

THE FED CONNECTION



Following Jesus, Extending Love, Developing Disciples

Federated Church Newsletter - We are "The FED"

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At DeWitt's End

In his book, For a New Generation, Lee Kircher tells the story of a time when he went on a scuba diving trip at the Great Barrier Reef. He spent most of one afternoon observing a family of clown fish swimming around a large anemone. They were so beautiful, he loved it.

When he got to the surface, however, he was surprised that the people on the boat were super excited about something. As he was focusing on the clown fish, he missed seeing a dwarf minke whale that swam right above him. He was so focused on the clown fish that he missed the whale.

In the book, he made the following analogy regarding churches: *"Sometimes we are like that in our churches. We spend our time focusing on so many good things that we lose sight of the most important reasons our church exists. . . . No matter how many programs and ministries churches may try to implement and keep alive, churches exist primarily as places for people to develop a genuine, life-changing faith in Jesus Christ."* (pg. 58).

It makes me wonder how much of our time, energy, programs and ministries are focused on "the whales," i.e., attempting to help people develop a life-changing faith in Jesus Christ? Or have we allowed ourselves to be distracted by "the clown fish," i.e., other activities which might be fun, but do not truly contribute to the primary mission God wants us to pursue?

I ask you to join me in prayer that we would be open to the Holy Spirit's leading to focus our time, programs and ministries on efforts which truly accomplish the mission God is calling us to pursue.

-Dan

Coming Sermons

June 2 "A Living Sacrifice" Romans 12:1-2

We no longer need to make animal sacrifices as was required in the Old Testament. Now God wants a sacrifice of a different kind from us: on-going living sacrifices of ourselves to God.

June 9 "The Strong Must Give In" Romans 15:1-9

Darwin taught us about survival of the fittest, but God teaches a different philosophy among believers: the strong must be patient with the weak and "give in" to help build them up!

June 16 "Run From Sin!" I Cor. 6:12-20

When we place our trust in Jesus, the Holy Spirit begins living in us. As such, our bodies are "temples" of God and we should do everything we can to avoid sexual sin.

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Coming Sermons (Cont'd):

June 23 "Helping the Needy" 1 Cor. 16:1-4

The "blessings" God places in our lives are not just there to make our lives more pleasant. God often places "blessings" in our lives so that we can help the needy.

June 30 Dan on vacation - Chuck Johnson to preach

Bible Reading Plan for June:

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

EPIC Update: Need a little help this summer? EPIC Youth will be focusing their summer efforts toward serving our congregations & communities. Submit your project request to Autumn at: battagliaAN1@gmail.com.

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
June						
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2 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 2:00-5:00 pm - Larry Phillips' Birthday Open House	3 8:00 & 9:00 pm- Softball	4	5	6	7 Camp Blessing Work Camp	8 Camp Blessing Work Camp
9 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH 6:00 pm-Community Worship @ United Ch. Camp Blessing	10 6:00 & 7:00 pm- Softball	11	12	13 7:00 pm -Session Meeting	14 July Newsletter Deadline	15
16 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	17 Softball Tournament Times TBD 7:00 p.m.-Quilters	18	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH	24 Pastor Dan Vacation Softball Tournament -Times TBD	25 Pastor Dan Vacation 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Community Fellowship Feast	26 Pastor Dan Vacation	27 Pastor Dan Vacation	28 Pastor Dan Vacation	29 Pastor Dan Vacation
30 9:30 am-Worship/ CWH Pastor Dan Vacation						

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
Family of Harry Emery (Linda DeWitt's uncle)
Janice, and Aaron, (friends of Klens)
Helen Augustine Kosteck
Lee Heise Family (friends of the Klens)
Erica Ostendorf (Chuck & Kathy Watros' neice)
Roger Duffield's co-worker's adult daughter
Jens Kennedy (Emma Duffield's father)
Jim (neighbor of the Duffields)
Carl & Sandy (friends of Karen Beers)
Joyce Mackie & Vicki Damato
Roger Gordon
Don and Ruth Wallis
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
Quintin Wind & Dallas Shroeder
Addie Moore
Wayne Deadwyler
Carolene Bell
Donnie Bradford
Priscilla from Willow Crest

Lloyd, Sharon, Missy, Donna (friends of Pat & Les Redden)

Homebound, Nursing Homes of Assisted Living:

June Bannister, Lois Peterson,
Val Skupa

Women's Conference Fri.,
June 7, 6-9 pm & Sat., June 8,
9am-6:30pm. Belvidere First
Baptist Church, 1255 W. Jackson
Street. "The Bride of Christ"
Speaker: Mary Leverette, Fmr.
Missionary to Belgium. Music,
Drama, Food & Fellowship.
Tickets are \$20.00. Call 815-547-
5800 for further information.

Birthday Open House: Everyone is invited to Larry Phillips' 90th Birthday Open House, to be held here at The FED June 2nd, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Plan to stop by and help this very special man celebrate his big day!

Crossroads Softball Games Schedule for June: June 3: 8:00 pm Field B and 9:00 pm Field A; June 10: 6:00 pm Field A and 7:00 pm Field B. Double Elimination Tournament will be held June 17 & 24. Times and Fields to be announced.

Father's Day is June 9. We will be honoring our "dads" during the worship service that Sunday.

Congratulations Graduates: Evelyn Martin graduated from Newark High School and will be attending Waubonsee Community College studying Early Childhood Education. Ian Burgin graduated from Illinois State University with a marketing degree, and will be working at Yellowstone National Park. Best of luck in your careers!

Mission Opportunity at Camp Blessing **June 7-9** at the Wausau, Wisconsin camp. The work camp will be Directed by Steve Skorup. For further information, go to the Camp Blessing link: <https://www.campblessing.com/retreats/> or contact Steve at skorup7@gmail.com.

Session meeting June 13 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.

Vacation Pastor Dan will be on vacation June 24-July 2. If you have pastoral needs during his absence, contact Jane Jakubiak or one of the Session members.

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 very costly (and potentially dangerous) maintenance issues with the current projectors.

Nursery: If you would like to be added to the nursery volunteer schedule starting in July, please contact April Skorup at 815-685-9079 or email adskorup@gmail.com. This very important ministry is always staffed by two people so you always have help. You would only be assigned about six Sundays a year, and is very flexible with your schedule, as you can trade Sundays if needed.

Community Fellowship Feast: The next dinner will be Tuesday, June 25, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Union Congregation Church, 305 S. Gage St., Somonauk. We are asked to bring desserts. If you can help, please sign the sheet on the podium outside of the sanctuary.

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!

- 6-2 Margaret Droppa
- 6-2 Bill Moebis
- 6-2 Larry Phillips
- 6-8 Steve Battaglia
- 6-10 Josh Stahl
- 6-12 Ava McNurlan
- 6-15 Sandra Stahl
- 6-16 Helen Augustine
- 6-19 Lagene Wright
- 6-21 Kara Johnson
- 6-24 Christine Burgin
- 6-25 Norman Troeger
- 6-26 Travis McNurlan
- 6-29 Rick Jakubiak
- 6-30 Brian Miller



SAVE THE DATE:
Annual Church Picnic:
 Sunday, July 21st, at
 11:30 a.m. at Lake
 Holiday Beach #2.

Summer Community Worship Service
 Sunday, June 9, 6:00 p.m. at United
 Church of Sandwich, 512 Lions Road.

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

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