

## June/July Worship

June 2 9:30am  
**"Loving the New Normal"** 2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
 Pastor Doug Dent  
*A Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

June 9 9:30am Worship in Kirkbride Park  
**"Inside-Out Jesus"** Mark 3:20-35  
 Pastor Doug Dent

June 16 9:30am Father's Day  
**"The Parable of the Growing Church"** Mark 4:26-34  
 Pastor Doug Dent  
*Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: Taylor Buchfink*

June 23 9:30am  
**"It Isn't What It IS?"** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
 Pastor Doug Dent

June 30 9:30am  
**"Unforced Errors"** Psalm 130  
 Pastor Doug Dent  
*Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism: William Kugler*

July 7 9:30am  
 Hollis Davenport  
*A Celebration of The Lord's Supper*

July 14 9:30am Worship in Kirkbride Park  
**"All the Colors of Creation"**  
 Pastor Doug Dent

July 21 9:30am  
**"Formula for Forgiveness"** Ephesians 2:11-22  
 Pastor Doug Dent

July 31 9:30am  
**"Thalassophobia"** John 6:1-21  
 Pastor Doug Dent

## Dates to Remember

**Sunday, June 2**  
 Communion  
 Muffins for Mission

**Thursday, June 6**  
 Church office closed

**Friday, June 7**  
 Church office closed

**Sunday, June 9**  
 9:30am Worship in Kirkbride Park  
 Federated family picnic

**Sunday, June 16**  
 Father's Day  
 9:30am Taylor Buchfink Baptism

**Monday, June 24-Friday, June 28**  
 9:00am VBS

**Sunday, June 30**  
 9:30am William Kugler Baptism

**Thursday, July 4**  
 Church office closed

**Friday, July 5**  
 Church office closed

**Sunday, July 14**  
 9:30am Worship in Kirkbride Park

**Tuesday, July 23**  
 5:00pm Softball Tailgating Party

**Wednesday, July 31**  
 9:00am Federated Church H4H  
 build day



Well, summer is upon us! I think June is the prettiest month in Minnesota. After the long, cold, gray winter it is wonderful to see the green leaves, blue skies, yellow wildflowers, and orange butterflies again. I even enjoy a good thunderstorm as it rolls through!

Summer is about rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation. Each summer we look forward to some kind of change in our "regular" schedule. Maybe it is a vacation or just a change of scenery for the day. Maybe it is doing more things outside. This is a time to plan our summer schedules, including trips away from home. The enjoyment of getting away can be in both the planning, traveling, and experiences we have. This is a time for us to get away from our usual surroundings so that we can encounter new things.

When we take vacations, we can refresh our bodies. Maybe we will take the opportunity to go hiking, fishing, swimming, biking, explore a piece of history, visit an amusement park, go camping, or spend the day at a spa. Any of those activities allow our bodies to get some stretching, experience some activity that maybe hasn't been a part of life since last summer. After spending time doing these activities, we feel refreshed.

We can also take vacations for our mind. We can go to a museum, an art show, take a summer class, see a play, or push ourselves into something new for ourselves. This type of vacation allows our mind to be refreshed. We can stretch our minds just like the physical type of vacation stretches our body. Our mind can be renewed as we engage parts of our brain we haven't used in a while.

If you're still with me, I'm guessing that you're asking where I am headed with this? Well, I want all of us to consider taking our spirits on vacation too. I'm not suggesting that you take a vacation from our worship together. On the contrary, being with our faith family during the summer may provide the stability that we need when the rest of our schedule can be very fluid. But maybe we have kind of been in the same spiritual place for years. Maybe we haven't been challenged to stretch our spirituality, or we just haven't taken the opportunity to do so.

I invite everyone to take some time this summer to talk with God. Take some time to increase the amount of time you spend in conversation with the Creator. In other words, spend more time in prayer! We all need to know that there is NOTHING in our lives that we cannot take to God. God understands, cares, accepts, and loves all of us! No matter how difficult, hurtful, or ugly something is; we can always take it to the Creator. We are God's children, and nothing can change that.

Enjoy your summer!  
Pastor Doug



# Church News...

## Church Office

The church office hours in June and July are from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Fridays. The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5.

## Brianna's Vacation

Brianna has some vacation days set for June and September. If you are willing to help in the office answering phones that would be great. Brianna will be out of the office on Thursday, June 6 and Friday, June 7. Brianna will also be gone Wednesday, September 11 - Wednesday, September 18. The office hours would be Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm and Friday 9am-noon. Thank you for giving your time so I can have some time off.

## Federated Family Reunion and Picnic

We want the whole Federated Family gathered for this event on Sunday, June 9. This is a chance to be together as we worship, catch up, share a hot dog lunch, and play outside in God's good creation.

## Federated Food Shelf Day

Federated Food Shelf Day is the Friday after the 4th Sunday of every month from 1-4pm. They will meet next on Friday, June 28. If you have questions about the dates, contact Brianna in the church office.

## Coffee Hour

Women's - Tuesdays at 10am

Men's - Fridays at 10am

Fellowship Hour - Sundays at 10:30am

## Summer Edition

The next newsletter you receive will be for August. If you have news for August, please submit this information to the church by July 15. The Committees and D&E will not meet in July.

## UCC-MN Conference Annual Meeting

UCC-MN Conference Annual Meeting – June 2-8, 2024, at St. Benedict's College, St. Joseph, MN Federated Church is invited to send a delegate to the UCC-MN Conference's Annual meeting. Anyone wishing to attend all, or a portion of this meeting, may contact Pastor Doug. There will be both on-line and in-person portions to this meeting. June 2 (6:30-8:00 PM)

Panel discussions; on-line only

June 3 (6:30-8:00 PM)

Compensation guidelines; on-line only

June 4 (6:30-8:00 PM)

Resolution hearing; on-line only

June 5 (6:30-8:00 PM)

Budget hearing; on-line only

June 6 (9:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Clergy Anti-Racism (and) Power & Boundary Training; in-person only

June 7-8 (9:00 AM - ??) – Annual meeting, plenary sessions, workshops, exhibits.

Note: The annual meeting will be available on-line and in-person, but voting will only be available in-person.



## 2024 Synod School

The Synod of Lakes and Prairies is hosting Synod School from July 21-26, 2024 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](http://www.lakesandprairies.org).



*"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."* Revelation 4:11

Summer is here! I've been out planting flowers, vegetables, and herbs over the last few days, which gives me lots of time to think about God's great beauty. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to contribute to His amazing creation as co-creators and designers! I love to imagine and plant what type of garden I might have each year—knowing that it never turns out the way I expect. I search for the right plant or flower to put into the perfect spot, considering its distinctive needs and functions. It is a joyful and challenging process regardless of the ultimate outcome. That is the loveliness of the work—it makes the journey rich with anticipation and wonder. Like the individual plants in our gardens, God sees each of us as part of His wonderful handiwork. We are all planted in a particular time and place with specific gifts and abilities. God awaits the unfolding of our lives with pleasure and curiosity! May we seek His guidance and purpose, allowing Him to cultivate in us His glory and grace.

## **We are EXCITED to get ready for Vacation Bible School 2024: GOD OF WONDERS!**

If your child is in grades K-6th, make plans for them to attend VBS during the week of June 24-28 from 9:00am until noon. We will be studying various stories in the Bible as they pertain to the glory of the skies, the sun, the moon, the stars, the planets, and the earth. It is so enjoyable to utilize our summer-time programming to focus on God and His creation—and I believe it is important to share how nature and science reveal God's existence to people when they are young. We will be doing some of our annual cool activities, like tie-dyeing, water games, and Popsicles. We will also be trying out some new activities and crafts as they relate to our theme. Music, gym, and snacks always helps make this a week of great memories!

We are always looking for older youth and adult assistants. If you are older than 6th grade, and would like to participate in this special week, please contact Karen at 218-205-4879 or kmad@prtcl.com.

## **Bible Studies**

Our Revelation Bible study group decided to pause our meetings until September, with it being an evening gathering and summer vacations. We are exactly halfway through the book, having just finished chapter 11. If you are interested in joining us in the fall, please let me know and I can provide you with the study sheets we have used thus far.

The Women's Bible Study group will continue through the end of June. We are in the early portion of 2 Samuel, the book of the Bible that illustrates King David's reign. Our group meets each Tuesday at 11:15am in the parlor for study, prayer, and fellowship.

## **Youth Groups**

Our middle school and high school youth groups take on a more relaxed schedule in the summer, with a few special activities and some last-minute get-togethers scattered throughout June, July, and August. These are the fellowship and service opportunities we have scheduled so far, with the caveat that we always end up communicating add-ons or changes via our text groups.

# Summer Youth Events

## Federated Middle School Youth Summer Events

Wednesday, June 12 - Bowling

- Time TBD and bring money for food.

Sunday, June 23 – VBS Training

- 5-7pm and dinner will be provided.

Monday, June 24-28 – VBS

- 9am-noon
- Tuesday the youth stay until 1:00pm and we will have pizza and do Boxes of Blessings.
- Thursday the youth stay for lunch at Fiesta Brava.

Thursday, July 11 – Lake Day

- 3-6pm and snacks will be provided.

Thursday, August 1 – Community Garden

- 9am-12p and we will get lunch afterwards.

Wednesday, August 7 – Game night at the Dent house

- 6-9pm and snacks and dinner will be provided.

## Federated High School Youth summer Events

Monday, June 17 or Thursday, June 20 – Bowling

- Time TBD and bring money for food.

Sunday, June 23 – VBS Training

- 5-7pm and dinner will be provided.

Monday, June 24-28 – VBS

- 9am-noon
- Tuesday the youth stay until 1:00pm and we will have pizza and do Boxes of Blessings.
- Thursday the youth stay for lunch at Fiesta Brava.

Wednesday, July 17 – Lake Day

- 4-7pm and food will be provided.

Thursday, August 1 – Community Garden

- 9am-12p and we will get lunch afterwards.

Friday, August 9 – Game night at Dent house

- 6-9pm and snacks and dinner will be provided.

We will be in touch over the summer-more details to follow on these activities and possibly add-on activities! If you have any questions, please contact me at 218-205-4879.

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*Christian Education and Youth*





# Committee News

If your committee is having an event at the church during fellowship hour, please stop by the church office the week prior to the event to pick up instructions for opening and closing the church from Brianna. We will have a key, alarm code and check list for you.

## Worship Committee

We will worship in Kirkbride Park on the 2nd Sunday of June, July, and August. Join us one and all!

**Note: Live-streaming is not possible from the park. The worship service will be available on YouTube later Sunday afternoon.**

## Summer 2024

July 7

Hollis Davenport will preach and preside at communion

August 18

Heaven Bound Trio

August 25

Chaplain Pete Konrad and the JAIL Inc. Team will lead worship

September 1

Teen Challenge Choir will lead worship

## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your fuzzy, furry, feathered, and finned friends to worship. We will bless each one in turn.

## Fellowship Committee

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 and weekly memos.

## Mission Committee

Muffins for Mission

Here's your chance to enjoy muffins or donuts and help a good cause!

Muffins for Mission is coming up during the Sunday coffee hours on June 2 and August 25. The Mission Committee will provide the treats, and your freewill offerings will benefit A Place to Belong and Boxes of Blessings.

The June 2 offering will help finance the annual fee that will allow APTB to sell at the downtown Fergus Falls Farmers Market all summer long. (APTB is a non-profit social club for adults who have been diagnosed with a mental illness.)

Boxes of Blessing will receive donations from the August 25 event. "Boxes," a long-time favorite of the congregation, provides a box of comfort care items for patients going through cancer treatment at Lake Region Hospital's Cancer Care Center.

The committee will be matching donations up to \$100, too, so your contributions will go even further! Thanks to all for your ongoing support of Federated Church's **mission projects**.

## Heritage Grant Applications

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 2024. 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, 2024. Information and application forms are available on the Federated Church website ([www.federatedff.org](http://www.federatedff.org)). Click the "Resources" tab (top right) "Heritage Grants". Contact Pastor Doug at 218-739-3227 if you have questions



# Greeters

**Sunday, June 2**

*Worship @ 9:30am w/ Communion*  
Landon Link & Melissa Davenport

**Sunday, 9**

*Worship @ 9:30am - Worship in Kirkbride Park*

**Sunday, June 16**

*Worship @ 9:30am - Happy Father's Day*  
Dave & Anne Weinrich

**Sunday, June 23**

*Worship @ 9:30am*  
Bev Richter & Jona Brown

**Sunday, June 30**

*Worship @ 9:30am*  
Bev Richter & Donna Hendel

**REMINDER:** Greeters are responsible for handing out the bulletins, taking worship attendance, and passing the offering plate. The worship attendance sheet can be dropped off in the offering plate. If you are ever interested in greeting a certain Sunday, please let Brianna know in the church office. Check your email for reminders on greeter duties.

**Sunday, July 7**

*Worship @ 9:30am w/ Communion*  
Skip & Char Zielin

**Sunday, July 14**

*Worship @ 9:30am - Worship in Kirkbride Park*  
Dennis & Jean Bowman

**Sunday, July 21**

TBD

**Sunday, July 28**

TBD

## Ministry Nite:

**June 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.**

## Stewardship Report

### General Fund Report

Revenue	\$32,716
Expenditures	\$33,957

### Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$134,684
Actual Received	\$156,263

## Grocery Receipts

### THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

#### Service Food

May	\$10,911.77
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## 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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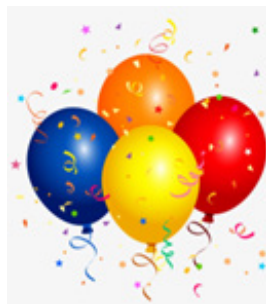
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**Time sensitive information  
Please deliver by June 1st**

## 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 Fransen  
 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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UNITED WE MAY ALL SERVE

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