

June/July Worship

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

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

July 2 9:30am *A Celebration of The Lord's Supper*
"Logistical Logic" Exodus 12: 31-36 & 40-42
Elder Hollis Davenport
Youth Leader, Praise Team, Member of Federated Church

July 9 9:30am
The Rev. Karen Anderson
Director of Christian Education, Federated Church

July 16 9:30am
Chaplain Pete Konrad
Jail, Inc.. Ministries

July 23 9:30am
Elder Dr. John McKay
Professor Emeritus of Piano and Music, Gustavus Adolphus College

July 30 9:30am
The Rev Ali Haugerud
Director of Pastoral Care, Federated Church
Pastor, Hope Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN

Dates to Remember

FRIDAY, JUNE 2
1:00pm Federated Food-Shelf Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 4
Communion
10:30am Muffins for Mission
(Boxes of Blessings)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
10:00am Sewing & Coffee

MONDAY, JUNE 12
11:30am H4H Family Selection Cmte.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
Father's Day

MONDAY, JUNE 19 - 23
9:00AM Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JUNE 27
9:00am Federated Church H4H Build Day

FRIDAY, JUNE 30
2:00pm Joyce Youngren Funeral

TUESDAY JULY 4 & 5
Church Office Closed

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

THURSDAY, JULY 13
10:00am Sewing & Coffee

SATURDAY, JULY 15
Newsletter Deadline



"They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." Acts 1:14

This verse comes at the end of the story of the Ascension of Jesus, and just before the apostles choose Matthias to join their company. This is not just a "throwaway" verse we should gloss over, and it is much more than simply a transitional verse between two stories.

We could note several different and very important pieces of this verse. For instance, how Luke mentions that women are a vital part of the movement, or that he mentions Jesus' family as being part of the group (Luke even mentions Mary by name!).

But I want to elevate three words: "joined together constantly." The wordsmith in me bristles at this triad of words and its inferred redundancy; but each word offers a particular insight into the group.

- Joined: this is a group united in common cause and purpose.
- Together: this is an inclusive group which recognizes their commonality in Jesus Christ.
- Constantly: this is a group that met regularly to support one another, faithfully to inspire one another, and persistently to pursue God's call on their lives.

As I begin my sabbatical this summer, I am keenly aware of how much you and I are "joined together constantly," and how important that connection is to me. I will miss worshipping with you on Sundays, although I will "tune in" from home. But worshipping online is not the same as being together, in person. I know many of you prefer to worship online, and you have good reasons for choosing that option. But for me, being "joined together constantly" is a critical part of practicing my faith.

This story illustrates what I mean:

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited. The pastor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a doornail."

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. Just before the pastor was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

Like the apostles, the women, and Jesus' family members, we are meant to be "joined together constantly" for mutual support, inspiration, worship, and work. Like the ember, when we are removed from the worshipping community for too long, our faith begins to grow cold. I encourage you to "check in" over the summer, to connect with your sisters and brothers in faith, and to rekindle your passion for being a disciple of Jesus.

Thank you for the sabbatical time: it is truly a wondrous gift.

I look forward to being "joined together constantly" with you again soon. Blessings, Pastor Doug



Pastoral Care

Pastor Ali Haugerud

After many summers on the beaches of Lake Superior and years of hiking, rock cairns (small piles of rock) have always fascinated me. The way rocks are placed just so to balance on one another is amazing and beautiful and incredibly simple. Cairns are not permanent. Anyone could easily dissemble them, which is what makes these piles of stone so precious. But there is a camaraderie of hikers on a shared mission. The use of them along the path as trail markers to show us way. They offer hospitality and human connection, a reminder that we are not alone. Although we've never met the people who assembled these small rock structures, we trust them. Following cairns requires that we pay attention. Cairns remind us to pay attention on all of our journeys.

In the book of Genesis, Jacob set up a cairn after he encountered God in a dream after running away from home. Jacob says upon waking up, "'Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.' This stone, which I have set up as a pillar, will be God's house.'" (Genesis 28:16, 22). The cairn built by Jacob served as a reminder of God's goodness and provision and presence in Jacob's life.

As human beings, we so easily forget. In the highest of highs, we forget God is our source of life and has brought us to the mountain top. In the lowest of lows, we easily forget past times of comfort, provision, and guidance given by

God. In the steady portions of everyday life, we forget to continually praise the goodness of our God. We are indeed in need of cairns in our own lives – to help guide us and to help us remember.

Is there a place in your home or yard to build a little cairn? Your cairn could be a framed picture of a news clipping, lovely calligraphy of a meaningful verse, or even a prayer journal for the family to look over and praise God in the storms and sunshine. When we return to the little "cairns," we are reminded and redirected to the provision, goodness and presence of God who brings balance to our lives and assures us that we are never alone.

FEDERATED FRIENDS

Federated Friends are caring people who take to heart Christ's command to love one another and to have special care for the sick, the elderly, the widow and the orphan. The purpose of the Federated Friends program is to encourage social interaction and fellowship among church members, especially those who are at risk of feeling lonely or isolated.

We are currently looking for some more members of Federated to be a part of this ministry of presence. We will train you and help you feel comfortable in visiting (or calling) one or two members of Federated on a regular basis. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ali (pastoralihaugerud@gmail.com).



Praise the Lord! Summer is here! As a lifelong northerner (North Dakota and now Minnesota) I always say that we earn our good weather. It may not reflect God's gift of grace, but after hard winters we sure know how to appreciate the beauty of our summers. It is my prayer that we all have opportunities to rest, reflect and restore during these gorgeous months of warmth, flowers, fishing, and family.

Vacation Bible School

We are gearing up for VBS 2023 and it is set for June 19-23 from 9am-12pm. Our theme this year is "Putting on the Armor of God", which will focus on the ways in which God provides us with the tools necessary to stand strong in His truth and light. We have songs, crafts, games, and snacks planned to make this a special week for everyone. VBS is available for all children in grades K-6th, and we also offer leadership opportunities for students in grades 7-12th grade. Applications for VBS and the student assistant positions are available in the church office, narthex, and the church website. Come join us during this fun-filled week!

Middle School and High School Youth Group

During the summer months we meet in our individual groups two to three times each month, doing activities such as bowling, game night, a lake day at Pebble or someone's lake cabin, going out for ice cream, hiking, kayaking

and much more. We want to make plans and get the word out in advance by texting group. The middle school group is hoping for a lock-in in late June, and the high school group has some interest in doing a night hike at PWLC during firefly season. Parents and youth will be getting information directly.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible study meets at 11:15am on Tuesdays in the parlor. We will continue to meet through mid-July. We are currently studying 1, 2, and 3 John. When we finish, we plan to begin studying Paul's letter to the Philippians. Please feel free to join this great group of seekers. We always enjoy new members to the group!

Dates To Remember

Wednesday, September 13

First day of Kidz Club and Sr. High Youth Group

Wednesday, September 20

First day of confirmation class for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade

Friday - Sunday, September 22-24

Fall confirmation retreat to Clearwater Forest

Blessings to everyone and have a wonderful summer! Take time for yourself and God!

Christian Education and Youth

Happy Father's Day

Then he blessed Joseph and said, "May the God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked faithfully, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day. Genesis 48:15"





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 June 1, 2, 5 and July 4 and 5.

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.



D&E & Ministry Nite

D&E will not meet in June, July or August. Ministry Nite will not meet in July. They will meet again on August 8.

Church Softball

We would love to see lots of fans pack the stands on Tuesday nights. Let's cheer on our softball team. Go Federated! To see the schedule, check the bulletin boards.

2023 Synod School

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is hosting Synod School from July 23-28, 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.

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.

Coffee Hours

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

Summer Worship 2023

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| 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> | Come, sing God's praises! |
| August 20 | The Rev. John Lindholm
<i>Pastor Emeritus, Federated Church</i> | |
| August 27 | The Rev. Dr. Candace Adams
<i>Missionary Leader, Church on Wheels, Brainerd-Baxter, MN</i> | |





Committee News

D&E Awards Sabbatical to DCE

At its April meeting, the board of Deacons and Elders (D&E) determined our Director of Christian Education (DCE), Rev. Karen Anderson Dent, will be given a six week sabbatical every five years, beginning this summer. The idea of offering a sabbatical to Karen came from within the board as a way to honor her work, her years of dedication and the fact that she is an ordained minister. "We are blessed to have Karen serving in this important role at Federated Church," said Hollis Davenport, D&E member and chair of the personnel committee. Karen has served in this position for seven years.

As D&E explored the possibility of a sabbatical for Karen, we sought input from Rev. Beth Buckwalter-Miller, Executive Presbyterian of the Minnesota Valleys Presbytery and also gathered input from other Fergus Falls churches. Beth noted "A quieter season for people to refresh could be most welcome; when she returns, everyone has renewed energy for the work to be done." Although ordination is not a condition of the DCE position, Karen's education and training are an asset to us. Her new contract, which renews annually, was updated and agreed to by Karen and the chair of our Christian Education Committee, Karen Bush.

Karen will take her sabbatical this summer from July 16 through August 27. The timing of the new benefit requires Karen to select dates after summer Vacation Bible School and before the start of fall Sunday school. She is also

preaching for us on July 9 and wishes to keep that commitment to the congregation. We are confident the congregation will join us in honoring Karen's time away, and we wish her the best during her sabbatical.

Mission Committee Muffins for Mission

The Mission Committee will be providing treats following the service on June 4. Free-will donations contributed during the "Muffins for Mission" event will go to Boxes of Blessings, we provide to patients at the Cancer Care Center who are beginning treatment at the center. Please stop down to enjoy the goodies and check out a Box of Blessings so you know what your contributions are supporting.

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 2023. 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, 2023. Information and application forms are available on the Federated Church website (www.federatedff.org). Click the "Resources" tab (top right) "Heritage Grants". Contact Pastor Doug at 218-739-3227 if you have questions.

Connect with Federated

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.



If you would like to receive text updates from Federated Church, please **text the message @federated to the number 81010**.



Greeters

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

Sunday, June 4
9:30am w/ Communion
Ingrid Morgan & Arlene
Worner

Sunday, June 11
9:30am
Dave & Vivian Whipple

Sunday, June 18
9:30am - Father's Day
Matt & Donna Solin

Sunday, June 25
9:30am
Craig & Rebecca Jorgensen

Sunday, July 2
9:30am w/ Communion
TBD

Sunday, July 9
9:30am
Skip Zielin & Jerry Worner

Sunday, July 16
9:30am
TBD

Sunday, July 23
9:30am
TBD

Sunday, July 30
9:30am
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: June 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. Reminder: **Committees do not meet in July.**

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report	
Revenue	\$30,645
Expenditures	\$34,030
Year to Date Pledge Offering	
Budgeted	\$126,240
Actual Received	\$155,958

Grocery Receipts THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food	
May	\$5,202.04



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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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Time sensitive information
Please deliver by June 1st

June Birthdays

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

06/25 Elizabeth Hatling
06/25 Melinda Wienbar
06/28 Yvonne Marts
06/28 Hannah Nelson
06/28 Kellen Stenstrom
06/28 Lucas Cavalier
06/30 Lisa Anderson
06/30 Erik Anthonisen



July Birthdays

07/02 Jodie Nuss
07/03 Cameron Haas
07/03 Rebecca Michael
07/04 Steve Wienbar
07/05 Jeanette Haas
07/07 Anne Worner
07/09 Lori Kugler
07/09 Benjamin Rundquist
07/10 Jean McKenzie
07/10 Hudson Steinbrenner
07/11 Joel Enderson
07/11 Charles MacFarlane
07/11 Emma Michael
07/11 Emily Nuss
07/12 Kristian Fransén
07/13 Jacki Knapp-Raaen
07/13 Fiona Rundquist
07/15 Jozee Lee
07/16 Patty Link
07/18 Mary Link
07/18 Dave Nord

07/19 Bill Rodning
07/19 Rebekah Meder
07/21 Timothy Olson
07/21 Gloria Ronning
07/23 Hollis Davenport
07/23 Hayden Westra
07/24 Kim Erickson
07/26 Piper Andrews
07/27 Dominic Facio
07/28 Linda MacFarlane
07/29 Adam Schlepp
07/30 Wally Moe
07/30 Mark Becker
07/31 Ken Schuetze
07/31 Jeremy Jensen



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