

## September Worship

Sunday, September 4	10:00am	
Pastor John Lindholm		<i>A Celebration of The Lord's Supper</i>
Sunday, September 11	10:00am	Rally Day
"Selective Attention"		Luke 15:1-10
Pastor Doug Dent		<i>We will worship in Kirkbride Park today!</i>
Sunday, September 18	9:30am	
"You Need a Mediator"		1 Timothy 2:1-7
Pastor Doug Dent		
Sunday, September 25	9:30am	
"Bare Essentials"		1 Timothy 6:6-19
Pastor Doug Dent		



## Dates to Remember

- Sunday, September 4**  
10:00am worship  
Communion
- Monday, September 5**  
Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
- Thursday, September 8**  
10:00am Sewing & Coffee
- Sunday, September 11**  
9:45am Sing-A-Long w/ Praise Team  
10:00am Worship In Kirkbride Park  
Rally Day
- Tuesday, September 13**  
6:30pm Ministry Nite
- Wednesday, September 14**  
3:45pm Kidz Club  
7:30pm Sr. High youth
- Thursday, September 15**  
6:30pm D&E  
Newsletter Deadline
- Friday, September 16 - 18**  
Confirmation Retreat
- Sunday, September 18**  
9:30am Worship  
10:30am Sunday School Starts
- Wednesday, September 21**  
3:45pm Kidz Club  
4:00pm 7th & 8th Confirmation  
6:30pm 9th Confirmation  
7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group



*From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. Ephesians 4:16*

This is our sesquicentennial year! 150 years worshipping God and working together for the advancement of our community. Just imagine how different the world looked when our congregations formed in 1872:

- President Ulysses S. Grant defeated Horace Greely earning a second term in the White House
- Congress established Yellowstone as the world's first national park
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art opened in New York City.
- George Westinghouse patented a "failsafe" automatic railway brake.
- The Women's Suffrage campaign is led by Susan B. Anthony, Victoria Claflin Woodhull, and others.
- The Great Boston Fire destroyed 65 acres causing \$60 million in damage.
- Claude Monet paints Impression, Sunrise, giving a name to a new art form, Impressionism.
- Butter cost 39-cents / pound
- Cheese cost 17-cents / pound
- Corn meal cost 1-cent / pound
- Coffee cost 42-cents / pound
- Eggs cost 30-cents / pound
- Milk cost 8-cents / pound

We are no strangers to change: the last few years rocked our world in extraordinary ways. But through it all, God is faithful, and God continues to bless us and build us up in Christ Jesus to do God's will and share Christ's Gospel of love with the world.

It is in Christ that we are "joined and held together," says Paul. It is Christ who equips every joint, and when each part is working properly, "makes the whole body grow so that it builds

itself up in love." Love is a hallmark of Federated Church, more than any other church I know: we truly like each other, care for one another, and love one another as Christ intended.

I invite you to join us on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary, for a program that celebrates God's faithfulness to us and our rich history doing ministry in this place. During the program we will recognize the over forty individuals who are 50+ year members of our church family.

After the program, you are invited to share dinner in Fellowship Hall. The American Legion will be serving their celebrated ribs. There will also be chicken and a vegetarian option available. Watch your mailbox for an official invitation which has reservation instructions. Dinner is free, so please join us.

Then, worship with us, on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 9:30am, as we dedicate ourselves anew to God's purpose for us in this time and in this place among the people of this community.

I'm excited! I hope you are excited, too. We have much to be thankful for, and much yet to do with God's help. Come, celebrate God with us.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Doug





# Church News

## 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.

## Vacations

Pastor Doug will return from vacation on Tuesday, September 6. John Lindholm will preach on Sunday, September 4. 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.

## Women's Bible Study

After a break during the month of August, our Tuesday women's Bible study will continue again in the parlor on September 6 at 11:15am. We plan to study the letters of Peter, beginning with 1 Peter and going all the way through 2 Peter during the fall. We are an open and caring group who seeks time together for prayer, fellowship, and serious study of God's word. Please consider joining us as we consider how to become better disciples of Jesus Christ through scripture!

## The Presbytery of MN Valleys will meet:

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

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

## 150th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, at 5:00 PM, we will meet in the sanctuary for a program which will include a visual history and honoring our 50+ year members. On Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 9:30 AM, we will worship in the sanctuary.

## 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.

## Check out our New Butterfly Garden!

At VBS this summer, our youth learned about God's work in creation; one day, they learned all about monarch butterflies. Molly Stoddard brought fun and interesting resources to share. She even led the kids on a walk around the church where they discovered milkweed complete with caterpillar eggs!

That experience led to some thoughtful discussion about creating a butterfly garden at church. Molly secured seeds and planted this garden in the raised bed in the alley outside fellowship hall. Plants, clearly labeled, are already growing, and we hope to have lots and lots of butterflies visit us in the summers to come. Thank you, Molly!

## Audio-Video Technician

Federated church is looking for another audio-video technician. They would 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). You may find an application in the church office or on our church website.





Are you ready for autumn? Here at Federated we are working hard to help you all to begin the school year on the right foot, grounded in God's word and love! It is time to put on the full armour of God and gear up for an exciting season of learning and fun! We have some great programs lined up for you!

**Beginning on September 14 at 5:30pm, children, families, and youth involved in Wednesday ministries are invited to share dinner in Fellowship Hall. Our dedicated team of "Kitchen Ladies" will provide a delicious and simple meal so that our busy families can take a break together and share food and fellowship with one another.**

### **Kidz Club - "God's Big Story!"**

Beginning on Wednesday, September 14 after school at 3:45pm (with busing from Kennedy School to the church), Kidz Club will be back in session with Bible stories, crafts, music, and games! Our theme this year is "God's Big Story!" Which will follow the story of God from creation to how WE fit into God's big story. You would be amazed at our discussions during story time. This year I decided that we could richly benefit from seeing the unfolding of the relationship between God and God's people, of which we are also a part, We will continue to have imaginative crafts, inspired music, and energizing games. If your child is K-6 grade, please have them join us each week for God's Big Story!

### **Pre-K and Parents Sunday School Class**

Back by popular demand, we will start our once-a-month Pre-K (ages 0-4) and parents Sunday School class on October 2. Under the leadership of Cindy Spidahl, this group will be meeting on the first Sunday of each month in the youth room, where they will have music time, lessons, crafts, as well as fellowship time for the parents! It is a joy to be able to continue the work started by Steve and Carri Thompson, who envisioned this special gathering for families of young ones as an opportunity to gather for encouragement and support as they raise their children in the faith!

### **K-12 Sunday School Classes**

Our children's (K-6) and youth (7-12) Sunday school classes begin on September 18 after worship. We have some returning teachers, as well as some new faces, who are ALL excited to welcome our kids for a new school year! Our K-6 classes will be focusing on learning the Lord's Prayer. The goal is that by the time we begin preparing for the Christmas pageant in late November, our kids will not only have memorized the Lord's Prayer, but they will also understand WHAT they are praying for when they join their voices together in worship. Each week will look at related Bible stories and the message Jesus conveyed from selected portions of the prayer He taught all His disciples to offer up. Our older youth, under the direction of Hollis Davenport, will explore a variety of topics as they relate to the Bible and our faith. One he is considering is looking at famous sayings and "proverbs" and whether they are in the Bible. Many of the "words we live by" are assumed to be biblical, so this class may explore which ones are, and which ones may not be!





## **Confirmation**

Parent kick-off meeting is on Wednesday, September 14, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. A light dinner will be provided. We will begin the confirmation year with a retreat at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest on September 16-18. We will meet at the church by 6pm on Friday and pick-up will be on Sunday at 2 pm at the church. There is a \$30 cost for each student, with a \$50 maximum for families with more than one youth attending. This retreat is for all confirmation students. Families will receive more information in a letter as well as at the meeting about this exciting weekend! We plan to have a wonderful start to a great year!

## **Senior High Youth Group**

Our youth group gatherings begin on Wednesday, September 14, in our youth room. With a caring group of knowledgeable adult leaders, Molly Stoddard, Hollis Davenport, Madalyn Dent, and Karen Anderson-Dent, we dig into a variety of topics, grounding our discussions in the Bible and our growing faith. Most weeks we spend time in great discussions, playing various games, and sharing snacks. We also take opportunities to serve others through mission projects, as we seek ways to live out our faith as people of God. Our group is for youth who are 9th through 12th grade—if you are in 9th grade confirmation plan on staying through the evening! We have a thoughtful and ever-growing group of young people who love to delve into tough topics!

## **Blessing Of The Backpacks**

On Sunday, September 11 be sure to bring your backpack or something related to the learning that you will be doing this upcoming year. This annual tradition is an important way to mark a new year of learning for all of us as we ask God's blessing upon each of us.

## **Kindergarten and Fourth Grade Bibles**

On Sunday, September 11 we will be dedicating special Bibles for our Kindergarten children as they begin "big kid" Sunday school! Fourth graders will also be receiving personal Bibles. Students will be asked to come forward to receive their Bibles.

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## **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!

**LOCAL**  
*Mission*



# Committee News

## Fellowship Committee

Rally Day is Sunday, September 11 at 10am in Kirkbride Park. The Fellowship Committee will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Home-Made Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, chips, and bars. Join us for bingo and corn hole. We will have bouncy houses for the kids.

## 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 on September 11 and 9:15am on September 25. If you have a favorite song you'd like to sing, let us know.

## Mission Brunch

Good news! The Mission Brunch will return this year on Sunday, October 30. Watch for more details in the October newsletter.

## Meals By Wheels

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, August 29-September 2 and September 5-9. 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).

## 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](http://www.federatedff.org)). Click the "Resources" tab (top right) "Heritage Grants". Contact Pastor Doug at 218-739-3227 if you have questions.

## Stewardship Committee

*"Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* Matthew 5:16

God's light continues to shine through Federated Church. It's in our work, worship, homes, and community, and shines in our hearts as we care for one another. As we look toward 2023, we'll kick off our annual Stewardship campaign this month. We appreciate how you help us continue our commitment to be God's shining light, in part through your annual pledge. Watch your mail for more information, including a pledge card. And thank you in advance for your faithful support of Federated Church's mission and ministries.

## Deacons & Elders

At their meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022, the Deacons and Elders:

- Met with Paige Carlson, Executive Director of "A Place to Belong," to learn more about their mission and service in the community;
- Approved partnering with "A Place to Belong" as pour anniversary mission initiative;
- Finalized plans for Federated Church's 150th anniversary celebrations;
- Set the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, January 29, 2023, at 10:30am;
- Approved posting the Audio-Video Technician position and hiring a second A-V Tech;
- Received reports from the Treasurer and the Pastor;
- Reviewed the COVID-19 safety protocols;
- Discussed items of pastoral care;
- Received committee reports; and
- Approved vacation time for Pastor Doug (August 22-September 5; October 18-20; December 26-29, 2022);



# Greeters

## SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday, September 4  
Worship @ 10am  
Bev Richter & Mary Lundeen

Sunday, September 11  
Worship in Kirkbride Park @10am  
Anne & Dave Weinrich

Sunday, September 18  
Worship @9:30am  
Landon Link

Sunday, September 25  
Worship @9:30am  
Peg & William Kalar

## OCTOBER 2022

Sunday, October 2  
Worship @ 9:30am  
Mike & Patty Shol

Sunday, October 9  
Worship @ 9:30am  
John & Patty Lindholm

Sunday, October 16  
Worship @ 9:30am  
TBD

Sunday, October 23  
Worship @ 9:30am  
TBD

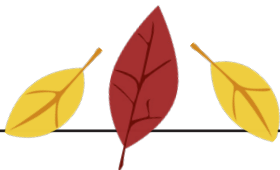
Sunday, October 30  
Worship @ 9:30am  
Del & Kathy Zimmerman

### Coffee Hours

Women: Tuesdays, 10am  
Men: Fridays, 10am  
Sunday Morning: 11:30am



**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.



## 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:

### September 13 - 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 For June

### General Fund Report

Revenue	\$17,893.86
Expenditures	\$29,847.14

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$206,025.08
Actual Received	\$212,679.00

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

#### Service Food

August	\$2,962.85
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## 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.



# Federated CHURCH

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Time sensitive information  
Please deliver by September 1st

## Connect with Federated





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.

## September Birthdays

09/01	Heather Rundquist	09/19	Paige Undseth
09/04	Lucinda Dix Echel-berger	09/19	Leo Schierer
09/05	Alex Jensen	09/20	Donna Ohe
09/06	Wade Ugstad	09/23	Ruth Aulds
09/07	Mark Becker	09/23	Russell Larsen
09/08	Erika Mariotti	09/24	Gail Green
09/08	Nancy Garner	09/25	Wesley Beske
09/09	Jim Iverson	09/25	Jean Bowman
09/10	James Underdahl	09/25	Jill Iverson
09/12	Janice Borowski	09/26	Amanda Mandelke
09/13	Makiya Cavalier	09/27	Tim Hunt
09/13	Thatcher Iverson	09/28	Christopher Anderson
09/14	Nicole Krohn	09/29	Carolyn Anderson
09/14	Erin Smith	09/30	Ben Schierer
09/16	Peg Kalar		
09/17	Chad Nelson		
09/18	Lizzy Thiel		



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