

November Worship

NOVEMBER 3 9:30a.m. Worship

Thoughts and Prayers
Pastor Doug Dent

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Celebrating the Lord's Supper

NOVEMBER 10 9:30a.m. Worship

The Run-Flat Church
Pastor Doug Dent

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

NOVEMBER 17 9:30a.m. Worship

Accept or Decline!
Pastor Doug Dent

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

NOVEMBER 24 9:30a.m. Worship

Kings Never Die
Pastor Doug Dent

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Luke 23:33-43



Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:30pm Ministry Nite

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

10:30am Mission Brunch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

6:30pm D&E Meeting

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00pm Sr. High Lock-In

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

6:00pm Jail Inc. Thanksgiving Service

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NO KIDZ CLUB OR CONFIRMATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

THANKSGIVING DAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Most of us know that saying "please" and "thank you" go a long way in this world. They show our respect and our gratitude. In the same way, "please" and "thank you" go a long way with God.

Most of us are pretty good at the "please" part: "Please, God, answer my prayer! Please God, give me this thing. Please God heal my friend." We may not be as good at remembering to say "thank you" to God for the many blessings God provides.

So how do we — how can we — sincerely say "thanks" to God? We can show God our gratitude with small, everyday actions. Here are eight suggestions:

Go to Church. Celebrate Worship. Celebrate God's Word. Celebrate Communion. Did you know that one of the words of communion – eucharist – comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving" or "gratitude"? When the Church asks, "What is this sacrament called?" The answer is "it is an action of thanksgiving to God." As an "action," going to church implies movement. We must do something, not just stand or sit there. Without our actively taking part in worship — praying with others, offering our gifts to God, receiving Communion - then we're pretty much like that child blurting a fast and nearly thoughtless "thank you" just to appease Mom. Bring your whole self to church. Throw your whole self – heart, mind, soul and strength – into worshiping God.

Do what Jesus told us to do. Jesus said, 'Abide in Me'. Dwell with him. Hang out with him. To show your ultimate gratitude, spend some time with the Jesus. Maybe by studying God's Word, maybe on a prayer walk, maybe in silence, maybe through community service. Find ways to be Jesus' disciple every day.

Find time to Breathe. Stop the busyness! We work so hard that it's easy to forget to put on the brakes. Take time for examination and reflection. Take time to give thanks. Create some space to be with God, to listen for God's still, small voice, and to get in touch with the One who is the source of your life. Taking a moment to breathe and to center yourself in God will make the rest of the day better.

Thank people God has used in your life. We should thank those who poured themselves into our lives. Write them a note, send them a text, give them a call. Tell them, "Thank you for being a gift from God! Thanks for being my teacher, my parents, my friend." Thank them for their investment in you. Tell them specifically how God used them to provide for, encourage, and strengthen you.

Help the least of these. We are blessed beyond measure and commissioned by God to be a blessing to others. Find a way to reach out and share God's blessings with others. When we focus on serving, helping, and loving those in need, we are acting in a way that is pleasing to God. Serving is a great way to say "thank you" for all God's blessings.

Take note. Stop and see how God is working in your world. Take time to jot down God's actions, communications, inspirations. Find a way to 'take note' that's easy to keep track of, and hard to cheat on. Jotting down a few things at the end of every day can be a prayer of thanksgiving. Why? Because you know the One who is the source of all goodness, blessings, grace and love.

Don't put a gift from God in a drawer. Sometimes we receive a gift from a family member or friend and quietly tuck it away in a dresser drawer. It's not something we need, want, know how to use, or even like. When we do that with a gift from God it runs counter to what Jesus taught in the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-23). Use what God gives you! Pay attention to the talents God has given you, develop them, and use them to help others. In this way, God is glorified.

Care for those you love. One way we can love our brothers and sisters in the Lord is the care for them and spend time with them. "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another" (Hebrews 10:25). We all have people in our lives who need care. Don't neglect their need, rather fulfill it! Celebrate with them. Mourn with them. Work with them. Show thanks to God by caring for the ones God put in your life.

So, in this month of November, amid the turkey and stuffing and pumpkin pie, remember that Thanksgiving is at its best when it is giving thanks to God.

- Pastor Doug



Meet A New Member

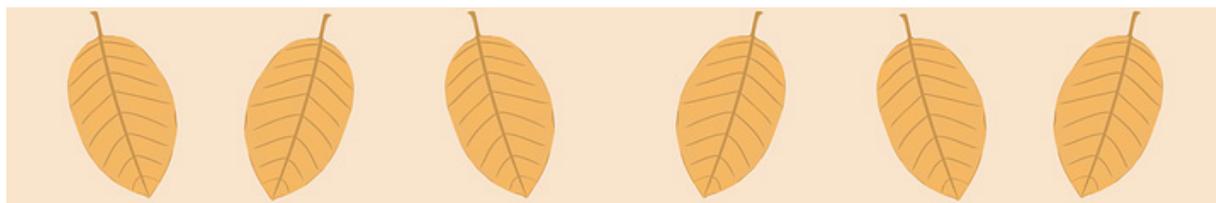
Larry Bethel originates from rural Menahga, MN. He graduated from Menahga high school in 1970. He attended Bemidji State University and graduated in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He spent several years in city administration, serving the cities of Sauk Centre, Olivia and Perham. In 1990 he returned to college and obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting. In 1991 he was hired by the Church of the Lutheran Brethren as an accountant in the business office. He served in this position until his retirement in 2017. Since his retirement he has worked part-time at Fleet Farm, YMCA, Hillcrest Lutheran Academy and Lake Region Recovery Home.

Larry has been active in the Pheasants Forever and Fish and Game Club organizations in Fergus Falls. He has also been a member of the YMCA for several years.

Larry was married for 25 years, until his divorce in 2017. Larry's ex-spouse had three sons from a previous marriage, two of the son's still reside in Fergus Falls. Nic Ebert, a member of Federated Church is Larry's stepson. Nic attends Federated Church along with his wife Samantha and their three children (Kai, Kindree and Koven).

Larry's enjoys living in Fergus Falls, mainly because he is in avid outdoors person. He enjoys hunting, fishing and kayaking in the summer and cross country skiing, snow shoeing and winter fishing. He is also an avid runner, participating in several 5k's and 10k's in the area. He is also a triathlete participating in several regional triathlons including the Fergus Falls Hoot Lake triathlon.

Larry looks forward to meeting new friends as a member of Federated Church as well as maintaining friendships with several of the members of Federated that he has become friends with through the years he has lived in Fergus Falls.



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!

During October, we were able to help 4 families or individuals from the local mission fund. We gave close to \$300.00 for utilities and housing.

LOCAL
Mission





Confirmation Retreat 2019

On October 4th, our 7th, 8th, and 9th grade confirmation students; along with six older youth leaders and six adult leaders, set out for Clearwater Forest Camp for a weekend of adventure! After experiencing some challenging deer encounters, we arrived at Eagle Lodge ready for learning and fun! Our theme focused on the Holy Spirit, probably the most “mysterious” person of the Trinity, but the person that God has provided for us to interact with in order to know Him and love and serve one another. We looked at scripture passages that introduced the Holy Spirit to all believers in Jesus Christ (Acts 2), passages that illustrate how the Holy Spirit works within us through His gifts to create the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12), and finally, passages that show how the Holy Spirit works within each of us to grow us closer to the character of Jesus Christ (Galatians 5:22-23).



In spite of the rain and cool weather, our young people (and leaders!) faced the weather with joy and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities provided to experience at Clearwater Forest: there was hiking, canoeing, kayaking, soccer, outdoor night games, and even a polar plunge! No amount of inclement weather could deter our fellowship! We learned together, played together, ate together, and grew together! Our leaders, shared so much of themselves and participated fully in the activities. Thank you to Hollis Davenport, Jerry Nuss, Jordan Schiefert, Tanya Sundberg, and Molly Stoddard; as well as Madalyn Dent, Drake Habraken, Ella Mayer, Emily Nuss, Grace Olson, and Dove Schierer. You all

made the weekend so exceptional! Our confirmation kids were WONDERFUL! What an extraordinary group of young people! It is such a privilege to walk with you for this time in your faith journey! Can't wait for next year!



Kidz Club

Wednesdays continue to be filled with great energy and learning as our elementary youth come together to learn about the movement of the Holy Spirit in the early church. Each week we hear and see a story about the apostles as they began to tell the world about the good news of Jesus Christ. We also learn about a country where Christianity has spread and we create a craft to represent that place. So far we have learned about Christianity in India, Australia, various countries in Africa, and Europe, AND we learned that the Holy Spirit is like the wind using a homemade pinwheel—you can't see the wind but can see the effects of the wind, like you can't see the Holy Spirit but can see the effects of the Holy Spirit. There is so much enthusiasm and passion for learning and understanding, it is such a joy to learn alongside these young people and our team of helpers, both adult and older youth! Thank you to Renee Larsen, Carolyn Anderson, Char Zielin, Madalyn Dent, Terry Harrington, Tate Preston, and all the snack/dinner providers and youth who help when able! We look forward to continuing to see where the Holy Spirit takes us in our learning!

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Youth Group

For many of our older youth, Wednesdays are set aside as time to enjoy each other's company, eat good snacks, play fun games, and learn more about being a disciple of Jesus. A few weeks ago it was so encouraging to hear that one individual's "highlight for the week" was that it WAS Wednesday, and that meant getting to hang out at church! One reason our youth group is so enjoyable is that everyone just comes together to encourage one another, regardless of what grade they are in at school. We genuinely try to foster a sense of family fellowship among our youth, and it even seems to trickle down as they help and hang out with our younger kids!

We have thus far covered a variety of topics—How Do People Show Extraordinary Strength in Trials, Jesus vs. Satan, Shoulder Demon/Shoulder Angel, Resisting Temptation. We watched the movie "I Can Only Imagine" on a special night. And games, games, games galore! These youth LOVE to have fun together and play! Molly Stoddard serves as co-leader and dog therapy-provider during our weekly get-togethers. So if you see some young people hiding for games or having fun in the gym later on Wednesday nights, it is our senior high youth group blowing off some mid-week steam and making good memories!



Church News

All Saints Sunday

During worship on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, we will remember members who passed away during the last year.

Coffee Time

Federated meets at Pioneer Care for coffee and fellowship the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We gather in the Boardroom at 10am.

Meetings

Ministry Nite is Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 6:30pm
D&E is Thursday, Nov. 21st at 6:30pm.

Mission Brunch

Save the date for the annual "mission brunch," set this year for Sunday, Nov. 17, right after the 9:30 a.m. service. Egg and French toast bake are on the menu, and the speaker will be Federated's own Pete Konrad, chaplain of the Otter Tail County Jail Ministry. In Pete's own words, "When I go into the jail I don't see criminals. I see God's beloved children. We are not to judge, we are called to walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us." Proceeds from the brunch will benefit the Jail Ministry, and the Mission Committee will match donations of up to \$500.

Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday 11:15 am women's Bible study began meeting on Oct. 1st to study the book of Acts. Each week we spend time in prayer and learning as we grow in our faith and understanding of God's word and celebrate the ways in which He works in our lives. Come join us for this special time of fellowship, "for whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures." Romans 15:4.



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 contact the church to place your order.





Committee News

Stewardship Committee

We celebrated Stewardship Sunday on October 20th. We are tremendously grateful for the 76 pledges received so far totaling \$254,222.36 in support for our mission and ministries in 2020.

Our theme is "Focusing on Discipleship." We intend to focus and strengthen our bond with the Fergus Falls community. We've set some ambitious goals to utilize the variety of gifts God gives us as good stewards of God's grace through our Faithful Worship, Open-Hearted Generosity, Courageous Mission & Service, Unconditional Hospitality, and our Strategic Faith Development.

If you haven't yet made your pledge, may we count on your support for this initiative? Would you raise your pledge to help us FOCUS our efforts in the community? We trust that you will take a minute to complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the envelope provided.

If you have any questions about our theme, our goals, or our stewardship campaign, please contact any member of the Stewardship committee or Pastor Doug Dent.

Thank you for your continued support!

- Carri Thompson, chairperson

Your Stewardship Committee

Grant Davenport	Millie Pearson
Terry Harrington	Mike Shol
Bill Kalar	Greg Truax
Russ Larsen	Vaughn Ebbighausen

Worship Committee

NEW! Worship opportunities

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 24, 2019 / 6:30 PM

Led by Jail, Inc. ministry hosted by Federated
Free will offering to benefit the jail ministry

Wednesdays in Advent

Wednesday Advent Services & Suppers!

Join us on three Wednesdays this Advent for services (5:30 PM) and lite suppers (6:00 PM).

Dec. 4th "Anticipation"

Supper provided by Federated Friends group; offering to benefit Boxes of Blessings

Dec. 11th "Expectation"

Supper provided by Kitchen Ladies; offering to purchase items for church kitchen

Dec. 18th "Revelation"

Supper provided by Federated youth; offering to benefit future mission trip



Deacons and Elders

5 Heritage Grants Awarded

The Deacons & Elders awarded five Heritage grants totaling \$10,000 from the endowment fund.

- \$500 to BIO Girls for support in empowering girls by combining life skills, mentoring and physical activity in a "positive, Christian environment"
- \$1,500 to Maine Presbyterian Church for an outreach ministry to residents of the lake district
- \$1,500 to Jail, Inc. for administrative support with their ministry at the Otter Tail County jail
- \$2,500 to Habitat for Humanity in support of the build at 109 Lydia Lane
- \$4,000 to Federated Church's Board of Managers for ongoing flood mitigation costs





Business as usual

Service Groups

November SERVICE GROUP Group #3

Cheryl Anderton
Jake and Karoline Gustafson
Phil and Lori Kugler
Phil and Mary Link
Ken and Marjan Schuetze
Darren and Erin Smith
Bonita Stock
Jan Swedberg
David and Vivian Whipple

December SERVICE GROUP Group #4

Charles Ebbighausen
Vaughn Ebbighausen
Terry Harthun
Kathy Hatling
Mary Ann Nead
Gary and Jan Nelson
Lavane Ugstad
Wade Ugstad
James and Amy Underdahl
Steve and Melinda Wienbar

Ministry Nite:

November 12- 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. Church committees do not meet in July.

Greeters and Coffee Hosts

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday, November 3rd

9:30am David and Vivian Whipple and Jake and Karoline Gustafson

Sunday, November 10th

9:30am Darren and Erin Smith and Phil and Mary Link

Sunday, November 17th

9:30am Greeting Only
Bonita Stock, Jan Swedberg and Cheryl Anderton

Sunday, November 24th

9:30am Phil and Lori Kugler and Ken and Marjan Schuetze



REMINDER: Greeters are also the coffee hosts for that Sunday. If you are unable to do it the Sunday you are assigned, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Check your email for information on greeter and coffee host duties. Please add church@federatedff.org to your safe senders list. If you don't use email, please check the bulletin board in the narthex for the information.

Stewardship Report

General Fund Report

Revenue	N/A
Expenditures	N/A

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	N/A
Actual Received	N/A

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

September	\$5,284.89
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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 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.





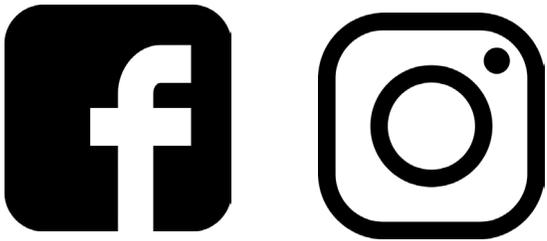
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November Birthdays

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| 11/01 Sammy Ebert | 11/15 Rick Schara |
| 11/02 Andrew MacFarlane | 11/15 Tommy Bowman |
| 11/03 McKenzie Olson | 11/16 Terry Harrington |
| 11/04 Maximillian Jensen | 11/16 Charlie Schlepp |
| 11/05 Paul Richter | 11/18 Donna Solin |
| 11/07 Brandon Truax | 11/19 Tessa Becker |
| 11/07 Mike Walls | 11/20 Maury Skogen |
| 11/08 John MacFarlane | 11/22 Ross Johnson |
| 11/09 Lance Nygaard | 11/22 Molly King |
| 11/10 Ann Porter | 11/23 Landon Link |
| 11/10 Laurie Skogen | 11/24 Brayden Aasen |
| 11/11 Bailee Griego | 11/24 Michelle Loomer |
| 11/11 Mark Sundberg | 11/24 Katelyn Sperling |
| 11/12 Austen Tabbut | 11/25 Elaine Snyder |
| 11/13 Bill Nead | 11/26 Meg Garrahan |
| 11/14 Dennis Bergerud | 11/26 Franklin Schierer |
| 11/14 John Lindholm | 11/29 Duane Rose |
| 11/14 Erik Lindholm | 11/29 Erik Loomer |
| 11/14 Alexandria Haas | |
| 11/15 Karen Hauck | |




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