



THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

April 1, 2018

At DeWitt's End:

As many of you know, Linda and I lived in Bolivia a few years ago. Because we were in the southern hemisphere, our seasons were opposite of those in the northern hemisphere. When the residents of Illinois are looking forward to spring and summer, the residents of Bolivia are moving into fall and winter. It took some getting used to!

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 reminds us that we all go through various seasons in life just like we go through various climate seasons. There are seasons when you are experiencing growth and life. There are seasons when you are experiencing decline and death. There are seasons of tumult. There are seasons of peace. Here's something that is easy to forget: we might each be facing different seasons of life than the people around us. I might be experiencing a season of loss while you might be experiencing a season of new discovery.

There are a couple of application points I see: No matter what season you are experiencing, you can turn to God. He is always there for you regardless of the season. Here's another good reminder: Since our life seasons are not all in sync with each other, there is a good chance some of us will be strong while others of us are weak. If you are in a strong season, do your best to help those who are in a weak season.

I'm glad we are entering spring and that summer is right around the corner. But regardless of what season you are entering in your life, I pray that God's strength, comfort and peace will be with you – and that you can offer His strength, comfort and peace to others who need it.

--Dan

Coming Sermons:

April 1 "No Fooling!" John 20:11-20, 24-25

It can be difficult to accept the miracle of Easter – yet the fact of Jesus' resurrection is what gives us hope as we face our own uncertain futures. Because He lives, we too can live!

April 8 "Too Much For Me!" Num. 11:1-5, 10-14

Moses received the great honor, and burden, of being chosen to lead Israel. Life can get you down at times. When it does, do what Moses did: go to God for help!

April 15 "Beyond Our Eyes" Num. 22:21-31

Balaam learned there is a HUGE spiritual reality beyond the reach of our natural vision. We need God's help to see beyond what our physical eyes can see.

April 22 "Listen Up!" Deut. 6:4-9

This passage is called the "Shema," which is basically the Hebrew word for "listen up!" It reminds us that placing God #1 in your life and helping others learn to do the same are the most important tasks in life!

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

April 29 "Choose Wisely" Deut. 11:1-7, 16-22, 26-28
 God gives us each a choice. We can place our faith in Him and make Him the Lord of our life, or we can go our own way. Each of these choices have consequences. Choose wisely!

Bible Reading Plan for April:

Apr. 1 -- Catch-Up Day	Apr. 10 -- Num. 21	Apr. 19 -- Deut. 4	Apr. 28 -- Deut. 31
Apr. 2 -- Num. 11	Apr. 11 -- Num. 22	Apr. 20 -- Deut. 5	Apr. 29 -- Catch-Up Day
Apr. 3 -- Num. 12	Apr. 12 -- Num. 23	Apr. 21 -- Deut. 6	Apr. 30 -- Deut. 32
Apr. 4 -- Num. 13	Apr. 13 -- Num. 24	Apr. 22 -- Catch-Up Day	
Apr. 5 -- Num. 14	Apr. 14 -- Num. 25	Apr. 23 -- Deut. 10	
Apr. 6 -- Num. 16	Apr. 15 -- Catch-Up Day	Apr. 24 -- Deut. 11	
Apr. 7 -- Num. 17	Apr. 16 -- Deut. 1	Apr. 25 -- Deut. 12	
Apr. 8 -- Catch-Up Day	Apr. 17 -- Deut. 2	Apr. 26 -- Deut. 29	
Apr. 9 -- Num. 20	Apr. 18 -- Deut. 3	Apr. 27 -- Deut. 30	

New Small Group Study: Pastor Dan will lead a new small group study this summer on the book: "Who Stole My Church?" by Gordon McDonald. The book deals with some of the very real feelings many struggle with as church and worship change. The classes will be on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning May 8. More info to come.

CWH-Children's Worship	TBS-Tues. Bible Study	EPIC-Youth Group	FF-Community Fellowship Feast
MG-Men's Group	CC-Chancel Choir	LBS-Ladies Morning Bible Study	WBS-Women's Afternoon Bible Study
SCUG-Sandwich Computer Users Group		HOW-Heart of Worship	FMC-Facilities/Ministry Committee

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April						
1 HAPPY EASTER! 8:30 am - EPIC Breakfast Fundraiser 9:30 am- Easter Worship Service NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	2 3:30 pm - WBS	3	4 9:30 am - LBS 5:30-7:00 pm - EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	5	6	7 7:00 am-MG
8 9:30 am-Worship/CWH	9 3:30 pm -WBS	10 7:00 p.m.-TBS	11 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	12	13	14 7:00 am-MG 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. George Van Kampen 90th Birthday Open House
15 9:30 am-Worship/CWH	16 3:30 pm -WBS 7:00 pm - Quilters	17 7:00 p.m.-TBS	18 9:30 a.m.-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	19 3:00 pm-Music/ Worship Comm.	20	21 7:00 am-MG 8:30 am- Trash Pick -Up 1:00 p.m.-Peace of Christ Prayer Vigil
22 9:30 am-Worship/CWH	23 3:30 pm-WBS	24 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.- Community Fellowship Feast	25 9:30 am-LBS 5:30-7:00 pm-EPIC 6:00 pm-HOW 7:00 pm-CC	26	27 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Basement Sale	28 7:00 am-MG 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Basement Sale
29 9:30 am-Worship/CWH	30 3:30 pm-WBS					

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Pastor Wayne Edwards (KY)
Pat Ammons
Julianna and her baby Autumn
Lisa Augustine
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brooks' grandbaby)
Patti Fox
Lee Legner
Linda DeWitt's mother, Val Skupa
Family of Chuck Fox
Carol Pruski
Vicki Damato, Joyce Mackie, and Tiffany
G. L. Hartman
John and Diane Klene
Donald Alderman (Kara Johnson's dad)
Keith Spears (Florida friend of Johnson family)
Todd & Marcy - for family healing

Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)
Florence Miller's sister, Violet
Nancy & Jim Mitchell
Helen Kitner (sister-in-law of Glenda Potter)
Bev Anderson
"Missy" (Niece of Pat Redden's friend)
Judy Rohrer
Renene Hendron
Carolene Bell
Zoie Davis (Les & Pat Redden's great niece)
Kathleen Howard (Susan Beall's sister)
Juanita Anderson

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

June Bannister, G.L. Hartman, Lois Peterson,
Doris Waldrop

The 2018 Lenten Breakfast Series concluded March 21st. The series was very well attended, with a total of 468 people participating in the weekly worship, and \$995.66 received in offerings for the community's Good Samaritan Fund.

Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Chuck Fox. Chuck went into the presence of Jesus on March 3rd, and his services were held at Federated on Thursday, March 8th. Word was also received of the passing of former member William Kingery, who passed away in Florida on March 8th.

Baptisms: Palm Sunday, March 25th, was made even more special with the baptisms of Luca Paul Battaglia and Ryker George Shumway. If you are thinking about being baptized, or having your child baptized/dedicated, contact pastor Dan.

Maundy Thursday: There will be a Maundy Thursday service in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on March 29th. Plan to attend as we experience this Holy Week.

Easter Breakfast Fundraiser: EPIC will host an Easter morning breakfast at 8:30 a.m. to raise money for their summer mission trip. Pancakes, omelets made to order, casseroles, fruit, pastries, and drinks will be served. Please sign up on the sheet outside of the sanctuary or in the lobby, or call the office if you are able to help. A freewill offering will be taken.

Nursery/Children's Worship on Easter Sunday: On April 1st, the children who go to the nursery will be in the sanctuary with their parents until after the Praise and Worship portion of the service. They will then transition to the nursery. **There will be no Children's Worship for the older children.**

Open House: The family of George Van Kampen would like to invite you to an Open House celebrating his 90th birthday on Saturday, April 14, between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the Federated Church Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy some cake and help George celebrate! The family is requesting no gifts please.

Trash Pick-Up: Our church helps pick up trash on East Sandwich Rd. from Pratt to Coy roads. Our next pick-up day is Saturday, April 21. Meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and bring heavy trash bags & wear boots/gloves. If raining or snowing, it will be rescheduled.

Peace of Christ Vigil: The Ministerial Association will be hosting a Peace of Christ prayer vigil on Saturday, April 21, at 1:00 p.m. at the Sandwich Park District Gazebo. Inclement weather location: Sandwich Fire Department conference room. It will be a short service of prayer, song and scripture. Come be part of the Peace of Christ for the world.

Community Fellowship Feast: The April Fellowship Feast will be held Tuesday, April 24th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church, 1022 N. Main St., Sandwich. We are asked to provide casseroles. If you would be willing to help, please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary, or call the church office.

Basement Sale: There will be a church Basement Sale to benefit Open Door on Friday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 28, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Donations may be dropped off after Easter.

Fellowship Schedule: If you can help with April Fellowship snacks, please sign the sheet in the lobby or call the office.

- 4-1 Ed Plante
- 4-2 Nathan Allen
- 4-4 Joyce Kaufman
- 4-5 Shea Watros
- 4-6 Kathy Watros
- 4-6 Alan Langguth
- 4-7 Cindy Albright
- 4-9 Dick Rothlisberger
- 4-9 Judy Rohrer
- 4-12 Karen Babos
- 4-12 Fallyn McCaslin
- 4-17 George VanKampen
- 4-18 Bob Knight
- 4-21 Ashley McNurlan
- 4-22 Alex Burgin



- 4-23 Susie Cromwell
- 4-24 Dean Potter
- 4-25 Carol Pruski
- 4-28 Ian Burgin

***SAVE THE DATE: Bike-to-Church - Sunday, June 3rd**
Details to follow

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship
Children's Worship
Hour
9:30 a.m.

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