

May Worship

Sunday, May 2 9:30am Susan Clambey, Organist
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Do You Understand?" Acts 8:26-40
Pastor Doug Dent A Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Sunday, May 9 9:30am Mother's Day
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"God-TOK" 1 John 5:1-6
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, May 16 9:30am Confirmation Sunday
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"God is Dope!" Psalm 145
Pastor Doug Dent

Sunday, May 23 9:30am Pentecost Sunday
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Universal Charger " Acts 2:1-21
Pastor Doug Dent Senior Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 30 9:30am Trinity Sunday
Worship will be in-person and streamed online
"Awestruck" Psalm 29
Pastor Doug Dent

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, MAY 2
COMMUNION

SUNDAY, MAY 9
MOTHER'S DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 11
6:30PM MINISTRY NITE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
3:45PM LAST DAY OF JR. & SR. HIGH
YOUTH GROUP
5:15PM ENDOWMENT MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 15
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, MAY 16
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30AM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

THURSDAY, MAY 20
6:30PM D&E MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 23
SENIOR RECOGNITION
SENIOR BRUNCH

MONDAY, MAY 31
MEMORIAL DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” (John 14:1-3)

Joyce Berger, an ordained minister in the Christian Reformed Church, tells the story of visiting a woman for the first time and immediately feeling “at home” in her house. The woman offered Joyce gracious hospitality, but it was more than that. This woman was close in age to Joyce’s deceased mother and of a similar cultural background. The woman’s home and her manner of doing and saying things reminded Joyce of her mother and of the home in which she was raised.

In my own home there are connections to my past. The coffee mill and flower vase that belonged to my maternal grandmother. The china that belonged to my paternal grandmother. A desk and a clock from my maternal grandfather’s study. A bedroom set that my father had as a boy. Pictures, baking dishes, and many other items that remind me of “home.”

We are now in the season of going “home.” Consider the roller coaster of emotions the

disciples experienced in a few short months: seeing their worst fears realized with Jesus arrested and crucified. Their confusion and fear displaced by overwhelming joy at the resurrection. Jesus dwelling with them again, their anchor, their comforting presence, their “home.” Then the ascension. For the disciples it seemed to be another loss. For Jesus, it meant going home. What joy there is in knowing that Jesus is going ahead to prepare rooms for us! And when we get there, it will not feel strange, but rather like the home we always craved.

In the meantime, to keep us connected with our true home and to serve as a reminder, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with us. The Holy Spirit made our world, our church, our hearts its temporary home, a window into our heavenly dwelling. Every time we gather at the Lord’s Table, we experience another glimpse of our glorious future. Yet, as we look around the table, we see empty seats. People are missing from our family and are still yearning for a place to call home. So, we join with the Holy Spirit’s work in calling others to come and dwell with us in the house of the Lord, to come and find their true home.

May God’s Holy Spirit bless you and keep you and bring you home!
Pastor Doug

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!





Wow! It's hard to believe we are already five months into 2021! With May arriving we shift into a different mode of programming, as we gear up for the summer.

Kidz Club

Kidz Club wrapped up its 2020-2021 season on April 28. We had SUCH a great year of learning, games, crafts, and fellowship! "God" was our theme: During the first half of the year we heard stories and lessons showing God's attributes, and in the second half we discovered many ways God communicates with His people. Our crafts ranged from clay pottery to designing pillowcases with Bible verses, and lots of creative opportunities in between. I am sad to close out this year but I can definitely say we are all excited for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL in June!!

Middle School Youth Group

We began Middle School youth in March and will go through May 12. It is wonderful to have time for games and have great discussions with this youth group. We will make plans to get together over the summer for special activities, and I think we may have some up-and-coming helpers for VBS and beyond!

High School Youth Group

High School youth will also continue through May 12. We have such thoughtful and intelligent young people growing up here at Federated. It is a tremendous pleasure to meet with them each week! We will also be making plans to get together over the summer and looking forward to time with everyone!



Mark Your Calendars For These Christian Education Events

May 16 is Confirmation Sunday! Come join us at 9:30AM for worship as we welcome our confirmands into full membership of the Federated Church! A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the worship service.

May 16 is also the last day of Sunday School.

May 23 is Senior Recognition Sunday! Our congregation will be celebrating with our 8 high school graduates by recognizing and praying for them during 9:30AM worship, followed by a brunch in Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School

VBS is set for June 21-25 from 9AM-12PM. Our theme is "Creating with God!" Prepare for fun worship, great games, and inspired art projects! You can sign up by printing off the form on our website under the "Resources" tab (top right), click "forms". You can also pick up a form in a purple folder outside the church office.



If you have questions or ideas to share, please contact Karen at kmad@prtcl.com!

Christian Education and Youth



Church News

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.

Ice Cream Social

Let's celebrate the Sunday School year! On Sunday, May 16 at 10:30AM, we will gather to enjoy delicious ice cream treats!

Office Hours

The church office hours will remain the same in May. Phones and emails will be answered from 10AM-2PM Monday-Thursday and 9AM-12PM on Fridays. If you need access to the church building, please call ahead of time to make an appointment

Church Office

The church office is closed Monday, May 31 on Memorial Day.

Worship Notes

Here is a quick guide to make worshiping with Federated Church easier!

Online Worship

To access Federated Church's online worship services, visit the church website (www.federatedff.org).

There are three ways to retrieve 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.

Communion Cups Available

We celebrate communion on the first Sunday each month. If you plan to worship from home, you may pick up prepackaged communion cups (bread and juice included) at the church office between 10AM-2PM, Monday-Thursday or 9AM-12PM on Fridays. A gluten free option is available. Call Brianna (218-739-3227) to reserve your communion cups.

Home Communion

We are now offering home communion. Teams of Deacons and Elders who are fully vaccinated will bring the elements to your home or residence. If you would like to receive communion, please contact the church office (218-739-3227).

For safety reasons, we must comply with the requirements and restrictions of your residence. If your residence is not yet allowing public visitation, we will be unable to serve communion to you at this time.

If you are an ordained Deacon or Elder, are fully vaccinated, and would like to help us with this important outreach ministry, please contact Pastor Doug.

Rides to Worship

The Deacons & Elders are developing a ride-sharing plan for Sunday mornings. If you would like a ride to worship, or if you would like to be a driver on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office (218-739-3227).

Calling all Musicians

We could use your help with music on Sunday mornings. Singers and musicians (piano, guitar, drums) are needed. I know we have talent out there."Hidden" talent. Please consider coming out of hiding. You will be a blessing! Contact Vivian Whipple or Bill Nead, if interested.
Thanks! Vivian



Worship in the Park All Summer

We will be worshipping at Kirkbride Park every Sunday from June 6 through September 12 (Rally Day). Here is what you need to know about worship in the park this summer:

- * Worship will be at 10:00AM.
- * If the weather is bad, worship will be at Federated Church.
- * Notice of any change will be by REMIND (to enroll, text @federated to 81010), email, Facebook, website.
- * Safety protocols still apply. Please stay 6-feet apart and wear masks if in close conversation.
- * Worship will be broadcast on 107.3 FM if you prefer to listen from your vehicle (within 1 mile).
- * Singing is permitted! We will provide song sheets each week.
- * Song sheets will also be posted on the church website (www.federatedff.org).
- * Online worship will be available after 1:00 PM on Sundays (no internet at the park!).
- * There will be fellowship time weekly after worship, alternating between lunches and pastries.



2021 Synod School

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is hosting Synod School from July 25-30, 2021 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.

UCC MN Conference

The UCC MN Conference Annual Meeting will be June 7-13, 2021. This will be an all-virtual meeting. This year's theme is "Courageous Church." The cost is \$50 for delegates and \$25 for non-voting attendees.

The schedule for the week:

Monday, June 7–Thursday, June 10 will feature daily workshops, open to all registered attendees.

Friday, June 11 (afternoon) is the "business" portion of the meeting, open to voting delegates only.

Saturday, June 12 will feature a keynote address by Susan Beaumont, author of "How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going" and a panel discussion on racial justice work facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson.

Sunday, June 13 is a worship service with guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate General Minister of the UCC and Co-Executive of Global Ministries, Wider Church Ministries and Operations.

Our congregation is allowed two (2) voting delegates to this meeting (delegate costs covered by Federated Church). Anyone wishing to attend this virtual meeting should contact the church office for registration materials.

Out Of The Office

Brianna will be on vacation July 6 - 12. If anyone is able to help out in the office please let the church office know. July 6, 7, 8 from 10AM-2PM, July 9 from 9AM-12PM and Monday, July 12 from 10AM-2PM.

Pastor Doug is on vacation August 11-31. Pete Konrad will preach August 15, Liz Mahan will preach August 22, and John Lindholm will preach on August 29.



Committee News

Fellowship Committee Federated Softball

If you would like to sign up for Church "A" league competitive softball on Monday nights please contact Mark Anderson (218-731-4813) or Tami Anderson (218-731-6695). More information to come. The tentative Monday night start date is May 24.

Federated Church is forming a 2nd slow-pitch softball team. This slow-pitch team will meet Tuesday nights for ages 14 and up. Please contact Dennis Bowman (218-332-0776). More information to come.

Mission Committee Meals By Wheels

Federated Church is scheduled to deliver Meals-by-Wheels Monday-Friday, May 24 -28 and 31-June 4. Drivers should gather at the Senior Center at 11:00AM. It takes about an hour to deliver these meals. If you can help deliver meals please contact Patty Shol (736-5594). Sonja Johnson (Chair) (218) 205-7741.

Graduation Open House for Madalyn Dent

Saturday, May 29, 2021 (1:00-4:00 PM)
The Federated family is invited to join in celebrating Madalyn's graduation from high school with an open house on Saturday, May 29, 2021 (1:00-4:00 PM) at Federated Church, 224 N. Union Avenue, Fergus Falls. The party will be outdoors on the north lawn (Summit Avenue side). Madalyn will also be available to greet you at your car if you prefer not to be in a crowd. Please wear a mask when near others and observe all posted safety protocols. We are so grateful for the love and support of our Federated family. Thank you for nurturing Madalyn on her journey so far!

Congratulations To:

Our graduating seniors! Sterling Andrews, Tessa Becker, Madalyn Dent, Ashlyn Eckhoff, Natalie Fransen, Xyola Macheel, Emily Nuss, and Natalie Vogel. Blessings to you on your next chapter of life!



Happy Mother's Day!

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:28-31





Bible Study and Coffee Hour

Adult Bible Study

Join Pastor Doug Sunday's at 10:15AM for Adult Bible Study. Together we will work through Paul's letter to the Galatian Christians, making comparisons to our own day, and discovering how essential it is to cling to the Gospel of Jesus Christ – and nothing else! Join us in person (masks and other safety procedures apply) or by Zoom. Contact the church office to receive the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study

We began studying the Gospel of John in mid-January and will continue on Tuesday's at 11:30AM on Zoom. For more information about these ministries and any other Christian education questions, please contact Karen at kmad@prtcl.com.

Men's Coffee Hour

Men's coffee hour is on Friday's in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00AM.

Ministry Nite:

MAY 11 - 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.

Connect with Federated



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

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

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$31,257.34
Expenditures	\$37,376.12

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$117,976.03
Actual Received	\$91,524.00

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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Thank You

Love Ell Hultin would like to thank everyone involved in Scott Hultin's funeral service, for all those who attended and gave cards and words of support, and all those who helped serve following the service. We are grateful for our family, friends, and Federated Family.



May Birthdays

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| 05/02 | Melissa Loomer | 05/17 | Truman Steinbrenner |
| 05/02 | David Stoddard | 05/17 | Steve Thompson |
| 05/02 | Henrik Gustafson | 05/18 | Janet Knapp |
| 05/03 | Nic Ebert | 05/18 | Ashley Rodning |
| 05/03 | Jan Nelson | 05/20 | Dennis Echelberger |
| 05/03 | Codie Tabbut | 05/20 | Samantha Beck |
| 05/03 | Alyssa White | 05/22 | Bev Lambert |
| 05/04 | Ingrid Morgan | 05/22 | Carol Anderson |
| 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 |
| 05/09 | Mary Milton | 05/26 | Terry Harthun |
| 05/10 | Shelby Eckhoff | 05/26 | Lisa Johnson |
| 05/11 | Rebecca Kalar | 05/26 | Ben Sundberg |
| 05/12 | Gerald Worner | 05/27 | Desta Hunt |
| 05/14 | Joyce Youngren | 05/28 | Barbara Becker |
| 05/14 | Vern Tabbut | 05/28 | Mackenzie Schara |
| 05/15 | Jennifer Maanum | 05/30 | Mae Harthun |
| 05/15 | Crystal Cavalier | 05/30 | Matthew Solin |
| 05/15 | Maren Hatling | 05/31 | Mae Reich |
| 05/15 | Luke Barry | | |
| 05/15 | Tucker Ugstad | | |

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