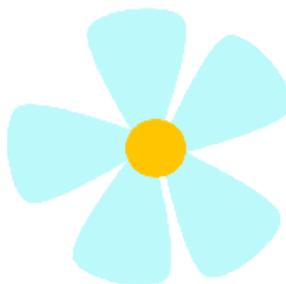
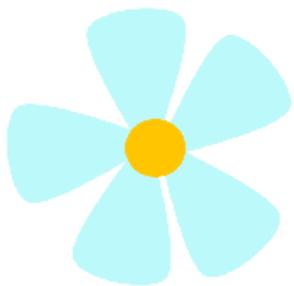


May Worship

Sunday, May 1	9:30am	
"Walking Away From It All"		John 21:1-19
Pastor Doug Dent		<i>A Celebration of The Lords Supper</i>
Sunday, May 8	9:30am	
"Silent Partners"		Revelation 7:9-17
Pastor Doug Dent		Bell Choir
Thursday, April 15	9:30am	
"Best Not To Hinder God"		Acts 11:1-18
Pastor Doug Dent		<i>A Celebration of The Lords Supper</i>
Friday, May 22	9:30am	
"Scrub Bulls of Macedonia"		Acts 16:9-15
Pastor Doug Dent		
Sunday, May 29	9:30am	
"God's Rewards Plus Program"		Revelation 22
Pastor Doug Dent		

All worship services are in-person and online



Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Communion
10:15am Softball Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Mother's Day
Bells Play
Baptism Lucas Cavalier

TUESDAY, MAY 10

6:30pm Ministry Nite

THURSDAY, MAY 12

10:00am Sewing & Coffee

SUNDAY, MAY 15

Newsletter Deadling
Last Day Of Sunday School
Ice Cream Social

THURSDAY, MAY 19

6:30pm D&E

SATURDAY, MAY 21

9:00am - Noon Spring Clean Up Day

THURSDAY, MAY 26

1:00pm Coffee at the Co-op

MONDAY, MAY 30

Memorial Day (Office Closed)



But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. 1 Peter 3:15

There is an old kid's song, "I Am the Church," that goes:

*I am the church, you are the church
We are the church together
All who follow Jesus, all around the world
Yes, we're the church together*

*The church is not a building
The church is not a steeple
The church is not a resting place
The church is a people*

Now, more than ever, we need to remind ourselves that 'the church' is all about the people and not the building where we gather to worship and sing our praises. It is so great to be together again! But we are still not able to welcome everyone into our midst due to health concerns and other reasons. Until we are all together again, we take comfort that, because of the Holy Spirit, we can continue to be the church wherever and however the Spirit directs us to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

So, we wait. We pray. We hope. We are worshipping each week, in-person and online, we are singing God's praises, hearing God's Word, offering messages of hope, praying for one another, and working in the community to benefit our neighbors. We know that God has sent the Holy Spirit to guide us through all aspects of our lives.

Since we are approaching the Day of Pentecost (June 5), you should know that the last verse of "I am the church" goes like this:

*At Pentecost some people
received the Holy Spirit
and told the Good News through the world
to all who would hear it.*

Go and share the good news that Christ is Risen, God is good (all the time), and the Holy Spirit lives in us.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug





Events: Looking Ahead

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

Connect with Federated



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

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!





“For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the dove is heard in our land.” (Song of Solomon, 2: 11-12). In the Song of Solomon, this verse rejoices in the return of this blessed season of renewal. What a gift spring is after such a long, cold winter!

As I write this, we are recovering from yet another day of “wintry mix”! I am certain we are all ready for warmer days and green grass! We have to keep telling ourselves that “April showers bring May flowers!”

The month of May also brings with it a change in our children’s and youth ministries, as we shift gears and prepare for the summer months.

Sunday School

Our last day of Sunday school is May 15. This will also be the Ice Cream Social, Children and Youth Ministry Volunteer Recognition Sunday. Come celebrate these dedicated individuals who share their time and love with our awesome young people. We are sad to finish out the year as we had a great time learning and having fun together.

Kidz Club

The last day of Kidz Club was on Wednesday, April 27. We had such a wonderful year—going from studying God’s Promises to US in the fall to studying several of the Psalms in the spring. We made some really amazing crafts and learned some great songs (which we truly enjoyed sharing with the congregation on Palm Sunday!) This fall we plan to start up on September 14 after school! I hope to see you all back and ready for more fun!

Middle School Youth Group

Our middle school youth group is growing almost every week with members inviting friends. We have a super assembly of kids. It is so much fun to hang out with them on Wednesdays. Each week we cover interesting topics of faith and life, we play games, and we spend time just having fun with one another. It is such a pleasure to spend time with this awesome young people! We will plan to meet after school through Wednesday, May 18. We will also be formulating a summer schedule of activi-

ties. We tend to meet once or twice a month over the summer, usually on Wednesday, for a special event.

Senior High Youth Group

It is always a bit sad at this time of year when we gear up to say “Godspeed!” to our graduating seniors. After spending a portion of our lives together learning about the deep things of life, it is both exciting and hard to see them take the next steps in their journey. With the end-of-year wrap up at school with concerts on Wednesdays, we will take a brief hiatus on May 11 and May 18 and then plan to meet together on May 25 for an “end of the school year” gathering. This won’t be the end, however, as we will be formulating a summer schedule of special activities, usually once or twice a month on Wednesdays, through the warm months. Lots of our crew will be playing church softball as well.

When our middle school and high school students served the Lenten meal on April 6, we planned to work towards the goal of raising money for a new and improved “Octoball Court.” We raised approximately \$400 so far and we are hoping to raise a total of \$1200 for the court. We believe it is most accessible for our ministries. If you are interested in contributing to the cause feel free to put a check in the offering plate and put “Octoball Court” in the memo line or make a donation on Tithely with the “Octoball Court” in the tag line. We are excited to see if this can happen before Vacation Bible School or the kick off to our fall ministries.

I was asked to share the recipe for the “Gourmet Macaroni and Cheese Meal” the youth served for the Lenten meal. They all did such a wonderful job. You can find the recipe on pg. 6.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is set for June 27-July 1, 2022 for 9am-noon. You can get the registration form from the church office or print off the church website (church@federatedff.org).

Christian Education and Youth





Church News...

Brianna's Vacation

Brianna will be on vacation June 15-22. If anyone is willing to help in the church office on June 15 and 16 from 10am-2pm and Friday, June 17 from 9am-12pm let the church office know. If you are also able to help on June 20, 21, and 22 from 10am-2pm let the church office know. Thank you!

Summer Edition

The next newsletter you receive is the Summer Edition including both June and July. If you have news for either month, please submit this information to the church by May 15. The next submission date will be July 15 for the August Newsletter. Committees and D&E will not meet in July.

Presbytery News

The Presbytery of MN Valleys will meet:

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.

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 Memorial Day.

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.

Paul Shol's Address

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Committee News

Fellowship Committee

Ice Cream Social

Let's celebrate the Sunday School year! On Sunday, May 15 at 10:15am, we will gather to enjoy delicious ice cream treats!

Softball

Federated Church is recruiting players for the Federated 2 team. Players of any skill are accepted. Federated will play on Tuesday evenings from mid-May to early August. Contact Dennis Bowman for more information 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 sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Chicken Bacon Ranch Mac and Cheese Casserole

Ingredients

- 10 slices bacon, diced
- 3 cups shredded chicken (see recipe notes for substitutions)
- 1 oz. package dried ranch dressing seasoning
- 3 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 2 cups half and half
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Mozzarella cheese, divided
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, divided
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 1 lb. dry large elbow pasta

Nutrition

Calories: 884kcal | Carbohydrates: 52g | Protein: 36g | Fat: 58g | Saturated Fat: 31g | Cholesterol: 207mg | Sodium: 959mg | Potassium: 471mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 2g | Vitamin A: 1545IU | Vitamin C: 1.4mg | Calcium: 461mg | Iron: 1.5mg

As found at "The Chunky Chef", online recipe blogsite,

Instructions

1. Boil pasta 1 minute shy of al dente (see package for approximate time), drain. Stir with a drizzle of olive oil to prevent sticking. Set aside.
2. Preheat oven to 375 F degrees and butter a 3 quart baking dish. Set aside.
3. To a large, deep skillet, or Dutch oven, add bacon and cook over MED-LOW heat until crisp. Remove with a slotted spoon to a plate, then drain all but 1 Tbsp. of the bacon fat.
4. Increase heat to MED, and add shredded chicken and ranch seasoning, and cook, stirring to coat. Cook 2-3 minutes. Remove to a plate.
5. Add butter and garlic, cooking about 30 seconds, until garlic is fragrant. Add flour and whisk together to form a paste. Slowly add in heavy cream and half and half, whisking vigorously as you add the liquids. Once all liquids are in the pot, cook, whisking often, for 3-5 minutes, until thickened.
6. Stir in all of the Parmesan cheese, half of the mozzarella and half of the cheddar. Melt cheese completely, then stir in cooked pasta, chicken, and half of the bacon pieces.
7. Transfer to prepared baking dish and top with remaining mozzarella, cheddar, and bacon. Bake 25-30 minutes, until bubbly and cheese is melted.

Notes

Shredded chicken can be substituted with 2-3 boneless skinless chicken breasts or 4-5 boneless skinless chicken thighs. In step 4, add chicken and ranch, then cook until golden brown and cooked through to an internal temperature of 165 F degrees.

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

MAY 2022

Sunday, May 1

9:30am
Troy & Kerian Stenstrom

Sunday, May 8

9:30am
Matt & Donna Solin

Sunday, May 15

9:30am
Greg & Kathy Truax

Sunday, May 22

9:30am
TBD

Sunday, May 29

9:30am
James & Rebecca Michael

REMINDER: Greeters are also passing the offering plate for that Sunday. Check your email for reminders on greeter duties. 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.

Ministry Nite: MAY 10 - 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. Reminder: Committees do not meet in July.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$27,238
Expenditures	\$33,289

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$91,149
Actual Received	\$108,677

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

April	\$12,268.35
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Women's Bible Study

We recently wrapped up our study of the Book of Hebrews, and so we began our spring and summer study of 1 Timothy. We hope to continue through June and part of July before taking a break at the end of the summer. Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 11:15. It is a wonderful group of people who love to learn more about God's word for us!

Coffee Hours

Women: Tuesdays, 10am

Men: Fridays, 10am

Sunday Morning: 10:30am



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 or parish nursing needs. Please call 218-739-3227 or email church@federatedff.org

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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Happy Mother's Day this May!

She is clothed with strength
and dignity; she can laugh at
the days to come. She speaks
with wisdom and faithful in-
struction is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:25-26

May Birthdays

05/02	Melissa Loomer	05/20	Dennis Echelberger
05/02	Henrik Gustafson	05/22	Bev Lambert
05/03	Nic Ebert	05/22	Carol Anderson
05/03	Jan Nelson	05/22	Thomas Buchfink
05/04	Ingrid Morgan	05/23	Mary Lundeen
05/06	Mariah Davenport	05/23	Kim Anderson
05/07	Paige Westra	05/23	Christian Saurer
05/08	Susan Johnson	05/25	Elizabeth Nelson
05/08	Arianna Hedrick	05/25	Thea Fransen
05/08	Vivian Olson	05/26	Terry Harthun
05/10	Shelby Eckhoff	05/26	Lisa Johnson
05/11	Rebecca Buchfink	05/26	Ben Sundberg
05/12	Gerald Worner	05/27	Desta Hunt
05/12	Conner Brause	05/28	Barbara Becker
05/14	Joyce Youngren	05/28	Mackenzie Schara
05/14	Vern Tabbut	05/29	Coleman Eifert
05/15	Jennifer Maanum	05/30	Mae Harthun
05/15	Maren Hatling	05/30	Matthew Solin
05/17	Truman Steinbren- ner	05/31	Mae Reich
05/17	Steve Thompson		
05/18	Janet Knapp		
05/18	Ashley Rodning		



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