

THE FED CONNECTION

Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples



Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

April 1, 2019

At DeWitt's End

Generosity. The Session is encouraging the various Ministry Teams and Committees and members of the Federated Church to attempt to focus as much of their ministry efforts as possible in the coming year on the idea of "generosity."

At first glance, you might think this is all about asking for more money. Generosity *COULD* include the use of our money, but as the Session thinks about generosity it involves so much more than just our money. We as a church, and we as individual believers, are called of God to be generous with all of our lives: our time, our energy, our talents, our abilities, our resources, our compassion, our love, and, yes, our money.

When Jesus told his disciples they were to love one another as He had loved them, he was essentially telling them they were to be generous with their love. The apostle Paul gives us a clue what that might look like in 1 Corinthians chapter 13: when we are generous with our love, we are being generous with patience, with kindness, with being polite, with being pleasant, with showing justice, with being un-selfish, with. . . , well, you get the picture.

As you head out into your work this week, as you tackle the various chores and duties which face you this week, as you interact with family, friends, co-workers or neighbors this week, think about ways you can be generous. Maybe you can be generous by giving a few minutes to listen to someone who needs to "vent" some frustration or anguish. Maybe you can be generous by giving some talents to help someone accomplish a project that is a struggle for them. Maybe you can be generous by sharing some resource you have that someone else needs.

Look for ways to be generous and share with others the blessings God has given you. Who knows, maybe that is the only reason God blessed you with it to begin with. Maybe He knew that someone would need it, so He shared it with you. Go be a blessing. Be generous!

--Dan

Coming Sermons

April 7 "Unity!" John 17:20-23

Did you know that Jesus prayed for you 2,000 years ago? Amazing, right? And this is what Jesus prayed for us: that we would experience unity!

April 14 "Praise God!" Mat. 21:1-11

Today is Palm Sunday. It is a day to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world. It is a day to rejoice in the great love God has for us. Let's praise God together!

April 21 **Easter** "Message of Hope!" Mat. 28:1-10

The Bible says it over and over again: don't be afraid! The resurrection of Jesus is what gives us hope as we face each day. Jesus defeated the greatest enemy – He pulled its teeth. Now we don't need to be afraid!

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

April 28 “Why Not?” Acts 12:1-16

God performed a mighty miracle by sending an angel to free Peter from prison. It is true, our God is mighty and answers prayer. But I have a question: why didn't God also free James?



Bible Reading Plan for April:

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

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April						
	1 3:30 p.m.-WBS	2	3 9:00 a.m.-Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	4	5	6 7:00 a.m.-MG 8:30 a.m.-Confirmation Class
7 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	8 3:30 p.m.-WBS	9 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	10 9:00 a.m.-Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	11 7:00 p.m.-Session Meeting	12	13 7:00 a.m.-MG 8:30 a.m.-Confirmation Class
14 Palm Sunday 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH Confirmation Ceremony and Baptisms 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	15 3:30 p.m.-WBS 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	16 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	17 9:30 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	18 7:00 p.m.- Maundy Thursday Service	19 May Newsletter Deadline	20 7:00 a.m.-MG 9:00 a.m.-Spring Cleaning
21 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30 a.m.-Breakfast prepared by EPIC 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	22 3:30 p.m.-WBS	23 9:30 a.m.-Outreach Committee Meeting 4:30-6:00 p.m.-Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	24 9:30 a.m.-Ladies Bible Study 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	25	26 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - BASEMENT SALE	27 7:00 a.m.-MG 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - BASEMENT SALE
28 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	29 3:30 p.m.-WBS	30 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study				

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Plante's brother, Donald
Loren Klene (John's brother)
Sally & Rex Coultrip
Carol & Mike Pruski's son, Jeff
Unspoken Requests

Janice, and Aaron, (friends of Klenes)
Family of Ray Kosteck
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)
Roger Gordon
Corrine Ohlwine (Florence Miller's Mom)
Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)
Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)
Tonya (family friend of Judy Rice)
Bob Sterling (friend of Rick Jakubiak)

Lisa Augustine
Bob Hawley
Janet Perkins Rund
Jenny Babos-Stark
Keith Spears
Barbara Lawson
Patti Fox
John & Diane Klene
Juanita Anderson
Allen Kaufman
Lee Legner
Vicki Damato
Addie Moore
Lynn Brooks
Joyce Mackie

Helen Augustine Kosteck
Val Skupa (Linda DeWitt's mother)
Wayne Deadwyler (Sheryl McAlearney's
sister-in-law's father)
Lloyd, Sharon, Missy, Donna (friends of
Pat & Les Redden)

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

June Bannister
Lois Peterson
Val Skupa

Session Meeting:

**Thursday, April 11 -
7:00 p.m.**

Spring Cleaning:

We will meet at the
church April 20, at
9:00 a.m. Please come
help if you are able.

Lenten Breakfasts: Our Lenten breakfast series continues April 3rd and 10th, from 9:00 –10:00 a.m. The devotion theme this year is Jesus' Words on the Cross. April 3rd will be ***"I thirst"*** and ***"It is finished"***, and April 10, will be ***"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit"***. To date, 373 people have attended the series, and \$863.79 has been collected for the Ministerial Association Good Samaritan Fund.

Coming Special Services:

- We will have a Maundy Thursday service April 18 at 7 p.m.
- We will have a Confirmation Celebration and baptisms on Palm Sunday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m..
- Easter celebration will be April 21 at 9:30 a.m. EPIC will once again have a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. of pancakes, breakfast casserole, made-to-order omelets, fruit, and drinks, to raise money for their summer mission trip. A freewill offering will be taken. If you can help with food donations, sign up sheets are located in the lobby and outside the sanctuary.

New Keys: The church's locks have been re-keyed. Session has made a list of who is to receive keys. If you feel you need a new key to the church, talk to Jane in the office. If you are not on the Session's list, pastor Dan will ask Session if they want to make an exception.

Church Wi-Fi: The new church Wi-Fi is up and running! Sign in under: fedguest. No password is needed.

Thank You Note Received: "We thank you for the lovely flowers, your prayers, and kind support during this time. We have been blessed with a wonderful church family." Love, Pam Hott, Joanna Bark, Melinda Neumann

The Spring Basement Sale to benefit Open Door will be held Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the 26th, and 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on the 27th. Be sure to come find a treasure or two!

Upcoming Events:

EPIC is going to be going to **Feed My Starving Children** in Aurora, Friday, May 10, from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. to pack boxes again this year, and the congregation is invited to join them. Everyone will meet here at The FED at 6:45 p.m. and carpool, returning by 10:30 p.m. Contact Autumn Battaglia if you would like to participate.

Night at the FED is **Friday, May 17**, at 7:00 p.m. The Lamplighters' Barbershop Chorus from Montgomery, IL will be performing at 7:00 p.m., followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall. There is no charge; a freewill offering will be taken. This will be community event, and we hope to welcome many visitors to our church that evening. Please help spread the word anywhere you can, i.e., workplace, family, friends, etc. Our goal is to fill the church, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Mission Opportunity at Camp Blessing **June 7-9** at the Wausau, Wisconsin camp. The work camp will be directed by Steve Skorup. Please complete the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/brCdo5LwenlSTOKT2> to let Steve know your interest and abilities. For further information, go to the Camp Blessing link: <https://www.campblessing.com/retreats/> or contact Steve at skorup7@gmail.com.

- 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 Van Kampen
- 4-18 Bob Knight
- 4-21 Ashley McNurlan
- 4-22 Alex Burgin
- 4-23 Susie Cromwell



- 4-25 Carol Pruski
- 4-28 Ian Burgin

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30 - 12:30
Sunday Worship
Children's Worship

Community Fellowship Feast:
 The next dinner will be Tuesday, April 23, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Somonauk Baptist Church, 315 E. North St., Somonauk. We are asked to bring veggies. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the podium outside of the sanctuary.

Easter Lilies: The deadline for ordering an Easter Lily is Sunday, April 14. Please submit payment of \$15 with your order. Plants may be picked up following the Easter service.

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