

September Worship

September 1	9:30am	
Teen Challenge Choir		
September 8	9:30am	Rally Day
"Poverty, by Jesus"		James 2:1-10
Pastor Doug Dent	<i>A Celebration of The Lord's Supper</i>	
September 15	9:30am	
"The Chicken & the Cross"		Mark 8:27-38
Pastor Doug Dent		
September 22	9:30am	
"Roots"		Psalm 1
Pastor Doug Dent		
September 29	9:30am	A Service of Healing
"Are Any Among You Sick?"		James 5
Pastor Doug Dent		
A sermon on the power of COMMUNITY PRAYER. We will have prayer at stations available		



Dates to Remember

Sunday September 1

9:30am Teen Challenge

Monday, September 2

Church Office Closed
Labor Day

Sunday, September 8

Name Tag Sunday
Communion
Choir Sings
Rally Day

Tuesday, September 10

10:00am Mae Reich Open House
6:30pm Ministry Nite

Wednesday, September 11

3:30pm Kids Club Starts
7:30pm Sr. High Youth Group Starts

Sunday, September 15

10:30am Sunday School Starts

Wednesday, September 18

Confirmation Starts
3:30pm 7-8th Grade
6:30pm 9th Grade

Thursday, September 19

6:30pm D&E Meeting

Friday, September 20-22

Confirmation Retreat



"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return." Philippians 1:9-10

What matters to you? Is it your family? Pet? Lake home? Career? Reputation? Bank Balance? Sports Team? Hobby? There are a great many things that we deem important in this world, but honestly, some are more important than others.

The apostle Paul called the Christians at Philippi to "understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return." This year's Stewardship Theme is "Measuring What Matters." We explored this theme last year with sermons and Bible studies on Allegiances, Faith, Compassion, Generosity, Money, and Provision.

We're taking up the theme again, because there are a few more things we think really matter and are worth exploring: the power of PRAYER, the need for RESPECT, how FAITH moves us forward, and the call to SERVE. Here is a sneak peek at our campaign Sundays:

PRAYER (Sept. 29). We will try something new at Federated Church: a service for healing. We will offer time for corporate prayer and individual prayer at prayer stations. Church may look and feel a little different that day, but if we truly think prayer matters, we ought to practice it!

RESPECT (Oct. 6). As the political machine ramps up for the elections in November, it is good for us to remember what unites us. Jesus did not always agree with everyone he met, but he did treat everyone with respect as children of God, made in the image and likeness of the Creator.

FAITH (Oct 13). It may be difficult to see God as we travel through periods of spiritual darkness, but God knows the path we are on, and most importantly, God can see us!

SERVICE (Oct 20). Full-service banks, restaurants, and gas stations are going out of style, but not full-service people who are following the example of Jesus.

Prayer. Respect. Faith. Service. These are things that really matter. As Christians, we are called to practice these things authentically and compassionately as we await Christ's return.

The work we do as Christians – giving hope to the world, shining light into dark places, sharing the Good News of Christ's grace and forgiveness – these things really matter. How do we measure them? One heart at a time. One kind deed at a time. One hope-filled word at a time.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug





Church News

Church Office

The church office hours in September are from 10am-2pm Monday-Thursday and 9am-12pm on Fridays. The church office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

Pastor Doug's Vacation

Pastor Doug will return from vacation on Tuesday, September 3.

Communion

Communion will be served on Sunday, September 8 when Pastor Doug is back.

Mae Reich's Open House

Mae Reich, a longtime member of our faith family, passed away in Florida last March 2024. Her son, Guy, is hosting an open house to remember his mom on Tuesday, September 10, from 10am-12pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come and share a story or two about Mae.

Brianna's Vacation

Brianna has some vacation days set for September. If you are willing to help in the office answering phones that would be great. Brianna will be out of the office on 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.

Kids Club Snack and Supper

Kids Club starts up soon and we are planning snack and supper. If you would like to donate towards Kids Club meals, you can drop your check off in the church office or in the offering with Kids Club meals in the memo line. Thank you!

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, September 27.

Coffee Hour

Women's - Tuesdays at 10am
Men's - Fridays at 10am
Fellowship Hour - Sundays at 10:30am



Bible Studies

Women's - Tuesdays at 11:15am
Revelation - Mondays at 6:30pm (Date TBD)

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 August we were able to help **4** families or individuals through the local mission fund. We gave a total of **\$400** for food cards, rent and utilities.



Where did the summer go? If your household was like ours, it was full of activity! With fall approaching, we are looking forward to being together again. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about the upcoming year.

Wednesday Night Children/Youth Family Meal

There is a new opportunity for individuals who may not be able to come volunteer on Wednesday nights. We are encouraging people to consider bringing in the ingredients or financially contributing to our Wednesday night dinners after Kidz Club and confirmation. This is a special time for families, kids, youth, and leaders to break bread together and have fun connecting with one another. We are creating a calendar and meal fund for this special ministry to our families, more details will be coming. Please prayerfully consider if you would like to support the Wednesday night meals in some way through financial support, picking up ingredients for meals, or volunteer with meal prep and serving.

Kidz Club (K-6)

Kidz Club begins on Wednesday, September 11 after school. Children can ride the bus from Kennedy School, and you can look for Pastor Doug. This fall our Kidz Club series will feature the life of one of the most famous people in the Bible, Joseph son of Jacob, grandson of Isaac. Joseph's story is one that illustrates just how faithful God is to those who seek Him. Joseph goes from being the favored son to a slave and a prisoner to the second in charge of Egypt during a time of serious challenges. He is faithful to God, and God uses whatever circumstances Joseph finds himself in for God's glory. We will be hearing portions of his story each week and watching short illustrative clips from "Joseph: King of Dreams." By studying Joseph's life, we can learn to trust that God

is indeed with each of us as well, using our lives and circumstances for good.

We spend time each week learning, singing, doing crafts, and playing games in the gym. Our wonderful volunteers are there to help make this a favorite time for our kids.

"Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."
Genesis 50:10

Confirmation/Middle School Youth Group (7-9 Grade)

Confirmation kicks off this fall with a parent meeting on Sunday, September 15, after worship. Class begins on Wednesday, September 18 after school. Youth are encouraged to ride the bus to church along with the Kidz Club kids.

Our annual confirmation retreat is September 20-22, at Clearwater Forest. Like Kidz Club, we will be diving deep into the life of Joseph as told in Genesis. There is so much to apply to our own lives in Joseph's story, and I am excited to lead our youth in discovering more about God and His hand in our lives through this special weekend. Please pray for our confirmation students, our teachers, our retreat volunteers, and our retreat weekend as our youth grow closer to God and one another.

As in the past few years, we will hold a youth group gathering rather than confirmation class on a given Wednesday. It is beneficial to have opportunities for fellowship and an occasional mission activity along with attending class.

Senior High Youth Group (9-12 grade)

Our senior high youth group begins on Wednesday, September 11. Many of our youth gather each Wednesday around 7:30pm. We have several young people who choose to come after school or at dinner time to spend the afternoon/evening at church. We always discuss what topics our youth would like to focus on, and I tend to throw in some topics that are related to current events and issues. Each week we like to explore how we can live our faith during a world that does not look favorably upon being a Christian. With the wonderful volunteer leadership of Hollis Davenport, Madalyn Dent, and Molly Stoddard, we have rich conversations and times of encouragement and prayer with our impressive youth.

Sunday School (K-12)

Sunday school for children and youth K-12th is every Sunday beginning on September 15 after worship. We have a team of teachers committed to spending time each week learning alongside our children and youth. This fall our K-1st class will begin a year-long journey through the most important lessons of the Bible. They will get a chance to learn the major stories and people who tell God's story for us. Our 2nd-6th grade students will do at least two series this year, beginning with "The 13 Most Important Lessons About God." These lessons we will focus on topics such as the trinity, the goodness of God, Jesus as both human and divine, the function of the Holy Spirit, and other topics that relate to our understanding of God. Our older youth will have a similar opportunity to study the fundamentals of faith along with a variety of topics as they relate to our Christian faith. We love spending time together learning how best to live out our faith.

Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible study will begin on Tuesday, September 10 at 11:15am in the parlor. Our focus this fall will be on Paul's epistle to the Colossians. This Pauline letter addresses the identity and deity of Jesus Christ as God. The church community in Colossae struggled false teachings and sought to know the truth of who Jesus was. This is important for believers even today, as our understanding of who and what Jesus is directly impacts how we live out our daily lives of faith. We love welcoming new faces.

Revelation Bible Study

After a summer break our Revelation Bible study group will resume meeting this fall. We are still deciding the best date to start in consideration of farming schedules, travel, etc. We will be starting the second half of this challenging book of the Bible, trusting God to bless our understanding and application. Rather than giving us this text to facilitate fear, God loves His people so much that He provided us with a blueprint for the future. Our attempt to appreciate and comprehend this book together is an act of faith in Jesus, the True God, Who WINS!





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

Bell Choir

The bells will start rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4 at 6pm. If you have any questions, you can contact Tessa Nord at (218-205-8627). All are welcome to join!

Choir

Choir Rehearsal will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining or know someone who might be interested, please contact Jack Raaen at (701-367-0021) or by email: (jackraaen@yahoo.com). The choir will be singing during worship on Rally Day.



Fellowship Committee

Rally Day is on Sunday, September 8 at Federated Church. Look at our fun-filled schedule.

At 9:30am

- Worship
- Blessing our students' backpacks
- K and 4th grade will receive Bibles

At 10:30am

- Lunch: Pulled Pork BBQ sandwiches, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Chips, & Bars
- Games
- Prizes

Caring Ministry & Outreach

Name Tag Sunday

Get to Know Your Neighbor! Connecting names with faces and introducing ourselves, opens an invitation to talk with others. It can help to make others feel comfortable and welcome. On Sunday September 8, Rally Day as you enter church you will have the opportunity to sign your name on a name tag. Let others know who you are! Name tag Sunday will continue the first Sunday of every month. You are encouraged to continue to reach out and connect with our Federated Church community each Sunday of the month. Get to know your Neighbor!

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.federateddfforg). Click the "Resources" tab (top right) "Heritage Grants". Contact Pastor Doug at (218-739-3227) if you have questions.

Committee Chairpersons

To assist the Stewardship Team with their fall campaign, we are requesting your budget information be submitted by October 18, 2024. Brianna will be sending out an email to the committees sharing what they were budgeted for in 2024.



Greeters

August 2024

Sunday, September 1

Worship @ 9:30am - Teen Challenge
John MacFarlane & Gloria Ronning

Sunday, September 8

Worship @ 9:30am w/ Communion & Rally Day
James & Rebecca Michael

Sunday, September 15

Worship @ 9:30am
Mary Jones Olson & Dave Loeks

Sunday, September 22

Worship @9:30am
Bill & MaryAnn Nead

Sunday, September 29

Worship @9:30am
Grant & Mariah Davenport

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.

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

Ministry Nite:

September 10 - 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.

Stewardship Report For June

General Fund Report

Revenue	\$29,693
Expenditures	\$29,468

Year to Date Pledge Offering

Budgeted	\$235,694
Actual Received	\$243,754

Grocery Receipts

THE GROCERY RECEIPTS

Service Food

August	\$2,442.13
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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.



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Time sensitive information
Please deliver by September 1st

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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.

September Birthdays

09/01	Heather Rundquist	09/19	Paige Undseth
09/04	Lucinda Dix Echel berger	09/19	Leo Schierer
09/05	Alex Jensen	09/20	Donna Ohe
09/06	Wade Ugstad	09/23	Ruth Aulds
09/07	Mark Becker	09/23	Russell Larsen
09/08	Erika Mariotti	09/24	Gail Green
09/09	Nora Link	09/25	Wesley Beske
09/09	Jim Iverson	09/25	Jean Bowman
09/10	James Underdahl	09/25	Jill Iverson
09/12	Janice Borowski	09/26	Amanda Mandelke
09/13	Makiya Cavalier	09/27	Tim Hunt
09/13	Thatcher Iverson	09/28	Christopher Ander son
09/14	Nicole Krohn	09/29	Carolyn Anderson
09/14	Erin Smith	09/30	Ben Schierer
09/16	Peg Kalar		
09/17	Chad Nelson		
09/18	Lizzy Thiel		
09/18	Amy Underdahl		



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THEY MAY ALL COME

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