



# THE FED CONNECTION

Federated Church Newsletter

September 1, 2018

## At DeWitt's End:

The following words of Jesus really spoke to my heart recently:

*Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12 NLT)*

Jesus is the light of the world. It probably doesn't surprise you to hear that God considers our world to be filled with spiritual darkness. You don't have to look very far to experience spiritual darkness. You probably experience it on a daily basis – you don't even have to leave your home. You see it on the television, on the Internet, and hear it on the news. You don't even have to go beyond your own heart to find darkness. We have plenty of darkness in our own hearts and minds at times. Our world can be a very dark place.

But Jesus came to change that. Jesus came to earth to bring the light of God's love and mercy into this world. Jesus came to bring the light of God's character to this world and to our hearts. Have you been feeling a little overwhelmed by darkness lately? Do you sometimes feel the weight of darkness is going to crush you with despair? Maybe it's time to turn off the T.V., step away from the Internet, or stop reading the newspaper. Maybe it's time to turn a deaf ear to that voice of hopelessness that sometimes breathes its despair in your heart and, instead, allow Jesus to fill your heart with His light, His hope, His grace.

He is the light of the world. Spend some time soaking it up, and then do your best to spread it around!

--Dan

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## Coming Sermons:

Sept. 2 "Nothing is Impossible" 2 Kings 7:1-16; Luke 1:37

Sometimes the challenges we face appear to be so overwhelming that all seems hopeless and lost. This passage reminds us of an important lesson: nothing is impossible with God!

Sept. 9 "Life Without God" 2 Kings 17:6-17, 23

The nation of Israel rebelled from and rejected God's lead for so long that God gave them what they asked for: life without Him. They learned a difficult lesson: life without God also means life without His blessings and protection. It is a scary place to be.

Sept. 16 "Repentance and Mercy" 2 Kings 22:1-20

Even when we repeatedly mess up and do wrong, God still longs to show us mercy. All He really wants is for us to turn to Him in repentance, and He will show us mercy.

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**Coming Sermons (Cont'd.):**

Sept. 23 "The End" 2 Kings 25:1-4; 10-12; Jeremiah 29:4-14

Just like the nation of Israel, the nation of Judah reached the end of God's blessings. But all is not lost even when you are at the end as long as you are willing to trust in Him.

Sept. 30 "King Forever" 1 Chron. 17:3-14; Luke 1:33

God made a promise to David which still stands true today. God promised he would send a king who would reign forever. That king is Jesus. And the promise still gives hope to us today.

**Bible Reading Plan for September:**

Sept. 1 -- 2 Kings 12	<b>Sept. 9 -- Catch-Up Day</b>	Sept. 17 -- 2 Kings 25	Sept. 25 -- 1 Chron. 21
<b>Sept. 2 -- Catch-Up Day</b>	Sept. 10 -- 2 Kings 19	Sept. 18 -- 1 Chron. 10	Sept. 26 -- 1 Chron. 22
Sept. 3 -- 2 Kings 13	Sept. 11 -- 2 Kings 20	Sept. 19 -- 1 Chron. 11	Sept. 27 -- 1 Chron. 28
Sept. 4 -- 2 Kings 14	Sept. 12 -- 2 Kings 21	Sept. 20-- 1 Chron. 13	Sept. 28 -- 2 Chron. 1
Sept. 5 -- 2 Kings 15	Sept. 13 -- 2 Kings 22	Sept. 21 -- 1 Chron. 14	Sept. 29 -- 2 Chron. 5
Sept. 6 -- 2 Kings 16	Sept. 14 -- 2 Kings 23	Sept. 22-- 1 Chron. 15	<b>Sept. 30 -- Catch-Up Day</b>
Sept. 7 -- 2 Kings 17	Sept. 15 -- 2 Kings 24	<b>Sept. 23 --Catch-Up Day</b>	
Sept. 8 -- 2 Kings 18	<b>Sept. 16 -- Catch-Up Day</b>	Sept. 24 -- 1.Chron. 17	

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
HOW-Heart of Worship	FMC-Facilities/Ministry Committee		

Sunday <b>September</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	3 LABOR DAY/ Office Closed	4	5 Sandwich Fair	6 Sandwich Fair	7 Sandwich Fair	8 Sandwich Fair
9 8:30 a.m.-Worship at Fair 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	10 3:30 p.m.-WBS	11	12 9:30 a.m.-LBS 7:00 p.m.-CC	13 7:00 p.m.-Session Meeting	14	15 7:00 a.m.-MG
16 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	17 3:30 p.m.-WBS 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	18 7:00 pm-TBS	19 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	20 October Newsletter Deadline	21	22 7:00 a.m.-MG
23 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	24 3:30 p.m.-WBS	25 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 p.m.-TBS	26 9:30 a.m.-LBS 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	27	28	29 7:00 a.m.-MC
30 9:30 a.m.-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC						

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

Dan Borowiak & Family  
Susan Beall  
Jackie Green  
Pastor Don Ridder  
Family of G. L. Hartman  
Pat Redden & Family  
Patti Fox  
Lee Legner  
Jeff (friend of Lucinda Cromwell)  
Corrine Ohlwine (Florence Miller's mom)  
Mary George  
Vicki Damato  
Joyce Mackie  
Juanita Anderson  
Carol Pruski  
Lisa Augustine  
Keith Spears  
John and Diane Klene

Loren Klene (John's brother)  
Val Skupa (Linda DeWitt's mother)  
Renene Hendron  
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klens)  
Carolene & Roy Bell  
Kathleen Howard (Susan Beall's sister)  
Twin baby girls born prematurely  
Unspoken Request from Lauren & Gary Johnston  
Judy Rohrer  
Hailey Clairmont (Lynn Brooks' grandbaby)  
Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)

**Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:**

June Bannister, Lois Peterson, Doris Waldrop

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for Fellowship after worship for the Fall months. If you can help, please sign-up on the calendar in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office.

**Community Fellow-**

**ship Feast:** The next dinner will be held Tuesday, Sept. 25th, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 340 Arnold Rd., Sandwich. We are to bring veggies. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet outside the sanctuary, or call the church office.

**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:**  
**THURS., SEPTEMBER 20.**

**Sympathy:** Our sympathy is extended to the family of G.L. Hartman, and to Pat Redden and family. G.L. passed away August 9, and Pat's mother, Alberta Clapper, passed away August 13.

**Worship Service at Fair:** The Sandwich/Somonauk Ministerial Assoc. will conduct a worship service at the Fair Sunday, Sept. 9, 8:30 a.m., at the Home Arts Stage. This is a wonderful way to worship with other believers in the community!

**Session Meeting:** The Session will meet in Pastor Dan's office on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

**Ladies' Bible Study Groups:** The Monday afternoon Women's Bible Study will resume September 10 at 3:30 p.m. The Wednesday morning Ladies' Bible Study will resume September 12 at 9:30 a.m. for coffee & snacks, catch up about summer, and also decide what they will be studying this fall. Hope you can join one of these groups!

**Men's Fellowship:** The Men's Fellowship time will resume Saturday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 a.m. in the Kitchen. We meet for coffee, donuts (?) and time of spiritual reflection. We would love to have you join us!

**Tuesday Discussion Group:** The Tuesday Group has been discussing the book Who Stole My Church, by Gordon MacDonald. Beginning on Sept. 18, the group will meet at Margaret Droppa's house, 114 W. Pleasant St., Sandwich.

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Bill Shiell, President of Northern Seminary of Lisle, IL, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 7. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to hear from Dr. Shiell.

**EPIC News:** "What gain has the worker from his toil?" so questions the author of Ecclesiastes. Stretching from the flat plains of cornfields to the charlatan mountains of Appalachia, the CYM youth journeyed to a small community in Jackson county, Ohio. It was here the team served a woman named Theresa. Theresa greeted us on her disordered property--chickens aimlessly strutted, boards loosely fitted, grass grew wild, fleas danced freely. What was true on the outside of Theresa's property was also true on the inside. Four years prior, Theresa suffered from not one, but two house fires as evidenced by the stripped and charcoal walls. The team before us worked diligently to tear down drywall in the living-room and lay drywall on the ceiling of the kitchen. Our service was to lay drywall in Theresa's torn living-room. Over time, we established a friendly relationship with Theresa by sharing moments together of feeding her goats, holding up drywall, asking for her opinion, and smiling with her about the tricks of life. By the time we finished, Theresa had dry-wall laid in most of her living room and fully fed goats. But, most importantly, order was returned to her. As we left, her grass was cut, chickens found the coop, fleas were tamed, and boards were fixed. We do not know what will become of our toil, except the great joy that grew in our hearts from having listened and walked alongside Theresa in her difficulties. We want to thank the CYM churches for their prayers and financial support that made this trip possible." -Steve Battaglia

**EPIC will now be meeting on Sundays.** Their first meeting will be Sept. 16th, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Federated.

9-1 Diane Ash  
9-2 Mary Plante  
9-3 Mary Ann Phillips  
9-8 Jerry Owens  
9-8 Autumn Battaglia  
9-10 Ethan Stahl  
9-10 Aaron Stahl  
9-10 Amy Wiegman  
9-12 Alan Sanders  
9-13 Richard Fetty  
9-13 Jay Wiegman  
9-17 Dennis Stahl  
9-17 Aurelia Swenson  
9-19 Jessica Plante  
9-20 Jim Yuwan  
9-22 Judy Rice

9-22 Tyler Williams  
9-23 Lyla Daleske  
9-27 Chuck Watros  
9-30 Les Redden



Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

Children's Worship  
Hour

9:30 a.m.

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