

THE FED CONNECTION



Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples

Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

March 1, 2019

At DeWitt's End:

Linda and I love to watch movies. A few years ago we watched the movie "Avatar." It is a high-tech movie centered around the interactions of humans, who were the "aliens" on a foreign planet, and the "natives" who lived there. I was intrigued about the general concept of humans living as aliens on a foreign planet. We know our own little planet fairly well; we know the history, the traditions and how to play by the rules to get along. But what would it be like to go to another planet and be an "alien?" If we were to do that, should we continue living by our earth rules? Or should we adapt and start living by the rules of the new place?

These aren't just the empty ponderings of a pastor with too much time on his hands. At their heart, these questions are ones we must ask ourselves each and every day. For, you see, the Bible tells us that those of us who follow Jesus are citizens of heaven and are, therefore, basically aliens here on earth. The Bible tells us that we are to be faithful to the standards and expectations of heaven (God) rather than the more lax standards of earth.

The apostle Paul says it like this: *"Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. . . ." (Philippians 1:27 NLT)*

It makes me wonder: What heavenly standards have I ignored? What changes do I need to make in order to be a faithful citizen of heaven? Maybe we need to adopt a new prayer: Lord, help me accept my status as an alien here on earth and truly attempt to live by your heavenly standards!

-Dan D.

Coming Sermons:

March 3 "Ask, Seek, Knock" Luke 11:5-13

God is not some cosmic Santa Clause or a heavenly ATM, but He does care for us and wants to help provide our needs.

March 10 "Big Faith" Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus may not have been a big guy, but he shows us what a big faith looks like: regret for actions and attitudes of the past and desire to change and take a different path in the future.

March 17 "Living Water" John 4:1-26

Jesus is the "living water" from God. He can fulfill the thirst of our soul if we will accept the gift of life He offers.

March 24 "Blind by Choice" John 9:35 - 10:10

Jesus offers "spiritual sight" to all who will follow Him. Unfortunately, some choose to remain in the dark. Is it possible we may be blind by choice?

March 31 "The Comforter" John 14:15-27

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the "comforter" (encourager, advocate) and promises that He will live in our lives. He helps us to understand God and what He wants of us. He also helps to sooth our hearts and give us peace.

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Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
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Bible Reading Plan for March:

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



Community Fellowship Feast: The next Fellowship Feast will be Tuesday, March 26th, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 340 W. Arnold Rd., Sandwich. We are asked to bring salads. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the podium outside of the sanctuary.

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
<u>March</u>					1	2 7:00 a.m.-MG
3 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 1:30 pm-Nursing Home Ministry 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	4 3:30 p.m.-WBS	5	6 9:00 a.m.-Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.-HOW	7 4:30 p.m.- Confirmation Class	8	9 7:00 a.m.-MG
10 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	11 3:30 p.m.-WBS	12 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	13 9:00 a.m.-Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	14 4:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class	15 April Newsletter Deadline	16 7:00 a.m.-MG 8:30 a.m-2:30 pm.- Women's Retreat in Geneva
17 HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	18 3:30 p.m.-WBS 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	19 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	20 9:00 a.m.-Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.-HOW	21 4:30 p.m.- Confirmation Class	22	23 7:00 a.m.-MG
24 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 4:00 p.m.-EPIC	25 3:30 p.m.-WBS	26 9:30 a.m.-Visitation Committee Meeting 4:30-6:00 p.m.- Community Fellowship Feast 7:00 p.m.-Adult Bible Study	27 9:00 a.m.-Lenten Service 6:00 p.m.-HOW 7:00 p.m.-CC	28 4:30 p.m. - Confirmation Class	29	30 7:00 a.m.-MG
31 9:30 am-Worship/CWH 4:00 pm- EPIC						

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Plante's brother, Donald	Lisa Augustine	Jan Braden (friend of the Jakubiaks)
Loren Klene (John's brother)	Bob Hawley	Janet Perkins Rund
Family of Naoma White	Joan Weekly	Wayne Deadwyler (Sheryl McAlearney's
Carol & Mike Pruski's son, Jeff	Jenny Babos-Stark	sister-in-law's father)
Unspoken Requests	Keith Spears	Val Skupa (Linda DeWitt's mother)
Janice, and Aaron, (friends of Klenes)	Barbara Lawson	Lloyd, Sharon, Missy, Donna (friends of
Family of Ray Kosteck	Patti Fox	Pat & Les Redden)
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)	John & Diane Klene	
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)	Juanita Anderson	
Roger Gordon	Allen Kaufman	<u>Homebound, Nursing Homes or</u>
Corrine Ohlwine (Florence Miller's Mom)	Lee Legner	<u>Assisted Living:</u>
Jim (neighbor of Roger & Kristin Duffield)	Vicki Damato	June Bannister
Joyce Mackie	Addie Moore	Lois Peterson
Tonya (family friend of Judy Rice)	Lynn Brooks	Val Skupa
Community of Aurora, victims' families, and first responders		

Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of Naoma White and Ray Kosteck. Naoma and Ray recently passed away and went to be with the Lord.

THANK YOU! To the volunteers who came in the day of "the flood" and mopped and vacuumed and cleaned and moved furniture and, and, and...Without all of you, the situation would have been much worse. Your willingness to come and help is very much appreciated!

World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 1, is World Day of Prayer. Join Church Women United here at The FED at 9:15 a.m. that day to join in prayer and fellowship.

Nursing Home Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willow Crest on Sunday, March 3. He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:30 p.m. and at Willow Crest at 2:30 p.m. PLEASE HELP HIM IF YOU CAN!

Lenten Breakfasts: Our Lenten breakfast series will begin Wednesday, March 6, at 9:00 a.m., and will run consecutive Wednesdays through April 10. The devotion theme this year is Jesus' Words on the Cross. Our church will once again host the series. There will be a continental breakfast served, and a freewill offering will be received for the Ministerial Association Good Samaritan Fund.

Women's Retreat: A Women's Retreat will be held Saturday, March 16, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Chapel Street Church in Geneva. Keynote speaker will be Sheila Walsh, best-selling author, television co-host, and international speaker. Details and registration information are posted in the lobby.

Short-Term Mission Opportunity: Camp Blessing will be holding a work camp June 7-9 at the Wausau, Wisconsin camp. It will be directed by Steve Skorup. Camp will begin after breakfast Friday, June 7, and conclude after lunch Sunday, June 9. Workers can arrive Thursday night or any time after that. They will be doing basic construction, building maintenance, landscaping, etc. 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.

New Keys: The Session has asked the Facilities Maintenance to re-key the church locks, and the change has now been made. If you are on a ministry team or committee and need a key, please see Jane Jakubiak.

EPIC Update: Mark Your Calendars! EPIC is going to be going to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora to pack boxes again this year, and the congregation is invited to join them. The date is Friday, May 10, from 8:00 - 9:30 PM. 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.

- 3-2 Jessica Williams
- 3-10 Sean Williams
- 3-14 Tricia Williams
- 3-14 Tristan Shumway
- 3-18 Spencer Wiegman
- 3-19 Cassie Weber
- 3-22 Rebecca Plante



Necessities for the Needy: EPIC reports that a total of 150 pairs of underwear and over 200 pairs of socks were collected in the Christmas drive with Johnson's Floral. All donations were taken to the Hope Haven shelter in Dekalb. Thanks to everyone who gave!

Reminder: If you have items for the Spring Basement Sale to benefit Open Door, feel free to bring them to the church now and we will store them for you until the sale.

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
8:30 - 12:30
Sunday Worship
Children's Worship
Hour
9:30 a.m.

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