

August Worship

Sunday, August 7	10:00am	
"The Need for Clean"		Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Pastor Doug Dent		<i>A Celebration of The Lords Supper</i>
Sunday, August 14	10:00am	
"The Original Cloud"		Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Pastor Doug Dent		
		<i>We will worship in Kirkbride Park today!</i>
Sunday, August 21	10:00am	
"Garnet God"		Psalms 71:1-6
Pastor Doug Dent		
Sunday, August 28	10:00am	
Chaplain Pete Konrad		



Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Communion

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00PM M State Dinner

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00am Sewing & Coffee

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Blessing Of The Animals

Muffins For Mission

9:45am Sing Along With Praise Team

10:00am Worship In Kirkbride Park

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

Newsletter Deadline

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

6:30pm D&E Meet

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

9:45am Sing Along With Praise Team

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Communion

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00am Sewing & Coffee



"There will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain." Isaiah 4:6

As I write this, the temperature is a sweltering 97-degrees. Yikes! The dog days of summer are here with a vengeance.

The term "Dog Days" traditionally refers to a period of particularly hot and humid weather occurring during the summer months of July and August in the Northern Hemisphere. In ancient Greece and Rome, the Dog Days were believed to be a time of drought, bad luck, and unrest, when dogs and humans alike would be driven mad by the extreme heat! Today, the phrase doesn't conjure up such bad imagery. Instead, the Dog Days are associated purely with the time of summer's peak temperatures and humidity.

This period of sweltering weather coincides with the year's heliacal (meaning "at sunrise") rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Sirius is part of the constellation Canis Majoris — the "Greater Dog" — which is where Sirius gets its canine nickname, as well as its official name, Alpha Canis Majoris. Not including our own sun, Sirius is the brightest star in the sky.

The ancients believed that the dawn rising of Sirius in mid- to late summer contributed to the extreme weather of the season. In other words, the "combined heat" of super-bright Sirius and our Sun was thought to be the cause of summer's

sweltering temperatures. The name "Sirius" even stems from Ancient Greek *seírios*, meaning "scorching."

Of course, the appearance of Sirius does not actually affect seasonal weather here on Earth, but its appearance during the hottest part of summer ensures that the lore surrounding the star lives on today!

We've had some extremes in our weather this summer. After a slow warmup in the spring, we've seen record heat and severe storms. I know we've lost lots of trees in our neighborhood.

But God promises to be with us in severe weather and in all the trials of this life. That's a good thing for us to remember during these dog days of summer (and always!). And how blessed we are to live in lake country where there is an escape from the heat.

I hope the God who created and controls the weather is blessing you this summer. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug



Boxes of Blessings

During Vacation Bible School, our youth packed Boxes of Blessings for cancer patients in Fergus Falls. This ministry shows love and support to individuals battling cancer in our community. Each box contains items of comfort and necessity for cancer patients. Because of generous donations and volunteers, we were able to give 22 boxes to the cancer center this summer. Thank You!



Community

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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Mission



Committee News

Ministry Nite

Just a reminder that Ministry Nite is Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30pm.

D&E will meet again on Thursday, August 18 at 6:30pm. Send in your meeting minutes to the church office.

Worship Committee

We will worship in Kirkbride Park at 10am on the Second Sunday each month (August-September). So, pray for nice weather on August 14 and September 11 (Rally Day). Treats will be served after worship!

Sing-A-Long

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 9:45am. If you have a favorite song you'd like to sing, let us know.

Mission Committee

Muffins for Mission and Blessings of the Animals will be on Sunday, August 14 in Kirkbride Park. Special offering will benefit the Fergus Falls K-9 unit and the "angel" fund at local veterinary clinics.

Fellowship Committee

Rally Day will be in Kirkbride Park on Sunday, September 11 at 10am. More details to come in the weekly memos and September newsletter.

Heritage Grant Applications Now Being Accepted

The Endowment Committee is authorized by the Board of Deacons & Elders to offer up to \$10,000 in Heritage Grants from the income earned on unrestricted endowment funds in 2022. Funds may be designated for new projects or ministries within our church, support for charitable organizations in our community, or support for global missions focusing on education, nutrition, or spiritual development. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2022. Information and application forms are available on the Federated Church website (www.federatedff.org). Click the "Resources" tab (top right) "Heritage Grants". Contact Pastor Doug at 218-739-3227 if you have questions.





Christian Education and Youth

Rev. Karen Anderson

What a fun, busy summer we have had so far! I hope you have all had a wonderful time enjoying our beautiful Minnesota weather! Our young people have participated in lots of great events including: Vacation Bible School, bowling nights, fun at Pebble Lake, church softball, and Community Garden volunteer work. God is so good! We celebrated His wonderful creation during VBS with 40+ children and youth and lots of great volunteers!

Our youth make time to play softball for our church family! And our youth groups are getting together for fun! HE has blessed us with tremendous opportunities this year.



These are some dates to get on your calendars as we gear up for the fall:

Kidz Club Start-up: Wednesday, September 14 from 3:45-5:30 pm (bus transportation available from Kennedy).

Senior High Youth: Wednesday, September 14 from 7:30-9:30 pm for regular gatherings.

Confirmation Retreat: Friday, September 16-Sunday, September 18 at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest.

Sunday School begins: Sunday, September 18 after worship (around 10:30 am).

Confirmation Class: Wednesday, September 21 from 4:00-5:30 pm.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone regularly each week starting again this fall. More details to come in our next newsletter and in the weekly memos.

God's blessings to you all as we take time to rest in His glory with these last beautiful days of the summer season!

Christian Education and Youth





Events: Looking Ahead

Worship At Federated, August 7

@10am
Communion

Ministry Nite, August 9

@6:30pm

M State Football Dinner, August 10

@6pm

Sewing & Coffee, August 11

@10:00am

Worship In Kirkbride Park, August 14

@9:45am Sing-A-Long W/ Praise Team
@10am Worship
Blessings Of The Animals
Muffins For Mission

D&E Meet, August 18

@6:30pm

Worship At Federated, August 21

@10am

Worship At Federated, August 28

@9:45am Sing-A-Long W/ Praise Team
@10:00am Worship

Worship At Federated, September 4

@10am
Communion

Labor Day, August 5

Church Office Closed

Sewing & Coffee, August 8

@10am

Rally Day/Kirkbride Park, September 11

@9:45am Sing-A-Long W/ Praise Team
@10am worship

Ministry Nite, September 13

@6:30pm

Kidz Club Starts, September 14

@3:45pm

Senior High Youth Starts, September 14

@7:30pm

D&E Meet, September 15

@6:30pm

Confirmation Retreat, September 16-18

Sunday School, September 18

@10:30am

Confirmation Starts, September 21

@4pm 7th-8th Grade
@6:30pm 9th grade

Sunday, September 25

@9:15am Sing-A-Long W/ Praise Team

Sunday, October 9

@9:15am Sing-A-Long W/ Praise Team

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 11

@6:30pm Ministry Nite

Thursday, October 13

@10:00am Sewing & Coffee

Saturday, October 15

@5-8pm 150th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 16

9:30am Wroship

Thursday, October 20

@6:30pm D&E Meet

Sunday, October 23

@9:15am Sing-A-Long W/ Praise Team



Church News

Blessing of the Animals

Pets are welcome to worship with us on August 14, 10:00am, in Kirkbride Park for a special service. If weather is poor, we will return to Federated for our regular worship.

Church Office

The church office hours are from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Fridays. The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

The Presbytery of MN Valleys will meet:

Tuesday, August 16 via zoom from 7:00-8:30pm.

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

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

Vacations

Pastor Doug will be on vacation August 22-September 6. Pete Konrad will preach on Sunday, August 28. Pastor Doug will also be gone October 18-21.

Brianna will be on vacation September 12-21. If anyone can help in the office Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm and Fridays from 9am-noon, please let me know.

Greeting

Brianna Schneeberger will contact members of the service groups to line up greeters each month. If you are uncomfortable worshipping in person or serving as a greeter, please let her 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. Please do not shake hands or pass out bulletins.

Federated Church 150th Anniversary

One hundred fifty years ago, in 1872, the Congregational Church and the Presbyterian Churches launched independent ministries in Fergus Falls. These two congregations merged in 1911 to create Federated Church. We are honoring that heritage and marking this momentous milestone with an anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 15 – Sunday, October 16, 2022.

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM, we will meet in the sanctuary for a program which will include a visual history, honoring our 50+ year members, prayers and singing. After the program, you are invited to Fellowship Hall for dinner catered by the American Legion.

On Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 9:30 AM, we will worship in the sanctuary, giving praise to God for God's faithfulness to us and dedicating ourselves to continuing God's ministry in this community.

Mark your calendars for October 15-16, 2022. We hope you will join us for this special weekend. An official invitation with more information and reservation details will be coming soon. All events are free.

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Greeters

AUGUST 2022

Sunday, August 7

Dennis & Jean Bowman

Sunday, August 14

Worship in Kirkbride Park

Dennis & Lu Echelberger

Sunday, August 21

Mary Jones Olson & Dave

Loeks

Sunday, August 28

TBD

Sunday, September 4

Bev Richter

Sunday, September 11

Worship in Kirkbride Park

Anne & Dave Weinrich

Sunday, September 18

TBD

Sunday, September 25

Peg & William Kalar

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:

August 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.



Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study is on pause for the summer. We will resume our study in September.

Coffee Hours

Women: Tuesdays, 10am

Men: Fridays, 10am

Sunday Morning: 11:30am



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 the church office. Also contact us for pastoral care 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 them by email whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.



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Time sensitive information
Please deliver by August 1st

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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.

August Birthdays

08/01	Rosemary Rundquist	8/22	Rayna Rodning
08/03	Phyllis Behrends	08/23	Beverly Richter
08/05	Barb Meder	08/23	Jane Nelson
08/05	Ashley Lien	08/24	Titus Christianson
08/07	Natalie Fransen	08/26	Jen Jensen
08/07	Johanna Meder	08/27	Lynn Oxley
08/08	Jerry Hendel	08/27	Ryndel Vogel
08/09	Vern Youngren	08/27	Xyola Macheel
08/10	Arthur Schlepp	08/27	Easton Eckhoff
08/11	William Kalar	08/27	Holden Stenstrom
08/12	Roger Nelson	08/29	Connie Seltz
08/12	Clayton Skretvedt	08/29	Tessa Schierer
08/12	Bonnie Gondrez	08/30	Renee Larsen
08/12	Tayler Thomp son-Eckhoff	08/31	Emma Barry
08/13	Joan Ebbighausen		
08/13	Emma Runningen		
08/14	Kim Dean		
08/16	Rachel Westra		
08/17	Kathy Gilbert		
08/20	Paul Shol		
08/20	Darren Smith		
08/21	Paula Davenport		
08/22	Benjamin Kugler		



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