

April Worship

Sunday, April 3	9:30am	
"Always a New Day"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Isaiah 43:16-21 A Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Sunday, April 10	9:30am	Palm Sunday
"Paul Lays it on the Line"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Philippians 2:5-1
Thursday, April 14	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday
"The Towel of Jesus"		
Pastor Doug Dent		John 12:12-16 A Celebration of The Lord's Supper
Friday, April 15	7:00pm	Good Friday
"Did Jesus Play the Blame Game?"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Psalms 22
Sunday, April 17	9:30am	Easter Sunday
"Run, Mary, Run!"		
Pastor Doug Dent		John 20:1-18
Sunday, April 24	9:30am	
"Jesus is Our Big Toe"		
Pastor Doug Dent		Revelation 1:4-8

All worship services are in-person and online

Dates to Remember

- SUNDAY, APRIL 3**
Communion
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**
5:30pm Lenten Service
6:00pm Supper
- SUNDAY, APRIL 10**
9:30am Palm Sunday Service
- TUESDAY, APRIL 12**
6:30pm Ministry Nite
- THURSDAY, APRIL 14**
10:00am Sewing & Coffee
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service W/
Communion
- FRIDAY, APRIL 15**
Church Office Closed
Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm Good Friday Service
- SUNDAY, APRIL 17**
9:30am Easter Service
- THURSDAY, APRIL 21**
6:30pm D&E Meet
- SUNDAY, APRIL 24**
10:30am Senior Brunch
- THURSDAY, April 28**
1:00pm Coffee At The Co-op



Christ died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2 Corinthians 5:15

A visitor to Orcas Island, Washington arrived on the ferry and began the mile-long walk to his rented cottage. He struggled under the load of two backpacks, camera cases, and an overnight bag. A van passed by him, pulled over and stopped a few hundred yards in front of him. Out of the car stepped two young, sharply dressed Jehovah's Witnesses.

One of the young men, prepared with the most current issue of the "Watch Tower," proceeded to talk to the visitor about his faith. He peppered the visitor with questions and offered his version of how to be saved. The other young man silently picked up one of the backpacks and a camera case and carried these things for the visitor.

This story illustrates the two types of Christians we are called to be: Christians "bearing witness" and Christians "being a witness." Both are good and both are needed. But knowing when to be one or the other is important. The visitor didn't really need a Christian to "bear witness" as much as he needed a Christian to "be a witness." He did not need someone who was so "heavenly minded" that he was no "earthly good."

On Easter morning we confidently and joyfully proclaim, "Christ is risen!" But we can only truly proclaim that marvelous truth if we ourselves are being witnesses to the risen Christ. It is one thing to know in your head that Christ died to forgive our sins and rose from the dead to offer new life. It is another thing entirely to live into the reality of that new life.

The fact is that on Easter Sunday, and on every other day of the year, we are called to "bear witness" with our words AND to "be a witness" by proclaiming the joy of Christ's resurrection

through our lives and faith. What we celebrate on Easter Sunday must be made real on Easter Monday, and Tuesday, and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. What we do does not have to be huge or expensive or life-altering to have great meaning. Even simple acts of kindness can witness to the truth that we are new creations, alive in Jesus Christ.

One night a family found themselves standing outside their home as firefighters doused the blaze that consumed their home. Amid the chaos, a pizza delivery car pulled up and stopped. The driver got out and handed the Mom a pizza. "There must be some mistake," she said. "Obviously no one here ordered a pizza."

"Oh, I know you didn't order this," said the driver, "but I saw you all standing here and thought you might be hungry. No charge." Astonished, the family watched as the driver returned to his car and drove away. The driver was being a witness to Jesus, meeting the immediate need of that family.

Being a witness to Christ takes as many forms as there are heartbeats on earth. How might you "bear witness" to the continuing outpourings of God's redeeming love and resurrection power? How might you "be a witness" to his love within your own life? By our actions and attitudes, we can "be-a-witness" disciples to the presence of Christ's death-defying love, thus proclaiming to all people his love and resurrection power which saves and heals and transforms.

Christ is risen! Being-a-witness makes Christ present to the world.

Easter blessings,
Pastor Doug



Easter is just about here and with it warmer, spring temperatures! Praise the Lord for that! This has been a hard, but beautiful winter. Our kids and youth are really looking forward to getting out and being in the sun and grass again. I know I sure am! Here is what's happening over the next few months at Federated Church with our education ministries.

APRIL 6TH LENTEN DINNER

Our middle school youth, high school youth, and Christian Education committee members will be hosting the Wednesday, April 6 Lenten Dinner. We plan to serve a gourmet mac-and-cheese meal. Our hope is to raise money towards a new "OCTOBALL COURT" that can be used both indoors and outside during the warmer weather. Octoball is a fun, active game with a ball that can be played by people of all ages. You may have seen tables set up in a circle-like formation in the gym over the winter months. This is the basic arrangement for this popular game. We would like to purchase a more functional and easier-to-manage set up for this game.

SENIOR BRUNCH DAY

Federated Church has a tradition each year in which we celebrate our graduating seniors by holding an all-church brunch after worship in Fellowship Hall. This year our Senior Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 24th, at 10:30am. We will serve egg bakes and other brunch treats, and our senior graduates and families will have the opportunity to rejoice with the church family on the completion of this stage of their child's life. Our seniors include: Piper Andrews, Anders Anthonisen-Brown, Makena Iverson, Jordan Lee, Grace Olson, Benjamin Rundquist, Dove Schierer, Shelby Tabbut, and Zayne Weinrich. Please join us for this special day and celebrate this milestone with our graduates.

KIDZ CLUB

Our 2021-2022 Kidz Club session will end on Wednesday, April 27th. During this spring session we will be continuing our focus on the

psalms, and digging in to Psalm 23 specifically. I believe it is never too early to begin learning this all-time-favorite and deeply meaningful psalm. We will explore God's love and care for us as Our Great Shepherd with stories, videos, music, and crafts. We also hope to sing before or after worship on Palm Sunday, April 10th, sharing the three songs we have been working on during our Kidz Club sessions. There will be more information to come to parents as we near the date!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our children and youth continue meeting each week for Sunday school after worship. Classes are available for grades K-12, and run for 45 minutes to an hour, depending on the group. We may be small in number, but we are mighty spirit. Sunday school continues through Sunday, May 15th. We will celebrate and thank our Children's and Youth Ministry Volunteers on May 15th during worship.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our middle school youth group grows each week with invited friends. We are having a great time playing games and having opportunities to do some learning together. We will be making some plans to get together over the summer as well. I love finding out what the youth would like to do and try to make some of it happen.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Senior high youth group also seems to grow each week with new friends and faces adding to our active group. We continue to tackle topics that the youth had the opportunity to choose at the beginning of the year. This topics are challenging and timely for this age group, as they are preparing to face a world that is growing increasingly less tolerant of Christians. We spend quite a bit of time discussing how to carry our Christian faith into the next stages of our lives. With the middle school youth, we will be making plans to get together over the summer months and keep up our fellowship.



Church News

Lenten Services

Our last Lenten services is April 6 at 5:30pm. Hollis Davenport will share what he appreciates about the Federated Church family. Supper is served at 6:00pm after the service.

Easter Flowers

If you ordered Easter flowers they can be picked up following the Easter Service on Sunday, April 17. Those with a (T) by their name ordered a tulip; those with an (L) by their name ordered a lily; those with an (H) ordered a hyacinth. Thank you!

Presbytery News

The Presbytery of MN Valleys will meet:

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

Tuesday, June 7 Hope Presbytery Church in Spicer, MN from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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.

Church Office

The church office hours are from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm of Fridays. The church office will be closed on Good Friday.



June 27th-July 1st

Jain Inc. Service

Join Jain Inc. on April 24th for the spring service at New Creation Lutheran Church in Perham, MN. Refreshments at 6:30pm and worship at 7:00pm.

Communion Cups Available

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.

2022 Synod School

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is hosting Synod School from July 24-29, 2022 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. This is a great event for anyone seeking a fun and faith-based learning experience during the summer. There are activities for children, teens, and families. The workshop catalogue and registration materials are available in the church office or www.lakesandprairies.org.





Events: Looking Ahead

Federated Meals By Wheels April 4-8
@11:00am

Lenten Service and Supper, April 6
Worship @5:30pm & Supper @6:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 10
Service @9:30am

Ministry Nite, April 12
@6:30pm

Sewing & Coffee, April 14
@10:00am

Maundy Thursday, April 14
Service @7:00pm with Communion

Good Friday, April 15
Service @7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 17
Service @9:30am

D&E Meet, April 21
@6:30pm

Senior Brunch, April 24
@10:30am

Last Day Of Kidz Club, April 27
@3.45pm

Bells Play, May 8
@9:30am

Ministry Nite, May 10
@6:30pm

Sewing & Coffee, May 12
@10:00am

Last Day of Sunday School, May 15

D&E Meet, May 19
@6:30pm

Spring Clean Up Day, May 21
@9:00am

Coffee At The Co-op, May 26
@1:00pm

Sewing & Coffee, June 9
@ 10:00am

Worship In Kirkbride Park & Muffins For Mission, June 12
@9:30am

Worship In Kirkbride Park, July 10
@9:30am

Sewing & Coffee, July 14
@10:00am

Habitat 500 Breakfast, July 16
@7:30am

Ministry Nite, August 9
@6:30pm

Worship In Kirkbride Park & Blessing Of The Animals, August 14
@9:30am

D&E Meet, August 18
@6:30pm

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, April 4-8. 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).

Response to crisis in Ukraine

Your Mission Committee has an opportunity for Federated members to respond to the massive refugee crisis unfolding in Ukraine. Both Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and UCC's Global Ministries are accepting donations to provide humanitarian relief to Ukrainian refugees, and the Mission Committee will match congregation donations of up to \$500 for the relief efforts of these organizations. There will be special envelopes in the pews through Easter Sunday (write Ukrainian refugee relief on the memo line of your check), or donations can be made through Tithe.ly.

Fellowship Committee

Softball Pancake Breakfast
Join us on Sunday, May 1 after worship for our annual Softball Pancake Breakfast and Auction. During breakfast we will auction off donated items. If you have something that you would like to donate, please drop it off in the church office, bring to church on the 27th, or contact Dennis Bowman at (218-332-0776).

Worship Committee

NEW! Sing-a-long before worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays!
Come early for worship and sing-a-long with the

Praise Team to some favorite praise songs and hymns on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. We'll start singing about 9:15am. If you have a favorite song you'd like to sing, let us know!

Summer Worship

We will worship in Kirkbride Park on the **SECOND SUNDAY** each month (June-September). So, pray for nice weather on June 12, July 10, August 14, and September 11 (Rally Day). Treats will be served after worship!

Board of Managers Committee

Saturday, May 21 the Board of Managers are looking for volunteers to help with a spring clean up day at Federated. Clean up will be from 9am-12pm both inside and outside of the church building. If you are interested in helping with this project a signup sheet will be in the Narthex.

Deacon And Elders

At their meeting on March 17, 2022, the Deacons and Elders:

- Received with regret, the resignation of Mark Rodning as Treasurer, effective June 1, 2022.
- Amended the COVID-19 safety policy: removing the plexiglass shields for praise team singers, and permitting the passing of the collection plates (March 20, 2022) and of communion (April 3, 2022)
- Noted the "Prayers for Peace" service being planned by Pastors Ali Haugerud (Hope Lutheran) and Doug Dent (Federated Church) on April 5, 2022 (6:30 PM) at Hope Lutheran Church
- Heard an update on plans to host breakfast for the Habitat 500 fundraiser on July 16, 2022

Don't be afraid, I know you are looking for Jesus Who was crucified. He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said.

Matthew 28:5-6





Bible Studies & Fellowship

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 11:15am in the Parlor

Our women have really been savoring the book of Hebrews. If you haven't read this powerful book about Jesus Christ, faith, and the rich review of those faithful believers who came before us. (I like to refer to them as our spiritual ancestors who link all of us, and all of humanity, together.) At this writing we are still deciding with which book we will begin next, although we are considering some of Paul's shorter epistles. Signs and announcements in the Monday Memo will highlight our next adventure.

APRIL 2022 - GREETERS

Sunday, April 3

Del & Kathy Zimmerman

Sunday, April 10

Jan & Gary Nelson

Sunday, April 17

Steve Lockhart & Donna Ohe

Sunday, April 24

Steve & Melinda Wienbar

Greeters are asked to 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.

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:

April 5 - 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	\$58,412
Expenditures	\$30,766
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$85,713
Actual Received	\$60,766

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
March	\$13,042.79

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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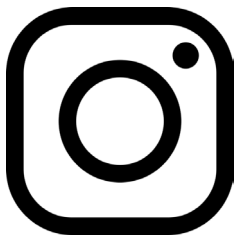
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April Birthdays

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| 04/03 | Breanna Stout | 04/19 | Paul Undseth |
| 04/03 | Sterling Andrews | 04/22 | Siri Anthon- |
| 04/03 | Graham Meder | | isen-Brown |
| 04/04 | Kathy Truax | 04/22 | Joe Cooper |
| 04/04 | Sam Sundberg | 04/22 | Logan Stout |
| 04/06 | Troy Stenstrom | 04/23 | Sonja Johnson |
| 04/08 | Steve Lockhart | 04/23 | Jan Knackendoffel |
| 04/08 | Carri Thompson | 04/24 | Mike Shol |
| 04/09 | Emily Schlepp | 04/25 | Charles Ebbighausen |
| 04/11 | Adalynn Eifert | 04/25 | Vaughn Ebbighausen |
| 04/12 | Kai Ebert | 04/25 | Brett Garrahan |
| 04/12 | Paul Eckhoff | 04/26 | Sheila Rodning |
| 04/12 | Al Seltz | 04/26 | Duane Tabbut |
| 04/13 | Preston Weinrich | 04/26 | Ed Morgan |
| 04/14 | Shane Garrahan | 04/27 | Jaden Brown |
| 04/14 | Anders Anthon- | 04/28 | Millie Pearson |
| | isen-Brown | 04/29 | Carson Barry |
| 04/15 | Bella Rude | 04/30 | Christa Beske |
| 04/16 | Abigail MacFarlane | 04/30 | Samuel Nelson |
| 04/16 | Brenda Iacono | 04/30 | Pete Konrad |
| 04/19 | Reno Schierer | | |



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