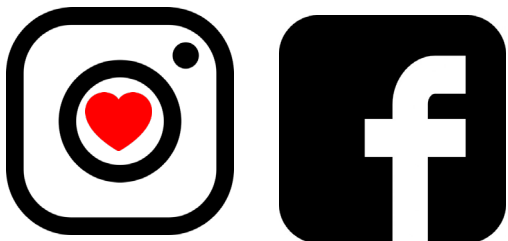
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Time sensitive information
Please deliver by February 1st

February Birthdays

02/01	Ella Childs	02/12	Alicia Paulzine
02/02	Robin Andrews	02/14	Doug Dent
02/03	Donna Hendel	02/14	Jon Frasen
02/03	Karen Orcutt	02/16	Brennan Olson
02/03	Jona Brown	02/18	Carol Bopp
02/03	Robert Stout	02/18	Finn Christianson
02/04	Norma Loomer	02/19	LoveEll Hultin
02/04	Anna Sundheim	02/19	Marjan Schuetze
02/05	Olivia Jensen	02/20	Shana Johnson
02/06	Tanya Westra	02/21	Barb Flom
02/08	Patty Lindholm	02/22	Bruce Bopp
02/08	Ida Gustafson	02/22	William Johnson
02/09	Lee Syverson	02/24	Madilyn Michael
02/10	Luke Collins	02/25	Marsha Sperling
02/10	Kurt Johnson	02/27	Benjamin Schierer
02/10	Andrew Link	02/27	William Nuss
02/11	Kitt Schara	02/28	Gary Nelson
02/12	Greg Truax	02/28	Mark Thompson
		02/29	Ruby Schmidt



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