

May Worship

May 7 9:30am
"Whose Time Is It Anyway" Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 Pastor Doug Dent

A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

May 14 9:30am Mother's Day
"Jesus, Not a Quiet Quitter" John 14:15-21
 Pastor Doug Dent

May 21 9:30am
"Men and Women of Galilee" Acts 1:6-14
 Pastor Doug Dent

May 28 9:30am
"Windcatcher" Acts 2:1-21
 Pastor Doug Dent

June 4 9:30am
"Go" 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 & Matthew 28:16-20
 The Rev. Dr. C. Edward Morgan
Pastor Emeritus, Federated Church
A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

June 11 9:30am
 Heaven Bound Trio
Kelly Martin, Karen Hauck's niece, is a member of this singing group
 A free will offering will be taken to support this Ministry

June 18 9:30am
 The Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller Matthew 9:35 & 10:8
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of MN Valleys

June 25 9:30am
 Teen Challenge Choir
Teen Challenge assists youth battling with chemical addictions
 A free will offering will be taken to support this Ministry

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, MAY 7
 Communion
 10:30am Pre-K Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 8
 H4H Selection Cmte. Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 9
 6:30pm Ministry Nite

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
 Last Day of Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

THURSDAY, MAY 11
 10:00am Sewing & Coffee

SUNDAY, MAY 14
 Mother's Day
 Last Day of Sunday School

MONDAY, MAY 15
 Newsletter Deadline
 Camp Scholarship Deadline

TUESDAY, MAY 16
 2:00pm Coffee @ Village Co-op

THURSDAY, MAY 18
 6:30pm D&E Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 21
 10:30am Ice Cream Social

MONDAY, MAY 29
 Memorial Day
 Church Office Closed



The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:30-32

By now, you have probably heard that I am taking a three-month sabbatical this summer starting in June. Federated Church generously offers me this time every five years to rest, renew, and reimagine. I will be taking this time to rest proactively, read and write lesson plans, and dream for our church's future. The sabbatical isn't a vacation from ministry but rather a part of every active ministry.

Full-time ministry is demanding; it takes a spiritual and physical toll on a pastor. Lifeway Research reports that 1700 pastors leave the ministry every month! The most common reason for this exodus is burnout. It is a big job, which is why God established the sabbath. God first modeled the sabbath in Genesis 2:2-3, when God ceased working on the seventh day to rest. Jesus also modeled the sabbath when he went off many times to be alone with God. Jesus then commanded his disciples to "come away and rest" (Mark 6:31) as a part of their ministry. I am so grateful for a faith family that supports rest and renewal for their pastors.

I appreciate all the encouragement I received from so many of you telling me that I've "earned" this time to get away and rest. God did so much with us these last five years. We can look back and see the many blessing of God during the pandemic! I plan to use this sabbath time to build on that momentum, to gather new energy, and to develop a fresh vision.

The Deacons & Elders, church committees, and staff assisted into putting a plan into place that will not to lose any momentum while I am away. We have an exciting lineup of guest preachers and musical groups to lead us in worship. An Executive Team appointed by the Board of Deacons & Elders will supervise the staff and monitor the day-to-day ministry needs. Committees will continue to do their appointed work uninterrupted.

In my absence, I would like to challenge each of you as members of the body of Christ to be intentional with your spiritual gifts to build up the church. I am only one person among of many. Use this time to serve and volunteer if you see a need. Pray for our ministry this summer. Pray for our worship leaders and staff and committee members as they serve. Please pray for me, too. And don't forget to find time to rest! Summer is glorious in Minnesota: enjoy it! I will miss seeing you all, but we will be back together soon. May God bless you and the ministry at Federated Church.

Summer blessings,
Pastor Doug





Psalm 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Signs of spring are finally starting to appear! Alleluia! Spring is a time to start fresh—to wash windows, sweep the doorstep and purge your closet. Sometimes our spiritual lives need a deep cleaning, too. As you refresh your space at the start of this new season, don't neglect the space inside—your spirit, the core of who you are. Here are three questions to ask yourself:

1. What needs to go?

Let's be honest, some things should go straight to the trash. We're talking about the broken, falling apart, cobweb covered this and that. The broken items that we put in a closet or the garage to take care of "someday."

We harbor guilt and shame and grudges and fear and mistakes and our brokenness in the untouched corners of our hearts, never to see the light of day. What if we unpacked it all and laid it before God? What if we actively said "Here you go, God. All the broken pieces of my life are yours now."? God is ready to take it all from you and give you a new start.

2. What can you give away?

It can be daunting, but also gratifying to reduce your possessions, the stuff that fills those closets and those boxes we haven't opened. Those items that we haven't used in years but still hold on to and can't bear to put in the donate pile.

What part of your faith life and story can you give to others? Which of your gifts can you use to love and serve your neighbors? Look for ways to tell your story of faith and Jesus' impact on your life with others. Look for ways to serve your neighbor as Jesus would serve.

3. What needs some love?

Spring cleaning doesn't mean we throw away or give away everything. Perhaps some things just need to be reorganized or dusted or spruced up or tidied up. Some things just need a little love and attention.

Our spiritual lives can usually use some tidying up too. Whether your faith life needs a fresh coat of paint or a total renovation, start with one thing at a time – maybe it's alone time with God in prayer. Maybe it is making a commitment to come to worship regularly. Maybe it is reading the Bible for a few minutes each day.

Wherever you begin, remember you are not spring cleaning alone. God is there—guiding you, helping you and encouraging you in each area of your life.

Happy Mother's Day this May!

Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. We pray you give each mom strength. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. May each mother find rest in you. Amen.

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?s=bibles&q=mothers+day&t=niv&c=all>



How can it already be May? Even though this felt like the LONGEST winter, it STILL is hard to believe we are venturing into the month of May! This is always a month of transitions in Christian Education, starting with wrapping up our weekly children's and youth ministries (Sunday school, Kidz Club, middle school and high school youth group), the graduating of our senior high school students, and moving into our summer plans.

Sunday School

This year our Sunday school classes took a journey through two very important portions of the Bible. The Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. In the fall we studied the meaning behind the words in the Lord's Prayer, understanding that Jesus taught all of His disciples to pray in this way. We took a break in December in order to prepare and share our Christmas pageant with the congregation. After we returned from break we dived into the Ten Commandments, learning that it is God's grace that saves us. When we love God we show His love for Him and others by following these important commands. Our teacher volunteers (Jona Brown, Madalyn Dent, Kristian Fransen, Shelby Eckhoff, Karen Bush, Hollis Davenport and Cindy Spidahl) all do such a great job adapting the lessons to their class.

Kidz Club

Our last day of Kidz Club was on April 26. We completed a year of learning about "God's Story"—how God tells us about Himself through the people of the Bible. We heard so many stories this year about God's love for us, His power and how He uses the people who seek Him to do His work in the world. Our year began with God's creation of the world; we went through the stories of many of the special people featured in the Bible, including Abraham, Moses, the judges, some of the kings and prophets; leading up to the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. We

ended the year talking about how WE are also a part of God's story. Our names may not be in the Bible, but God, through the Holy Spirit, still uses His people to tell His story to the world.

Middle School Youth Group

Our middle school students finished confirmation earlier this spring and began our weekly youth group gatherings. We are tackling various topics our youth are confronting and how our faith can inform and impact our daily lives. It was especially fun that on the last two Fridays of April we helped our Federated Church family with delivering Meals by Wheels. We are making plans during May to meet periodically throughout the first half of the summer—including encouraging our youth to assist at Vacation Bible School. Applications for student volunteering are available in the youth room and outside of the church office.

Senior High Youth Group

May is always a bittersweet time at our senior high youth group. We are so excited to see our seniors graduating and taking their next steps in life, and yet we know that our group will change and we will miss seeing them every week. This has been such a special group this year, with lots of youth bringing friends and spreading the word about our gatherings. The volunteer leaders, Hollis Davenport, Molly Stoddard, and Madalyn Dent, are truly committed to showing God's love and care to our youth, and it clearly makes an impact on the members. We will continue to meet periodically during the first half of the summer, and begin making plans for the fall.

Christian Education and Youth





Church News...

Church Office

The church office hours are from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm of Fridays. The church office will be closed on Memorial Day.

Out Of The Office

Brianna will be out of the office on May 4, 5, 8. Skip and Roxane will be in the office answering the phones. Brianna is still looking for someone to help on June 1, 2 and 5. If someone is willing to be in the office on Thursday and Monday from 10am-2pm and Friday from 9am-12pm to answer phones please let Brianna know.

Summer Edition

The next newsletter you receive is the Summer Edition including both June and July. If you have news for either month, please submit this information to the church by May 15. The next submission date will be July 15 for the August Newsletter. Committeess and D&E will not meet in July.

Village Co-op

Join Pastor Ali and Pastor Doug for coffee at the Village Co-op on Tuesday, May 16th at 2pm in the Great Room.

2022 Synod School

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is hosting Synod School from July 24-29, 2022 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. This is a great event for anyone seeking a fun and faith-based learning experience during the summer. There are activities for children, teens, and families. The workshop catalogue and registration materials are available in the church office or www.lakesandprairies.org.

Coffee Hours

Women: Tuesdays, 10am
Men: Fridays, 10am

Dates To Remember

May 14 - Last day of Sunday School
June 19-23 - Vacation Bible School "Putting on the Full Armor of God"
September 22-24 - Confirmation Retreat

SummerFest

The Fergus Falls SummerFest is June 9 and 10. On Friday, June 9, events take place at the RTC from noon-9pm. On Saturday, June 10, events occur from 9am-6pm at the RTC. The parade is at 6pm on Saturday.

Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible study continues to work our way through 1, 2, and 3 John. We spend a great deal of time each week in prayer, and also seeking God's direction in our learning and application of His word. We have not yet made plans for the summer, but we will be discussing our options in the next weeks.

Fellowship Committteee

Ice Cream Social

Let's celebrate the Sunday School year! On Sunday, May 19th at 10:30am, we will gather in the fellowship hall to enjoy delicious ice cream treats!

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!



Summer Worship 2023

DATE	PREACHER	LITURGIST	NOTES
July 2	Elder Hollis Davenport <i>Youth Leader, Praise Team , Member of Federated Church</i>		Worship with communion
July 9	The Rev. Karen Anderson <i>Director of Christian Education, Federated Church</i>	Char Zielin	
July 16	Chaplain Pete Konrad <i>Jail, Inc. Ministries</i>		
July 23	Elder Dr. John McKay <i>Professor Emeritus of Piano and Music, Gustavus Adolphus College</i>	John MacFarlane	
July 30	The Rev. Ali Haugerud <i>Director of Pastoral Care, Federated Church</i> <i>Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN</i>		
August 6	Elder Kathy Terpstra <i>Commissioned Ruling Elder, Presbytery of MN Valleys</i>		Worship with communion
August 13	Praise Team Hymn Sing <i>Vivian Whipple, Praise Team Leader</i>	Praise Team	
August 20	The Rev. John Lindholm <i>Pastor Emeritus, Federated Church</i>	Becca Michael	
August 27	The Rev. Dr. Candace Adams <i>Missionary Leader, Church on Wheels, Brainerd-Baxter, MN</i>	Connie Seltz	

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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.

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

MAY 2022

Sunday, May 7

9:30am w/ Communion

J. Pat & Tami Collins

Sunday, May 14

9:30am - Mother's Day

Jodie & Jerry Nuss

Sunday, May 21

9:30am - Ice Cream Social

Gloria Ronning & John MacFarlane

Sunday, May 28

9:30am

TBD

Sunday, June 4

9:30am w/ Communion

Ingrid Morgan & Arlene Worner

Sunday, June 11

9:30am

TBD

Sunday, June 18

9:30am - Father's Day

TBD

Sunday, June 25

9:30am

TBD

Brianna is still looking for help greeting on the Sunday's that are marked TBD. If you are willing to help one of these Sunday's, please let me know. June 11 is the Heaven Bound Trio; June 18 is Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller and June 25 is the Teen Challenge

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:

MAY 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. Reminder: Committees do not meet in July.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$38,264
Expenditures	\$37,284

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$94,680
Actual Received	\$127,832

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

April	\$2,279.45
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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 to church office. Also contact us for pastoral care or parish nursing 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 the 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 May 1st

May Birthdays

05/02	Melissa Loomer	05/18	Janet Knapp
05/02	Henrik Gustafson	05/18	Ashley Rodning
05/03	Nic Ebert	05/20	Dennis Echelberger
05/03	Jan Nelson	05/22	Carol Anderson
05/04	Ingrid Morgan	05/22	Thomas Buchfink
05/06	Mariah Davenport	05/23	Mary Lundeen
05/07	Paige Westra	05/23	Kim Anderson
05/08	Susan Johnson	05/23	Christian Saurer
05/08	Arianna Hedrick	05/25	Elizabeth Nelson
05/08	Vivian Olson	05/25	Thea Fransen
05/10	Shelby Eckhoff	05/26	Terry Harthun
05/11	Rebecca Buchfink	05/26	Lisa Johnson
05/12	Gerald Worner	05/26	Ben Sundberg
05/12	Conner Brause	5/26	Emily Rodning
05/14	Vern Tabbut	05/27	Desta Hunt
05/15	Jennifer Maanum	05/28	Barbara Becker
05/15	Tyler Dahl	05/28	Mackenzie Schara
05/15	Maren Hatling	05/29	Coleman Eifert
05/17	Truman Steinbrenner	05/30	Mae Harthun
05/17	Steve Thompson	05/30	Matthew Solin
		05/31	Mae Reich

June Birthdays

06/01	Jerry Nuss	06/18	Kathy Hatling
06/02	Cindy McDougall	06/19	Marianne Stone
06/03	Gary Snyder	06/20	John Erickson
06/03	Ken Garrahan	06/24	David Nelson
06/04	Shane Harthun	06/24	Jim Andrews
06/04	Ayla Hoff	06/25	Mary Bressler
06/05	Matyas Sundheim	06/25	Melissa Saurer
06/05	Jackie Gondrez	06/25	Elizabeth Hatling
06/05	Harrison Saurer	06/25	Melinda Wienbar
06/07	Loran Johnson	06/28	Yvonne Marts
06/09	Deb Tabbut	06/28	Hannah Nelson
06/10	Kindree Ebert	06/28	Kellen Stenstrom
06/10	Clyde Schlepp	06/28	Lucas Cavalier
06/10	Delaney Schara	06/30	Lisa Anderson
06/12	Bonnie Bergerud	06/30	Erik Anthonisen
06/12	Danielle Anderson		
06/12	Anna Schlepp		
06/16	James Michael		
06/17	Peg Werner		
06/18	Kristen Kugler		



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