

## January Worship

January 1 9:30am  
**"From Bethlehem to Rosewood"** Matthew 2:13-23  
 Pastor Doug Dent

*A Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

January 8 9:30am  
**"Our God is a Category 5 God"** Psalm 29  
 Pastor Doug Dent

January 15 9:30am  
**"A Light to the Nations"** Isaiah 49:1-7  
 Pastor Doug Dent  
 Celebration of Baptism: Lola Rae Swenson  
 Annual Meeting of the Congregation (10:30am)

January 22  
**"Foxhole Faith"** Psalm 27:, 4-9  
 Pastor Doug Dent

January 29  
**"The Search for Satisfaction"** Micah 6:1-8  
 Pastor Doug Dent

*Happy  
New Year*

## Dates to Remember

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**  
 Communion  
 No Sunday School

**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**  
 Church Office Closed

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**  
 H4H Family selection Cmte.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**  
 6:30pm Ministry Nite

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**  
 10:00am Sewing & Coffee

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**  
 Lola Swenson Baptism  
 Newsletter Deadline  
 10:30am Annual Meeting

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**  
 6:30pm D&E Meeting

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23-FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**  
 Community Prayer Service

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27-SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**  
 Ice Fishing Trip

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 3**  
 Meals by Wheels



"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

I think that it is safe to say that the year 2022 was more than eventful! For some it brought successes and hope. For others it was disheartening and even tragic. Still our God remains sovereign and ours is a God of new beginnings.

So, let's begin our new year with renewed hope and prayer.  
I offer this prayer for the new year which is dawning:

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth.  
We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears,  
new decisions and old controversies,  
new dreams and old weaknesses.

Because you are a God of hope,  
we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.  
Because you are a God of love,  
we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past.

Because you are the God of our faith,  
we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise,  
we come into your presence with gladness and a joyful noise,  
and we serve and bless you. Amen.

Wishing you God's blessings in this New Year.  
Pastor Doug Dent

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We hope all of you had a Merry  
Christmas and look forward to  
a Blessed, Happy, and Healthy  
New Year.



January always seems to be a month of new beginnings as we talk about resolutions, starting fresh and remembering to write 2023 on our checks and forms. I admit, I like the idea of personal resolutions, but I struggle to actually achieve them. Turns out I am not alone since less than 10% of people achieve their new year's resolutions and nearly half of all Americans have given up on making personal resolutions altogether.

Being unable to achieve our resolutions isn't something to feel bad about because behavior change is really, really difficult and not often something we can achieve by ourselves. An article I read recently suggests that slowing down our daily routine and getting enough rest are the biggest factors that contribute to completing those resolutions. While this seems counterintuitive to our busy world, it makes a bit of sense to me as I consider our spiritual lives. Just as our bodies need rest; our spiritual lives need refreshment as we rest in the knowledge of God's love for us, so that we can care for all our neighbors. We do not undertake this task alone, but we do it through God's power and in community.

While my new beginning with you at Federated actually started in December and I won't be making any resolutions this year, I look forward to getting to know you and serving with you as we seek to care for one another, all our neighbors and our community as together we rest in the knowledge of God's love for us.

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## Foster Children Donations

Rebekah, Lu, and Char packaged 40 bags that were filled with shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, hair brush, socks, tooth brush and paste, gloves/hat and underwear. They also added something fun (play dough, colors, nail polish, card game etc). Thank you all for all the gifts and donation of items to make this a success. These bags are used for emergencies or for kids in a transition that need a few quick hygiene items.

We also filled 20 mittens for foster kids on Otter Tail County. These Christmas gifts were for specific kids and they had items that they needed/wanted listed.

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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*



# Christian Education and Youth

Rev. Karen Anderson

It's hard to believe Christmas and New Year's is behind us and we are now looking at the "second half" of our program year already! Our Kidz Club and Sunday school youth did such a wonderful job on the Christmas pageant! A special shout out and thank you to all of our volunteers and teachers who helped make the pageant possible this year!

## Kidz Club

Our Winter Kidz Club session begins on January 4 with our regular schedule. We will continue with our theme "God's Big Story" and see how people in the Bible tell us God's story of love for us all. We are always adding new kids to our group, so feel free to jump in at any time! If you have any questions, contact Karen at kmad@prtcl.com.

## Sunday School

Sunday school begins again on January 8 after worship. After working on The Lord's Prayer during our fall session, we will be turning to a new theme for our winter session.

## Confirmation/Middle School

Our middle school youth are continuing to meet for confirmation and/or youth group each week. We are hoping to have a winter lock-in during the month of February, and so we will be sharing details when we get plans in place! This is a great group with a lot of thoughtful discussions and good energy. Confirmation Sunday will be sometime in March, the date is yet to be determined. We will let the congregation know as soon as we set it.

## Youth Group

Senior high youth group continues to go strong, meeting each week to discuss current events in light of our faith, to encourage one another, and to find ways to serve others in our community. We will start back up on January 4 and look forward to many great talks and games during the winter and spring. We are planning a Senior High Winter Retreat at Presbyterian Clearwater

Forest during the weekend of January 20-22. Youth group members will receive flyers with retreat information, and the cost is \$30/person, with a \$50 maximum for families with more than one youth attending. Last year was our first winter retreat, and we had an INCREDIBLE time! We look forward to exploring Clearwater in the snow and spending quality time together at the lodge!

## Christian Education Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, January 4

Kidz Club, Confirmation, and Senior High Youth Group begins again

### Sunday, January 15

We are planning to have the Kidz Club youth sing during worship and teach the congregation a song they have practiced

### January 20-22

Senior High Winter Retreat at Clearwater Forest

### Wednesday, March 1

No Wednesday activities

### Sunday, April 23

Graduating Senior Brunch at 10:30 during fellowship hour

### May 15th

Camp scholarship deadline

### June 15th

Senior scholarship deadline

### June 19-23

Vacation Bible School!

### September 22-24

Confirmation Retreat at Clearwater Forest!

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*Christian Education and Youth*







# Christmas Pageant





# Church News

## Church Office

The church office hours will remain the same in December. Phones and emails will be answered from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm of Fridays. The Church office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held in person only on Sunday, January 15, 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.

## A Note About Pre-pledging

As we approach the new year, please remember the following when pre-pledging. If you prepay your pledge, by law it must appear on the statement in the year it is received. For example, 2023 pledges received in 2022 will appear on 2022 statements.

## Coffee Hours

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

## 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](http://www.federatedff.org)) under the resources tab and employment.opportunities.

## Online Worship

To access federated Church's online worship services, visit the church website ([www.federatedff.org](http://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.

## Women's Bible Study

After a short break in December, we will be finishing up 2 Peter on Tuesday, January 3 at 11:15am. Beginning the following week, January 10, we will start exploring the book of 1 John. We plan to go through all three of John's letters as well as Jude's writings, found near the end of the Bible. Please feel free to join this prayerful and thoughtful group as we dive deep into God's word!



# Committee News

## The Fellowship Committee

The ice fishing trip will be held Friday through Sunday, January 27-29. This fun trip will take place at Lake of the Woods on River Bend, Resort, Baudette, MN. We will spend 2 days and nights in a sleeper house. Meals will be provided by the Federated Fellowship Committee and the cost is \$245 + tax per fisherman. Contact Dennis Bowman for questions at 218-205-8147.



# Greeters

**January 2023**

**Sunday, January 8**

*Worship @ 9:30am*

TBD

**Sunday, January 15**

*Worship @ 9:30am*

Dave & Anne Weinrich

**Sunday, January 22**

*Worship @ 9:30am*

Paul Shol

**Saturday, January 29**

*Worship @ 5:00pm*

TBD

**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:

**January 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.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 23-27, 2023

Local area churches are hosting prayer services during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 23-27, 2023 (Noon-12:30 PM). The theme is Isaiah 1:17 – “Learn to do right, seek justice. Rescue the oppressed. Defend the orphan, plead for the widow.” A light lunch will be served after the service.

Monday, January 23rd – Federated Church with Pastors Doug Dent and Ali Haugerud

Tuesday, January 24th – Cornerstone Church with Pastor Eric Uggerud

Wednesday, January 25th – Salvation Army with Captains Anthony and Elysia Nordan

Thursday, January 26th – Life Church with Pastor Roger Sodsod

Friday, January 27th – Our Lady of Victory with Father Alan Wielinski

## Stewardship Report

### General Fund Report

Revenue	\$62,676.76
Expenditures	\$36,891.79

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$352,139.40
Actual Received	\$334,207

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

#### Service Food

December	\$14,075.13
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## 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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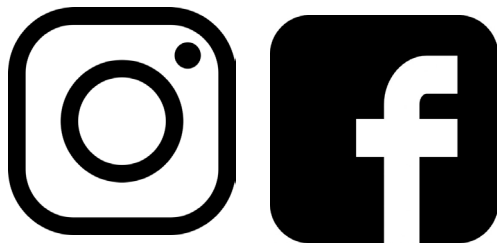
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Time sensitive information  
Please deliver by January 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.



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## January Birthdays

01/01	Wayne Link	01/14	Chloe Beske
01/01	Cheryl Anderton	01/15	Dana Schlepp
01/03	Megan Grover	01/16	Mark Rodning
01/03	Marcus Meder	01/20	Karoline Gustafson
01/04	Arlene Worner	01/21	Judy Friedrich
01/05	Sean Buchfink	01/22	Mindy Christianson
01/06	Walter Gondrez	01/23	Molly McDougall
01/08	Bill Borowski	01/25	Vivian Whipple
01/08	Janie Lee	01/25	Pam Phillips
01/08	Cindy Spidahl	01/25	Dale Anderson
01/09	Jude Weinrich	01/26	Shelby Tabbut
01/09	Emily Undseth	01/28	Kerian Stenstrom
01/10	Roxane Nereson	01/30	Linda Wolfe
01/10	Cheryl Harrington	01/30	Barrett Eifert
01/10	Tori Bult	01/31	John Collins
01/10	Lynn Wolters	01/31	Beth Schlepp
01/10	Celia Smith	01/31	William Haas
01/13	Jameson Eifert		



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