

## October Worship

**OCTOBER 2 9:30a.m. Worship** **World Communion Sunday**

**"Parting Words"**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

*2 Timothy 1:1-14*  
*A Celebration of the*  
*Lord's Supper*

**OCTOBER 9 9:30a.m. Worship**

**"Don't Move Until God Moves You"**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*

**OCTOBER 16 9:30a.m. Worship**

**"Praise God and Prepare to Move Out!"**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

*1 Thessalonians 5*

Celebrating 150 years of worship and work in our community!

**OCTOBER 23 9:30a.m. Worship**

**"This Little Light of Mine"**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

*Matthew 5:13-16*

**OCTOBER 30 9:30a.m. Worship**

**"A Legacy of Faith"**  
*Pastor Doug Dent*

**REFORMATION SUNDAY**

*Romans 3:28; Ephesians 2:8-10*  
A service of Reformation Lessons and Carols



## Dates to Remember

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**  
COMMUNION

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
2:00PM Donna Solin Retirement Party

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
Beckam Weinrich Baptism

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
11:30am H4H Family Selection Cmte.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
Sewing & Coffee

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
Newsletter Deadline  
5:00pm 150th Anniversary Celebration  
6:00pm Supper

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**  
9:30am 150th Anniversary Worship Service

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
10:30am Mission Brunch

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**  
All Saints Sunday



*Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for  
his mighty deeds; praise him according to his  
excellent greatness!! Psalm 150:1-2*

On October 15-16, 2022, we are going to sing God's praises for all God's blessings toward our faith family over the past 150 years. I hope you are making plans to join us! We have some fun and exciting things planned for our 150th anniversary gala.

# 150

## **Saturday, October 15, 2022 – 5:00 PM**

We begin with a program in the sanctuary, looking back at where we've been and what we've done as a faith community. We will sing of God's faithfulness to us and pray for God's guidance and blessing as we move forward in our mission and ministries.

Some highlights:

- Greetings from denominational partners
- Greetings from Mayor Ben Schierer
- Recognition of 50+ year members
- Sarah Bowman singing with Praise Team
- Congregational hymn by Virginia Adams
- A brief historical presentation
- Introduction of our new mission partner – A Place to Belong – by Paige Carlson, Executive Director

And, of course, a congregational supper after the program! The American Legion and our own kitchen crew are cooking, so we will eat very well. Reserve your meal now: ribs, chicken, or vegetarian lasagna.

## **Sunday, October 16, 2022 – 9:30 AM**

We will worship together and pledge ourselves to continuing God's ministry in the Fergus Falls and surrounding communities.

Some highlights:

- Anthem by the newly re-formed church choir
- A recommitment to our mission and ministries

## **A Place to Belong**

A Place to Belong provides a safe, comfortable, and supportive environment for persons with serious mental illness who are working on their recovery while living in the community, by means of voluntary recreational, social, educational and community service opportunities.

R.S.V.P Today!

Reserve your dinner choice today by calling the church office (218-739-3227) or online at; <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/5811296>

Choose between ribs, chicken or vegetarian lasagna.





# Committee News

## Mission Committee

### Mission Brunch

Mark your calendar for the Mission Committee's much-anticipated Mission Dinner, set for Sunday, October 30, following the regular church service. Egg bakes, muffins and fruit are on the menu, and proceeds from a free-will offering will support Someplace Safe and its Safe Exchange Program, which provides a neutral environment for parents and foster parents who are picking up or dropping off children.

## 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

We kicked off our annual Stewardship campaign this month! God's light shines through Federated Church. It's in our work, worship, homes, and community, and shines in our hearts as we care for one another. We appreciate how you help us continue our commitment to be God's shining light, in part through your annual pledge. Thank you in advance for your faithful support of Federated Church's mission and ministries.



## Heritage Grants

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.







September kicked off with lots of activity here at Federated Church! We made a great start with Kidz Club, Sunday School, confirmation, senior high youth group, and women's Bible study! This is shaping up to be a busy, wonderful year! Here are some highlights and events looking forward.

## Kidz Club

Every year we launch a new theme for Kidz Club. This year for 2022-2023 is—God's Big Story! Each Wednesday we gather for snack, gym time, music, craft, and hear a new portion of God's story as He lovingly revealed (and reveals!) Himself to His people through the Bible. We started at the very beginning and will work our way through significant chronological events as recorded in God's word, finding the ways God tells HIS-STORY to us. There are wonderful kids, awesome volunteers, and a delicious supper following for families to relax and break bread together. It isn't too late to come join us on Wednesdays. We are always happy to add new faces to our group.

## Sunday School (K-6)

Sunday school began mid-way through September, and we are excited to share that we seem to be adding children each week. Our theme for fall 2022 (with the K-6 students) is "The Lord's Prayer", and we are learning not only the meaning and ideas in the Lord's Prayer; we are discovering the importance of prayer itself in our relationship with God. We are all invited, through Jesus Christ, to have a close relationship with God in which we can share our joys and troubles and seek His plans for us. We hope to encourage our young people to begin or continue their own relationship with God in Jesus Christ through our time together.

## Sunday School (7-12)

Our older youth, who meet in the Narthex after worship, are also learning some fascinating ideas together this year. Hollis Davenport, the teacher for the older youth, is focusing on studying sayings and common ideas that ARE in the Bible as well as ones that we THINK are in the Bible but are not. This class is a time of fun discovery and a deeper understanding of God's word in our world!

## Sunday School (Pre-K)

Cindy Spidahl begins our once-a-month Pre-K and Parents, or Early Childhood Sunday school class, on Sunday, October 2, in the youth room after worship. Cindy has been diligently working to create a loving atmosphere where young children grow up understanding that they are God's beloved. Parents of littles often need encouragement as they embark on the challenges of parenthood. This will be a time of connection and fellowship for parents as they raise children deeply loved by them and God!

## Senior High Youth Group

Our youth group continues to grow in number and in spirit as we come together each Wednesday at 7:30 for bible study, topic discussions, and games. Our leaders, Hollis Davenport, Molly Stoddard, and Madalyn Dent, are there to encourage our young people and bring their faith perspectives to our talks. Our youth are just a wonderful bunch of people who love coming together every week to check in and have fellowship. Many have shared that Wednesday is their favorite day of the week, and that they love being able to come in and call Federated their church home. We love that they know they are welcome to be here, and we make sure that everyone understands God's invitation to them for a deep relationship with Him.



## Confirmation

As a fun start to the new school year, our confirmation class spent the weekend of September 16-18 at Presbyterian Clearwater Forest for our annual retreat. This year's theme was "The Faith Race" and we studied the ways that our faith life is like a marathon or race, especially as recounted by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews. We had a fabulous time with wonderful young people and a great leadership crew. Molly Stoddard, Hollis Davenport, Jordan Schiefert, Madalyn Dent, Jonathan Dent, Siri Anthonisen-Brown, and Shelby Eckhoff all dedicated their weekend to helping make this weekend so special for our youth!. Regular confirmation classes started up the following week and will continue through winter.

Confirmation classes are underway for students in 7th-9th grades. Classes meet on Wednesday afternoon 4:30-5:30pm for 7th/8th grades and Wednesday evening 6:30-7:30pm for 9th grade. This year 7/8th grades will be studying the stories of the New Testament. 9th grade will study issues related to our faith and the Reformed tradition.

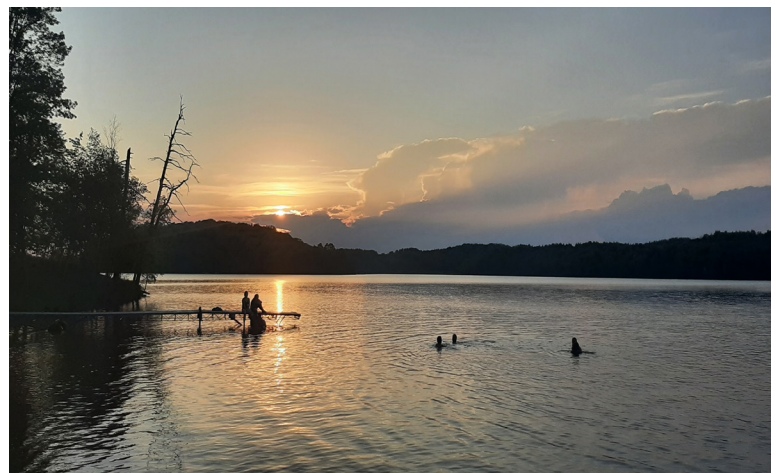


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*Christian Education and Youth*



## Photos: Confirmation Retreat







# Church News

## Church Office

The church office hours in October are from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Fridays.

## Retirement Party

Please join us in celebrating Donna Solin on Saturday, October 8. Donna is retiring from Pioneer Care after 45 years. A retirement party will be held at Federated Church from 2pm-5pm.

## Vacations

Pastor Doug will be on vacation October 18-21.

## 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.

## 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.

## Audio-Video Technician

Federated church is looking for a second audioVideo 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.

## Women's Bible Study

Women's study began meeting at the beginning of September on Tuesdays at 11:15am in the parlor. We are slowly going through 1 Peter, a letter written to Christians around Peter's known world who were struggling against persecution and conflict. His words ring true for us even today, showing once again the power of God's living word. Feel free to join us at any time as we are an open and loving group of seekers.

## Youth Room Furniture

I want to encourage members to come down and check out our new furniture in the youth room. It was time, as the former pieces had experienced hard use over just about 20 years. The room is in the process of getting a new, fresh, and welcoming make-over. So far, the children and youth who use it have REAL-ly appreciated it! Blessings to you all as we dig into the new academic year!

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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*

# Greeters

## 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*

Glenn & Mary Bressler

**Sunday, October 23**

*Worship @ 9:30am*

Matt & Donna Solin

**Sunday, October 30**

*Worship @ 9:30am*

Del & Kathy Zimmerman

**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.

## Coffee Hours

Women: Tuesdays, 10am

Men: Fridays, 10am

Sunday Morning: 11:30am



## Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Doug on Sunday mornings (10:30 AM) in the parlor as we look at the trial narratives in the Book of Acts. This study, based on the book by Matthew Skinner, *The Trial Narratives: Conflict, Power and Identity in the New Testament*, seeks to highlight the struggle the apostles faced in sharing Christ's Gospel with a world unwilling to hear it. As the apostles are challenged by the ruling elites - both religious and political - they use these "trials" as an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus' love and grace and mercy and compassion. All are welcome!"

## 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](mailto:church@federatedff.org)  
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!



## Ministry Nite:

**October 11 - 6:30PM**

Please email your minutes to [church@federatedff.org](mailto: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	\$ 28,196
Expenditures	\$ 27,417

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$ 243,061
Actual Received	\$ 231,702

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

#### Service Food

September	\$41,094.83
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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

224 North Union Avenue  
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Time sensitive information  
Please deliver by October 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.

## October Birthdays

10/00 Thea Undseth	10/25 Tyler Harthun
10/01 Dorothy Porter	10/26 Jon Steinbrenner
10/01 Tami Collins	10/26 Viktor Gustafson
10/01 Zayne Weinrich	10/27 Carol Rose
10/02 Terry Haas	10/27 Jim Wolters
10/03 Evan Westra	10/28 Joshua Whipple
10/04 Tanya Sundberg	10/28 Ivy Iverson
10/07 Doris Enderson	10/28 Stephanie Hoff
10/07 Grant Davenport	10/29 Beatrice Schierer
10/13 Kym Christiansen	10/29 Tessa Nord
10/13 Madison Weinrich	10/31 Jack Cooper
10/14 Austin Nygaard	
10/14 Caitlyn Nygaard	
10/16 Kathy Zimmerman	
10/16 Heidi Lien	
10/19 Phil Kugler	
10/21 Dennis Bowman	
10/23 Drew Johnson	



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