

November Worship

NOVEMBER 6 9:30am All Saints' Sunday

"Water from the Well "
Pastor Doug Dent

Isaiah 12
*A Celebration of The Lord's
Supper*

NOVEMBER 13 9:30am

"The Silent Years"
Hollis Davenport

Daniel 11:1-4, 31

NOVEMBER 20 9:30am

"Adhesive Faith "
Pastor Doug Dent

Christ the King Sunday

Colossians 1:11-20

NOVEMBER 27 9:30am

"State of Readiness"
Pastor Doug Dent

1st Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24:36-44

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

All Saints' Sunday
Communion

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:30am H4H Board Meeting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

6:30pm Ministry Nite

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:00am Sewing & Coffee

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:15am Church Potluck

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11:30am H4H Family Selection Cmte

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Newsletter Deadline

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

6:30pm D&E Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Choir Sing During Worship

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

No Kidz Club or Youth Activities

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Church Office Closed
No Men's Coffee Hour





Rejoice continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Many families practice the Thanksgiving tradition of going around the table as each person says one thing for which they are thankful. Like you, our family is thankful for family and friends, for jobs and for health; we are thankful for a country with freedoms, and we are thankful for a church that feels like family.

I think it is a good tradition. There is something powerful about group gratitude. Not only do we learn a little bit more about the people we are related to, but it also has the power to shift the dynamic of the room. Everyone stops. Everyone listens. Everyone shares in the thankfulness of the other.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15). We have a lot to be thankful for this year, and it is good and right for us to thank God for family, jobs, and health. But when Paul says, "We thank God for God's indescribable gift!" he is talking about something specific. Someone specific. He is not thanking God for things (though he could, and in other places in the New Testament, he did); rather, he is thanking God for Jesus Christ. Or to say it another way, Paul is thanking God for God.

The greatest gift that God ever gave the world was God's Son, Jesus Christ, who was (and is) God in the flesh. This is really what Christmas is about: the idea that God became a human being (this is what theologians call "the incarnation").

As C.S. Lewis put it in *Mere Christianity*, "The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God." And although Paul knew nothing of our American holiday on the fourth Thursday of November, I think it is right for us to talk about Christmas at Thanksgiving. Not because I am trying to rush past this holiday and get to the next one; but because our gratitude on this holiday is informed by the next one.

This Thanksgiving, I encourage you to thank God for all the people and things you count as blessings in your life. Be specific in your gratitude; articulate and enumerate all of the blessings in your life, because, "Every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17a). But I also encourage you this Thanksgiving to thank God for God. Do not just thank God for what God gives you; thank God for who God is. The purpose of all these earthly blessings is not that we become infatuated with the gift as an end to itself, but rather, to draw our eyes up to the Giver. God was the one who gave God's Son so that you and I could be rescued from sin and restored to a reconciled relationship with God. God did all of this to reach us, because God loves us.

We have so much for which to be thankful.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Pastor Doug



For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

1 Timothy 4 4:5

December Worship

December 4	9:30am	Second Sunday of Advent
"Repentance in the Parking Lot"		Matthew 3:1-12
Pastor Doug Dent		<i>A Celebration of The Lord's Supper</i>

December 11	9:30am	Third Sunday of Advent
"Advent Magnification"		Luke 1:46b-55
Pastor Doug Dent		

December 18	9:30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Pastor Doug Dent		Children's Christmas Pageant

December 24	5:00pm	Christmas Eve
TBD		
Pastor Doug Dent		

Join us for a Christmas Eve potluck dinner at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

December 24	11:00pm	
"On Them Light Has Shined"		Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1
Pastor Doug Dent		

December 25	9:30am	Christmas Day
"A Baby Changes Everything"		Luke 2:1-20
Pastor Doug Dent		

Audio-Video Technician

Federated Church is hiring an Audio-Video Technician to 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). Applicants must be 16-years age or older. Please go to website for employment application and more on the job description. (www.federatedff.org) under the resources tab and employment opportunities.

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!



Christian Education and Youth

Rev. Karen Anderson

Wednesdays at Federated Church are always buzzing with energy! Our children's and youth activities are continuing into our third month of the season, and we are going strong! We always want to remind our families that dinner is provided for those kids and parents in our Wednesday programs. As we finish the month of November, our Kidz Club and Sunday School children will begin to prepare for a Christmas pageant, to be held on Sunday, December 18 during the worship service. More details to come!

Kidz Club

We are well on our way through God's Big Story, having covered God's creation, The Fall, The Flood, The Tower of Babel, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Esau, and Jacob's Twelve Sons. It is amazing to think that with all of the "ground" we've covered, we are still in the book of Genesis. Each week our children get a new piece of the whole picture that is God's story of His love for us, in the time sequence that the events occurred. By the time we finish this year, we hope that everyone will see how we ALL fit into God's Big Story!

Sunday school

Sunday school meets each week after worship. We have wonderful teachers for our different classes, and we all look forward to seeing our kids. Come join our classes each week and get to know: K-1 teachers are Jona Brown and Madalyn Dent, 2-4th grade teachers are Shelby Eckhoff and Kristian Fransen, 5-6th grade teachers are Karen Bush and Karen Dent, and "older youth" teacher is Hollis Davenport.

Pre-K & Parents

Join us the first Sunday of every month with teacher-Cindy Spidahl. Cindy is developing a rich and meaningful lesson and fellowship time with children and parents. Our next class is Sunday, November 6 after worship.



Confirmation

Our 7th and 8th grade class continues to meet each week on Wednesdays, with snacks, games, and confirmation lessons. Once a month we take a break and hold a "regular" youth group gathering, where we tackle issues of faith and simply spend time having meaningful fellowship with one another. We have some incredibly inquisitive young people who enjoy digging into important issues and wrestling with tough topics.

Senior High Youth Group

We have such a great group of young people coming to our youth group! It is a strong mixture of those who grew up in the church and friends who were invited and continue to return each week. It is always a wonder that we have such a faithful group in spite of the fact that these kids are BUSY PEOPLE! Most of them work, many of them are in sports, and a lot of them have other after-school activities. We love to talk deeply. Some of our latest talks had to do with "scary topics" (their request!) Such as "Who is Satan?" and "What are Demons?"! Our group LOVES to spend time playing a wide variety of games. One of our favorites is "Couch of Power"—a VERY challenging game! With co-leaders like Molly Stoddard, Madalyn Dent, and Hollis Davenport, the youth know they are always welcomed and accepted.

Women's Bible Study

Our dedicated Bible study group continues to work our way through 1st Peter, and then we plan to begin 2nd Peter. Both letters were written by the disciple and apostle Peter, who is credited along with Paul as being one of the main founders of our faith tradition. His words, written almost 2000 years ago, ring true for believers even today. We are taking our time and savoring his message, which means you can join at any time and feel a part of this thoughtful group!

Christian Education and Youth





Church News

All Saints' Sunday

During worship on Sunday, November 6, we will honor members who passed away during the last year.

Church Office

The church office hours in November are from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Fridays. The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Coffee Hours

Women: Tuesdays, 10am
Men's: Fridays, 10am
Sunday Morning: 10:15am

Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Doug on Sunday mornings 10:30am in the parlor. All are welcome!!

A Season of Giving

I invite you to share this giving season with children in the Otter Tail County Foster Care. We are collecting items for children in our community and surrounding communities. These kids need new and unopened personal care items and body products such as shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc. We will also be collecting sizes for newborn to adults like new hats, gloves, socks, and underwear. Gift cards are also a great option. If you would like to donate money you can leave a check in the church office with foster care donations in the memo line. Items can be dropped off in the church Narthex. Let all that you do be done in love. If you have any questions, please contact Rebekah Meder at 218-205-3384.



Poinsettias

It is that time of year! Poinsettia forms should appear in your bulletin around the 2nd week of November. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the poinsettia form and return it to the church office or call the church office. We will also be sending out an event link through Tithe.ly. You will be able to choose red or white and pay through Tithe.ly.

The Presbytery of MN Valley Meets

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

The Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys met on October 8, 2022, at First Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud, MN. Among the many items of business, the Presbytery:

- Commissioned two lay pastors to serve congregations in our area;
- Welcomed an Inquirer into the ordination process;
- Supported a new, part-time Circuit Pastor to provide worship support to congregations;
- Heard a presentation on "Reproductive Healthcare" given by the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Todd Peters;
- Received the proposed 2023 budget;
- Amended the Presbytery bylaws to include new technological procedures for meetings;
- Approved the 2023 Presbytery meeting schedule: Feb. 18, 2023 (in-person) at FPC Redwood Falls; April 18, 2023 (Zoom); July 18, 2023 (Zoom); and October 21, 2023 (Hybrid) at FPC Willmar.
- Elected Pastor Doug Dent as Vice-Moderator for 2023; and
- Worshipped together and shared communion.





Committee News

Mission Committee

Meals By Wheels

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, Nov. 14-18 and Nov. 21-25. Deliveries will not happen on Thursday Nov. 24 or Friday Nov. 25. Drivers should gather at the Senior Center at 11:00am. 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).

Fellowship Committee

Church Potluck

Everyone is invited to attend the Fall Potluck in the fellowship hall on Sunday, November 13 following the worship service. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the sheet in the front entry of the church by Thursday, November 10th.

Chili Cook-Off

Join us on Wednesday, December 7 at 6pm for the Chili Cook-Off. A sign up sheet will be on the table by the bulletins.

Caring Ministry Outreach

Effective October 31, 2022, Rebekah Meder resigned as our Director of Pastoral Care. This fall, Rebekah accepted a full-time position with the Fergus Falls School District. The Deacons & Elders and the church staff wish to express their deep gratitude for Rebekah's dedicated pastoral care among us. We wish Rebekah well in her new position! If you have a pastoral care need, please contact the church office (218-739-3227 or federatedff.org).

Worship Committee

Handbells

Please contact Tessa Nord if you would like to play with the Bell Choir on December 11th. Rehearsals will be Thursday nights at 6pm (November 3, 10, 17, December 1 & 8th).

Choir

The Choir will be singing during worship on November 20, December 4, 21, and the 24. The choir practices on Wednesday nights at 7pm in the choir room. If you are interested in joining the choir you can contact the church office or Jack Raaen. 218-367-0021

Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday Advent Services (5:30 PM) and Suppers (6:00 PM)

Advent is coming up fast, and we are ready to meet and eat together on Wednesdays.

November 30th – Men's Club

December 7th – Fellowship chili cook off

December 14th – Kitchen Ladies serving Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup

December 21st – Christian Ed/Youth serving soup (flavor TBD)

2023 Stewardship Campaign

Our 2022 campaign, "Shining God's Light!", is off to a great start! As of October 25, 2022, we have 66 households pledging a total of \$261,668.44, which is 63.6% toward our goal of \$411,455.00.

If you've already made your pledge, thank you! Your ongoing support of our mission and ministries is deeply appreciated.

If you are one of the 37 households who raised your pledge for 2023, thank you! Your generous support will help us make a greater impact on our community.

If you have not yet pledged for 2023, there is still time! Thank you for the pledge you intend to make.

Together we are shining God's light ever brighter in our community.



Greeters

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday, November 6

Worship @ 9:30am

J. Pat & Tami Collins

Sunday, November 13

Worship @ 9:30am

Kurt & Sonja Johnson

Sunday, November 20

Worship @ 9:30am

John MacFarlane & Gloria
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Sunday, November 27

Worship @ 9:30am

Jon & Thea Fransen

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.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10:30am. At the meeting we will elect new officers and committee members, discuss the budget, and review the pastor's contract. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

This will be a hybrid meeting and members may participate in-person at Federated Church or online via Zoom. A link to the online meeting will be provided by email one week prior to the meeting.

For transparency and voting accuracy, the meeting will be recorded both by video (in-house) and by Zoom. The annual meeting will not be broadcast on Boxcast.com or YouTube.



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

Ministry Nite:

November 8 - 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	\$40,995
Expenditures	\$33,071

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$272,001
Actual Received	\$273,443

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

October	\$7,005.17
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Newsletter Deadline

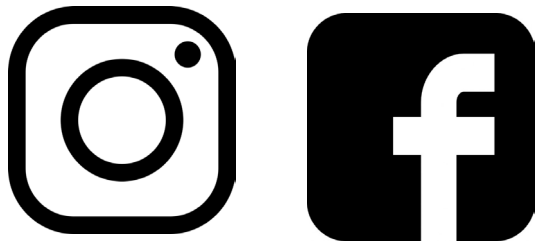
Articles and announcements are due the 15th of each month. Please send them by email whenever possible. The church staff reserves the right to edit articles for content and space.



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Time sensitive information
Please deliver by November 1st



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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.

November Birthdays

11/01 Sammy Ebert	11/16 Terry Harrington
11/02 Andrew MacFarlane	11/16 Charlie Schlepp
11/02 Addison Davenport	11/18 Donna Solin
11/02 Koven Ebert	11/19 Tessa Becker
11/04 Maximillian Jensen	11/20 Maury Skogen
11/07 Brandon Truax	11/22 Ross Johnson
11/07 Mike Walls	11/22 Molly King
11/08 John MacFarlane	11/23 Landon Link
11/09 Matthew Beske	11/24 Brayden Aasen
11/09 Lance Nygaard	11/24 Michelle Loomer
11/10 Ann Porter	11/24 Katelyn Sperling
11/10 Laurie Skogen	11/25 Elaine Snyder
11/11 Mark Sundberg	11/25 Keira Thompson-Ohren
11/12 Austen Tabbut	11/26 Meg Garrahan
11/12 Nathan Hoff	11/26 Franklin Schierer
11/13 Bill Nead	11/27 Lydia Meder
11/14 Dennis Bergerud	11/29 Duane Rose
11/14 John Lindholm	11/29 Erik Loomer
11/14 Erik Lindholm	
11/14 Alexandria Haas	
11/15 Karen Hauck	
11/15 Rick Schara	



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