

# FEDERATED CHURCH



INTO OUR NEW CENTURY IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST



**Early Earth  
Day  
Celebration**



**Thursday,  
April 12 &  
Sunday,  
April 15, 2018**

## Welcome to Worship at Federated!

If you are new to Federated, please tell us on a “Visitors Card” & in a red Friendship Folder. **Children are welcome in worship at Federated.** Children’s Activity Bags are at the Sanctuary entrance. The Library/“Cry Room” is child friendly. **Child care is available Sundays** in the Nursery. **Ushers are here to help you:** Rick Porter (Thurs.), Clark Grant, David Lange, John McPhail, Bronwyn Prokopec (youth), and Dennis Vollbracht (Sun.).

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are also available.

**We are called Federated** because on July 2, 1914, Columbus’ Congregational (now the United Church of Christ) and Presbyterian churches joined to serve as one congregation.

The Order of St. Andrew serves as Federated’s deacons. Prayer requests can be shared on **Prayers Cards** in the pew pockets or **Prayer Chain** requests to the Church Office (402) 564-2812 to call the Order of St. Andrew. The Prayer Chain is strictly confidential.

**If you missed worship last week, visit [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org)** for videos of worship and bulletins, or on Channel 1304 (HD) Mondays & Saturdays at Noon and Sunday evenings at 8pm.

**In case of an emergency, the pastors’ cell phone numbers are:**

Annika: (402) 942-1636 / Edward: (402) 302-2812

### Governing Council 2018 - Federated Church Elders

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## JOYS & CONCERNS

- ◆ We celebrate with Melinda (Mindy) Jensen & Mike Torres, their daughter Myah, and families, giving thanks to God for their wedding yesterday here at Federated.
- ◆ We give thanks to God for Leroy and Brenda Kallweit recovering at home after Brenda had a second hip surgery and Leroy had a heart valve procedure.
- ◆ Doug Williams is home following surgery last week.

## THIS WEEK AT FEDERATED CHURCH

### Sunday, April 15

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, EC 3/7/8
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 4
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, April 16

- 12:00pm BIG PALS ~ LITTLE PALS, EC 8
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troop 212, Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, April 17

- 7:00am Christian Book Discussion, Fellowship Hall
- 2:30pm Staff Meeting, EC 7
- 4:00pm Emerson After School Tutoring
- 6:00pm Consonaires Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 6:30pm Property & Finance Committee Meeting, EC 8
- 7:00pm Cub Scouts Troop 279, Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, April 18

- 9:30am Circle 1 Meeting
- 3:00pm Wednesday Youth After School this week
- 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Youth Club, Upper Room, B23, Gym
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

### Thursday, April 19

- 6:30pm Thursday Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Friday, April 20

- 6:00pm Latino Prayer Service, EC 6
- 6:30pm Scouts Pack 279 Pack Night, Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, April 21

No events scheduled

### Sunday, April 22

- 9:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30am Sunday School, EC 3/7/8
- 10:45am Adult Bible Education, EC 4
- 12:00pm Bridal Shower, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 6:00pm Confirmation Class, Fellowship Hall

## Caring & Connecting

If you use Facebook - be sure to "Like" Federated's Facebook page to get quick and easy information about upcoming worship services and special events!

Tuesday Christian Book Discussion Group. Beginning on May 1st, the group will read and review 12 RULES FOR LIFE by Jordan B Peterson. The author promises to transform and ennoble the mind and spirit of the readers. The Discussion Group meets Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM. in Fellowship Hall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more details, visit [www.federatedcolumbus.org](http://www.federatedcolumbus.org), or contact the church office (402)564-2812.

### This Week:

#### Education Hour After Sunday Worship

Pre-K to high school are welcome to Christian formation and fellowship at **10:30 a.m.** in the Education Center and Upstairs Youth Rooms.

All Adults are welcome in the Sanctuary for Education Hour at **10:45 a.m. TODAY**

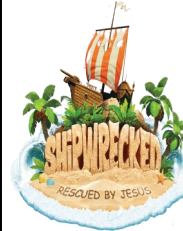
Federated welcomes Rev. Penny Greer and Kenneth

Winston from Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light for an Early Earth Day conversation about how faith communities can respond to the challenges of climate change.

Read more at [www.nebraskaipl.org](http://www.nebraskaipl.org)



### Please join us June 18-22 for "Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School at Federated Church!



We all deal with feeling "shipwrecked" in our lives, but we can all be rescued by Jesus! VBS

this year needs volunteers this year even if you can only help a couple hours or 1-2 days the week of VBS. Registration forms and volunteer sign up cards are available in the church office and Narthex. Registrations and volunteer cards can be returned to the church office or Kristi Wolfe. Please contact Kristi for more information or with any questions:

[wolfepackne@gmail.com](mailto:wolfepackne@gmail.com) or 402-910-1667

## Mission and Outreach

**Youth Mission Summer Fundraising** - April 15th is the final day for our Book Sale. In place of books, we will have a Bake Sale next Sunday (April 22nd). We would greatly appreciate your support. If anyone likes to bake, we would appreciate donations of baked yummys.

**Meals on Wheels** - Next Meals on Wheels date that Federated is responsible for is April 9 - 13. Renee Bellum will coordinate 402-563-2441

**Julie Graham and Katie Claus are going to Nairobi, Kenya** to facilitate setting up a mission site there. This is not an alumni trip--they are going at their own expense. Would you like to help? They would appreciate pencils, markers, color books, crayons, jump ropes, etc. to take to the children. Anything light weight would be much appreciated! They are leaving April 30th.

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

THURSDAY APRIL 12 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

Hymns, Songs, Prayers, and liturgies in **Bold** are for the participation of the **Congregation**

*The Prelude invites us to begin our time of worship; please take this time for silent reflection.*

PRELUDE

*I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked  
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
Lee Augustin, Organ & Piano*

ARR. DECO  
ARR. HAYES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS **Please sign and pass Friendship Folders to your neighbors.**

MOMENT FOR MISSION (SUN.): Update on Church Rolls Wilma Arp, Membership and Growth Comm. Chair

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this season of Resurrection hope, we come to sing your praises.

**All: We bring our lives to you – our busyness, our preoccupations, our need for truth**

One: God meets us here – to renew our awe with God’s creation, to challenge us and to send us forth in mission.

**All: We give you thanks for all there is as we worship you this day!**

### \* OPENING HYMN NO. 267

*All things Bright and Beautiful (verses 1, 2 & 4)  
Sunday Acolyte: Ryland Prokopec*

### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

**All: We confess to you, O God, our waste and pollution of your creation. We confess that we so often take for granted the life and creativity around us. We acknowledge the destructiveness that our lifestyles have brought such as with our warming climate and the only timid steps we have taken to bring about changes. Made in your image, we are better than this. You continually urge us and show us how we can better stewards of your creation. Give us courage. Renew our hope. Help us this day to take new steps to do our part to heal your creation.**

One: All are invited to a time for silent prayers of confession.

### \*DECLARATION OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

ROMANS 8 & 2 CORINTHIANS 5

One: Amen. Friends, hear the good news: there is no place where the love of God cannot dwell.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven renewed for the challenges that lie ahead! Alleluia! Amen.**

### \* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: As children of God, we are no longer strangers, but friends. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Please rise as you are able in body or in spirit to greet one another with a sign of peace.

### \* SONG OF PRAISE (SUN.)

*Jesus Loves the Little Children*

WALSTON & ROOT



CHILDREN’S SERMON (SUN.) *All children are invited forward for a special message.*

Edward Yang, Associate Pastor for Children, Youth and Families

**\*As you are able in body or in spirit, please rise.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

\* **RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 138**      *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (verses 1 & 4)*

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

## READING OF SCRIPTURE

The Acts of the Apostles 1: 13 -17, 21 - 22, 26 (THURS.)  
The Gospel According to Luke 24: 36 - 48 (SUN.)

PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGES 118 -119  
PEW BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT PAGE 91

SERMON (THURS.)

Not Going It Alone

Annika Lister Stroope, Senior Pastor

SERMON (SUN.)

You are Witnesses of These Things

Rev. Penny Greer

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD****MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION**\* **RESPONSIVE HYMN NO. 271***Many and Great, O God*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*\* **DOXOLOGY** †

A.L. STROOPE

*Praise God for water giving life, Praise Christ, redeemer of our strife;  
Praise Spirit dwelling all around, Our voices joyfully resound! Amen.*

\* **UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WHEN WE GATHER

**All: Giver of eternal gladness, Fountain of life from whom flow endless blessings, all that we have is a gift of your love. Accept now these offerings of thanksgiving, symbols of our grateful response to Christ's sacrifice for us. Use our gifts to spread the good news of repentance and forgiveness of sins. May they bring times of refreshment as results of Christ's presence. Amen.**

\* **CLOSING HYMN***Hymn of Promise (please see attached sheet for music)*\* **BLESSING AND SENDING**

POSTLUDE

*Heralds of Triumph*

MEDLOCK

**After praising God with the Postlude, all are warmly welcome to Sunday fellowship time with refreshments at Café La Fed, hosted this week by the Property & Finance Committee.**

**Coming Up in the Season of Easter at Federated Church****TODAY - April 15 - Early Earth Day Sunday**

We welcome Rev. Penny Greer to the pulpit and Kenneth Winston to Education Hour.

Penny is a UCC minister who serves on the board of Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light. She is currently studying climate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Ken is Director of Policy & Outreach for Nebraska Interfaith Power & Light and is a member of First-Plymouth Congregational Church in Lincoln.

**April 29 - Children's Sunday and 5th Sunday Potluck**

Special activities during Education Hour!

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D)

(Em)



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7)

(D)



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7)

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

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(F#)

(Bm)



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G)

(Em)

(D)

(Bm)

(Em)

(A7)

(D)



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.