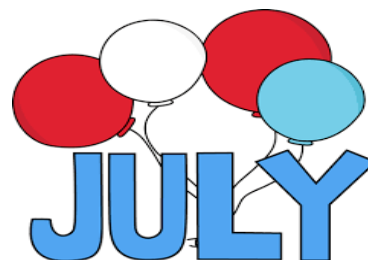


THE FED CONNECTION

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Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

July 1, 2019

At DeWitt's End

In Lee Kricher's book, For a New Generation, the author reflects on a challenge his church faced as they struggled with how they could reach young families and pass the faith on to the next generation.

"In his letter to the church of Rome, Paul encouraged the Romans to "be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:2). Personal transformation always begins with a change in mind-set. The same is true of organizational transformation. . . .

"We had been building our church around this unspoken assumption: 'If it was good enough for me, it is good enough for our children.' Now we had to stop assuming. We had to turn that statement into a question. We needed to start building our church around one key question: 'What will it take to reach our children?'

"This was a formidable challenge for the people of our church. . . . Most of the people who were currently attending the church were there because they were okay with how things were. For the most part, they felt that young people should come to the church as it was, no changes needed. Discussions about the lack of young people in our church usually focused on what was wrong with the next generation rather than on how we needed to change as a church" (pg. 38-39).

Maybe all of us at the Federated Church should seriously consider the question: what will it take to reach the next generation for Jesus? What will it take to reach our children / grandchildren? Do we need to make some changes? What changes need to be made? Are we willing?

-Dan

Coming Sermons

July 7 "Gracious Giving" 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

There are a lot of spiritual attributes God wants us to develop. Here's one you might not have considered: God wants us to excel in the gracious act of giving.

July 14 "Set Free" Galatians 3:23 – 4:7; 5:14-16

God has set us free from obeying the rules of the Old Testament. Other than the two rules of "Love God and Love our neighbor," we simply need to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

July 21 "Do His Work" Ephesians 4:11-16

Although it might look somewhat different for each of us, we all share one common calling as believers of Jesus Christ: we are all called to do His work.

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

July 28 “Head of the Church” Col. 1:15-23

We often think of it as “our” church. We make decisions based on what the majority want. But in reality, Jesus is the head of the church and we should always follow His lead.

Bible Reading Plan for July:

July 1 -- 2 Cor. 7	July 10 -- Gal. 2	July 19 -- Eph. 4	July 28 - Catch-Up Day
July 2 -- 2 Cor. 8	July 11 -- Gal. 3	July 20 -- Eph. 5	July 29 - Col. 2
July 3 -- 2 Cor. 9	July 12-- Gal. 4	July 21 -- Catch-Up Day	July 30 - Col. 3
July 4 -- 2 Cor. 10	July 13 -- Gal. 5	July 22 -- Eph. 6	July 31 - Col. 4
July 5 -- 2 Cor. 11	July 14 -- Catch-Up Day	July 23 -- Philippians 1	
July 6 -- 2 Cor. 12	July 15 -- Gal. 6	July 24 -- Phil. 2	
July 7 -- Catch-Up Day	July 16 -- Ephesians 1	July 25 -- Phil. 3	
July 8 -- 2 Cor. 13	July 17 -- Eph. 2	July 26 -- Phil. 4	
July 9 -- Galatians 1	July 18 -- Eph. 3	July 27 -- Colossians 1	

NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP IN JULY. Children are encouraged to attend regular worship. Class will resume August 4th.

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
July						
	1 Pastor Dan Vacation	2 Pastor Dan Vacation	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
7 9:30 am-Worship 1:30 pm-Sandwich Rehab/Willow Crest Worship Services	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9:30 am-Worship 10:45 am-Bike to Church 6:00 pm-Community Worship Service at The FED	15 7:00 pm-Quilters	16	17	18	19 August Newsletter Deadline	20 11:00am- Bill Hoving, Sr. Memorial Service
21 9:30 am-Worship 11:30 am-Annual Church Picnic@ Lake Holiday Beach #2 (Sandwich side)	22	23 9:30 am-Outreach Comm. Meeting 4:30-6:00 pm- Community Fellowship Feast @ United Church of Sandwich	24	25	26	27 7:00 am- Men's Fellowship Breakfast @ Somonauk Pancake House
28 9:30 am-Worship	29	30	31			

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Mary Plante's brother, Donald
Loren Klene (John's brother)
Sally & Rex Coultrip
Family of Sharon Langford
Family of Alicia Rushing
Janice, and Aaron, (friends of Klenes)
Helen Augustine Kosteck
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klenes)
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)
Roger Duffield's co-worker's adult daughter
Jens Kennedy (Emma Duffield's father)
Addie Moore
Wayne Deadwyler
Carolene Bell
Donnie Bradford
Priscilla from Willow Crest
Family of Bill Hoving

Lisa Augustine
Bob Hawley
Janet Perkins Rund
Lee Legner
Keith Spears
Barbara Lawson
Patti Fox
John & Diane Klene
Juanita Anderson
Lauren & Judd Leppert & family
Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)
Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)
Joyce Mackie & Vicki Damato
Roger Gordon
Family of Don Wallis
Family of Parry Swanson
Lloyd, Sharon, Missy, Donna (friends

Homebound, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

June Bannister, Lois Peterson,
Val Skupa

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP FEAST

Tuesday, July 23, from 4:30
- 6:00 p.m. at United
Church of Sandwich, 512
Lions Rd. We are asked to
bring salads. Please sign the
sheet outside the sanctuary
if you can help.

In Sympathy: Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sharon Langford. Sharon passed into the presence of the Lord Tuesday, June 18. A private family service was held on June 23.

Welcome to the World Payton Serenity Thomas, born June 14, weighing 8.2 lbs. - 19 1/2" long. Congratulations to the proud grandparents, Jack & Pam Thompson!

Nursing Home Ministry: Pastor Dan will lead worship at the Sandwich Rehab Unit and at Willowcrest on Sunday, July 7. He will be at the Rehab Unit at 1:30 p.m. and at Willowcrest at 2:30 p.m. PLEASE HELP HIM IF YOU CAN!

The Next Bike-to-Church will be Sunday, July 14. Bikers and walkers are to meet at the bell at 10:45 a.m. The bike route is 3 miles and the walk will be approximately 1 mile.

Church Picnic Sunday July 21, 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share and table service, and come join in the fun at the annual church picnic Sunday, July 21, from 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Lake Holiday Beach #2 (Sandwich side). For directions, contact the church office.

Memorial Service will be held for Bill Hoving, Sr. at our church on Saturday, July 20, at 11:00 a.m. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Men's fellowship breakfast: We are not having our weekly men's coffee at the church on Saturdays during the summer, but we will meet for a men's fellowship breakfast Sat. July 27, 7:00 a.m. at the Somonauk Pancake House. Come join us!

Leadership Communication Meeting: Thursday, Aug. 1 at 7:00 p.m. It is important that all Ministry Teams and standing committees have a representative present to communicate with the others groups what is going on in your part of the church ministry.

Session meeting: August 15 at 7:00 p.m. The Session meetings are always open to the congregation. Please feel free to join us if you would like to attend the meeting. You will need to notify Pastor Dan if you want some item of concern added to the agenda.

Updates to Projectors: The Session, Worship Ministry Team and Facilities Maintenance Team have decided to replace the projectors we currently have in the sanctuary with 75 inch television screens. The new screens will give a much better visual image and will eliminate some costly (and potentially dangerous) maintenance issues with the current projectors.

EPIC Update: "Need a little help this summer? Do you have a fence to be painted? Mulch to spread? Another small project? EPIC Youth will be focusing their summer efforts toward serving our congregations and communities and we'd love to help YOU! Please submit your project/task to Autumn at battagliaAN1@gmail.com and we will set up a day and a crew to come help you out! Please keep in mind that these projects should only take a couple people a few hours to complete."

7-4 Trey Stahl
7-9 Bob Ash
7-9 Tari Fetty
7-10 Tom Scheidecker
7-11 Josh Swenson
7-12 Alana Stahl
7-20 Lexi Williams
7-28 Karen Beers
7-30 Pat Yuvan

Happy
Birthday

Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 - 12:30

Sunday Worship

No Children's
Worship in July

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

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