



# Federated Newsletter



## Newsletter Changes

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With the new printing schedule for the newsletter, the following is what you will find in the rest of the year's publications:

- September newsletter: will be printed at the end of August; July financials included, September birthdays and event. Deadline: Friday, August 23rd.
- October newsletter: will be printed at the end of September; August financials included, October birthdays and event. Deadline: Monday, September 23rd.
- November newsletter: will be printed at the end of October; September financials included, November birthdays and event. Deadline: Friday, October 25th.
- December newsletter: will be printed at the end of November; October financials included, December birthdays and event. Deadline: Friday, November 22nd.

Any articles received after the deadline will be printed in the next newsletter

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### UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES AT FEDERATED

- Dorothy Courtier Memorial Service - TBA
- John Ellefson Memorial Service - August 31<sup>st</sup>

To better accommodate meetings or events, please call Jim Rains or Chrissy Ford at the church office (564-2812) to verify available meeting space for you and your group.

### UNUSUAL EMAILS??

If you receive an unusual email that appears to be sent from a church staff member requesting a reply or assistance, please call the church office to verify before responding.

Would you like to volunteer? Do you have 'extra time' and want to do good with that time? Go to page 2 to see what opportunities there are currently available!

If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in this newsletter, please call the Church Office at 564-2812 or email us: [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org)

The deadline for submitting information for the September 2019 Newsletter is **Aug 23rd**.



# HELP WANTED

## NEEDED: STORY TELLERS FOR CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Christian Education Committee is organizing volunteer sign-up for the Children's Sermons to help Pastor Edward with the church service when he is preaching on Sundays. Sign up in the Narthex to pick your Sunday!

## SUMMER CAFÉ LA FED!

Please sign up to host Café la Fed for a Sunday during the summer. Sign up schedule is on Narthex easel.

## SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC NEEDED!

The choir takes the summer off. If you or someone you know would be willing to provide some type of special music this summer, please sign up on the schedule located in the church office. Contact Bob Arp with any questions. What a great way to share a God given gift with others! Dates are still available!



## Do you have some BIG ROCKS looking for a new home?



The church landscaping areas can be that new home! If you have some to donate, call Sue McClure at 402-563-1803 or email her at [suemcclu@neb.rr.com](mailto:suemcclu@neb.rr.com)

## MOPs VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

This Fall, the MOPs Moms are looking for helpers and volunteers to work with the children and be Mentor Moms. For more information how you can help these Moms Of Preschoolers, contact Melissa Kroenke- [mkroenke16@gmail.com](mailto:mkroenke16@gmail.com) or Erin Settles- [erin\\_lynn@hotmail.com](mailto:erin_lynn@hotmail.com)

## GREETERS WANTED!

If you would like to sign up to greet those who come to worship, please feel free to sign on the sheet in the Narthex provided by the Membership & Growth Committee!

## CHURCH NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED

to care for children ages 0-3 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Rev. Edward, [edward@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:edward@federatedcolumbus.org)/(402) 564-2812, with questions and send resumes Attn: Rev. Edward to Federated's P.O. Box 564, Columbus, NE 68602 More information on the church webpage: <http://federatedcolumbus.org/wp-content/uploads/Federated-Church-Nursery-Attendant-Job-Posting.pdf>

*If your committee or group needs volunteers, workers or helpers, contact Chrissy at the Church office to put in an 'ad'!*

## Meals on Wheels

Thank you to Charlotte Lambert and the crew of volunteers who delivered "Meals" June 3 - 7. Federated will deliver again the weeks of August 12, October 21 and December 23 (no delivery on December 24 & 25). With 10 churches rotating 52 weeks, this is our year to have six weeks of service.

Jean Royer (402-564-8012 or 402-910-6688) will coordinate the week of August 12 - 16.

Thanks! Renee, 402-563-2411



## Center for Survivors



We are reaching out to our amazing community and asking for donations of NEW simple clothing for children in crisis situations. Following is a list of what we need: Boys and Girls new clothing: plain t-shirts, plain sweatshirts, leggings/sweatpants, shorts, underwear; sizes for both boys and girls will include: 2T, 3T, 4T, 5T, 6T, 7, 8, 9, 10-12

## Platte County Food Pantry

We ask that you help support this ministry by bringing in the following items: Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Tuna, Macaroni & Cheese, All Soups, Spaghetti Sauce, Jell-O, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Ramen Noodles,

Pancake Mixes, Bar Soap, Applesauce, Canned Pasta, Diced Tomatoes, Dry Pasta, Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pudding, Saltine Crackers, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pancake Syrup, Toilet Paper



## Platte Valley Humane Society



The Platte Valley Humane Society is privileged to have a donation receptacle in the northwest entrance of the Federated Church.

Requested items are:

**August:** Kitten Milk Replacer, Dog Treats

## Columbus Days Activities and Sign-Ups

The Federated Church will host the **Baby Changing Station** during the Columbus Days Activities Aug. 16-18. Please check your calendars and save a few hours to volunteer. Available shifts are Friday afternoon; Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening; Sunday morning and afternoon; Set-up and Tear-down.

We will have a **float** in the Columbus Days parade with a Hawaiian theme. Please look to see what you have at home (palm trees?) that might be helpful.

The float will be put together after church (11am) on August 18th

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for both activities.

***Thank you for volunteering to help!***

## Monthly Open Prayer Time

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, a time of prayer that is open to all, is held in our sanctuary from 11:30AM -12:30PM. Whether you are new to prayer or have practiced for years, you are welcome here. If you have questions or prayer requests please contact: Church office – 402-564-2812

Email - [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org) or

Barb Sanderson – 402-910-3586

Email - [bjs.sanderson@gmail.com](mailto:bjs.sanderson@gmail.com)

## Summer Bible Study

Summer Bible Study-Interested in learning more about the Bible in a group setting? Pastor Edward is leading weekly Bible studies during the summer in Education Center Room 8. Afternoon Bible Study is on Tuesdays at 1pm. The Evening Bible Study is Wednesdays at 5pm. Keep an eye on the bulletin announcements for any cancellations or reschedules. All are welcome to join any meeting.

## Garage Sale Success!!

Church Garage Sale - Again, our church members scoured their garages, attics and closets to provide a “Gigantic trove” for our annual garage sale. Over 65 members contributed countless hours to the organization of the treasures and the staffing of the rooms and cashier stations on Saturday, July 13th, the day of the sale. The camaraderie and fun was evident throughout the week. Let’s do it again next year!

## Triennium Report - Meera Lange



The three things I experienced at Triennium were:

- 1) Rev. CeCe Armstrong [final day preacher] said go out there and find your own map to your journey. The map showed where you are and how you can improve yourself.
- 2) Another thing I learned was that we all were at Triennium for different reasons. Maybe it was God accepting who we are; God will forgive us for the things we did.

3) Finally, I met lots of amazing people from different parts of the United States that I never would have expected. I didn't know what Triennium was all about until I went there and had a great experience with great people who made it fun. I have great memories from it.

Thank you to the congregation for giving our group the opportunity to attend Triennium.





## From the Pastor's Desk

As continuation of sharing my experience from Clinical Pastoral Education, here's my second reflection:

**TRUST** – For the second week of CPE, I learned about the importance of trust. It was the first week of doing rounds on my units: Emergency, Observation and Critical Care Surgical. In each of these units, I learned about the need for trust in various relationships.

In the Emergency Dept (ED), I realized that I needed to gain the trust of nurses – most importantly the charge nurses. The first couple days of making rounds in the ED were frustrating because there weren't any patients that I could visit. When I asked the charge nurse about who would benefit from a chaplain visit, the response I got over and over again was that there wasn't anyone at that time. I thought about changing my strategy. Instead of asking whom I could visit, I was going to ask which patients should I not visit (which was another way of saying I'll visit whoever I want to – except those you say that I can't). But before I could implement this new strategy (which probably wouldn't have been popular with the charge nurses), there was an opportunity to gain the trust of a charge nurse. I was informed that there was a patient being transported to the ED who had a very slim chance of survival. The charge nurse wanted me to be ready to talk with that patient's family. When the patient – who was dead on arrival – got to the hospital, the family was not present. Later in the day (around 5pm), I got a page from the ED charge nurse that the family had arrived. For a moment I thought about passing on this request to the on-call chaplain so that I could go home on time. But I knew that if I was going to gain the trust of the charge nurse, I had to respond in person. I wanted her to know that I was worthy of her trust. After a good interaction with the charge nurse, I think I gained some trust. The next day didn't include a list of ED patients to visit, but I received one referral from the same charge nurse and got to talk with her on a personal level.

The Observation Unit (OBS) has been an interesting experience. Although it serves as an overflow of the ED, the pace in the OBS is much more relaxed. There is a small, close-knit team of nurses (and most of them are Chinese). It was easy to memorize their names and gain their trust to see OBS patients. Here it was more a matter of gaining the trust of patients. Most of the patients in OBS are older and frequent visitors to the hospital for treatment. There is time to develop deeper relationships with patients here. There was one patient who I met two days in a row. On the first day we briefly talked about his patient information stating that he is a "Protestant." When I asked him if it was accurate, he shared that he went to church when he was young and has not gone for a long time. Rather than probing why this was the case (because it seemed like an uncomfortable subject for the patient), we talked about a lot of other things. The patient was born in Vancouver, Canada, just like my oldest son. So we had a clear commonality to start with. Along with talking about Canadian life, we discussed gardening, favorite varieties of apples, and trips to Europe. It wasn't a deep conversation but it was pleasant enough that I could visit the patient the following day without it being awkward. The next day, the patient was glad to see me. We talked more about our respective family. I shared about my three boys. The patient shared about the loss of his three brothers and the sorrow of being the lone survivor of his childhood family. He asked me about my future plans. He also shared a bit more about his faith background, although not yet about why he stopped going to church. Nonetheless we were glad to know that he will likely make more visits to the hospital during the next few months. Through this patient, I learned that I cannot force trust to develop; rather I need to nurture the opportunities given for trust to grow.

## From the Pastor's Desk (cont. from page 5)

In the Critical Care Surgical (CCS) Unit, I learned the importance of trust more broadly. I needed to gain trust from families as more of my interactions were with family members than specifically with patients. But more importantly, I also needed to trust others. Joining one of the multi-disciplinary rounds, I realized that others knew a lot more about patients than I did. From that point, I began my rounds by asking nurses and other staff members about patient's updated status. I need their help to be more effective as a chaplain.

Overarching all these lessons during week two of CPE, I learned the importance of trusting God in every situation. Whether it is confronting death (and the sense of helplessness) in the Emergency room, having a pleasant (yet less than spiritual) conversation with a friendly patient in the Observation, or learning to work as a team to help patients and their family in the Critical Care Surgical; I trust that God is working in me and working through me.

Here are some questions for your own reflection:

How have you learned to trust others? How would you describe your own trustworthiness? Which areas of life are easy to trust others with? Which areas are difficult to trust others with?

What does it mean for you to trust God?

Please feel free to share your thoughts and/or questions with me, via email/text/call/in-person.

Grace and peace,  
Edward

## A Note of Thanks

The Robert Busler family would like to thank Pastor Edward for the visits, prayers, and communion brought to the apartment during Robert's illness.

For the wonderful memorial service and being there for us, helping us along the way.

For Lee and Kathy for the music.

The ushers and all those helping prepare and serve the lunch, and anyone I might have forgotten to mention.

Those taking time to be with us and the memorial gifts. (The gifts went to the church, Center for Survivors and the Rescue Mission.)

God bless you all,

LaRene, Brand & Donna, Greg & Sheri and their families

## Funeral Committee 3 Information

**Funeral Committee 3:** Co-Chairpersons: Cec Bartholomew, Terry & Renee Norris, Harold & Rogalyn Stevens, Mark & Nancy Hegi

**Members:** Donna Augspurger, Dave & Jean Badje, Wayland & Brenda Berry, Loren & Sondra Burnett, John & Katie Claus, Dave & Rae Fulton, Karen Grabowski, Alison Hast, Tom & Tammi Hempstead, Randy & Anita Kasper, John & Linda McPhail, Bob & Gail Mead, James & Kathy Morris, Jerry & Irene Dare, Rick & Laura Porter, Jan Pickrel, Tim & Val Rathje, Dave & Lori Rine, Paul & Barb Sanderson, Don & Norma Schaufelberger, Mary Sharpe, Roberta Saalfeld, Mike Slizoski & Melanie Knoepfle, Ben & Marilyn Vrana, Chuck & Karen Whitney, Sunnie Yang

## Funeral Committee 4 Information

**Funeral Committee 4:** Co-Chairpersons: Steve & Sue McClure, Sharon Kuncl, Mike & Brenda Sand, Bob & Judy Trautwein

**Members:** Mike & Sharyn Beard, Rod & Georgia Behlen, Tom & Sue Bernstein, Fred & Renee Bellum, Crystal Comte, Dale & Jan Dannelly, Chris & Lauretta Dixon, Jane Ellefson, Donna Engquist, Julie Graham, Bruce & Diana Gartrell, D'Ete Haldiman-Kluck, Steve & Rosie Heinisch, Carolyn Johnson, Jeannie Johnson (Art Edition), Crystal Maly, Steve & Jackie Marker, Dave & Sheri Melick, Matt & Nicole Miller, Michael Mohr, Ervin & Karen Paben, Dean & Julie Pearsoll, Kevin & Lisa Perrin, Susan Pospisil, Darlyn Reeder, Terry & Holly Schultz, Karen Senften, Bobbie Uhlmann, Diane Wall, Dave & Gay Whitman

## MOPs Meetings This Fall

Federated MOPS 2019-20 year starts this September the 13th. We are looking for Mommas with young kids who are looking for building relationships with an uplifting group of women. Motherhood is complicated, let us be there for you!

Contact Lynsey Kime- [ljkime@gmail.com](mailto:ljkime@gmail.com)

We are also looking for volunteers to watch the young kids during the meetings. We meet once a month on a Friday morning. The meetings run from 8:30-11:00am. Please consider helping us support our community moms by providing reliable childcare during our meetings.

Contact: Melissa Kroenke-[mkroenke16@gmail.com](mailto:mkroenke16@gmail.com)

Erin Settles- [erin\\_lynn@hotmail.com](mailto:erin_lynn@hotmail.com)



The St. Luke's United Church of Christ, Preschool Board has decided that for the 2019-2020 school year we will offer a 25% Ecumenical Fellowship Discount, to members of our sister churches (Federated, First United Methodist and Grace) for those who wish to enroll in St. Luke's Rainbow Preschool.

**For this discount to apply you must be enrolled by August 22,2019!**

| Class   | Regular Rate    |        | 25% Discounted Rate |           |
|---|-----------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|
|   | Monthly Payment | Yearly | Monthly Payment     | Yearly    |
| <b>5 Day a Week (Afternoons) Preschool</b><br><br>This Session meets five afternoons a week; Monday through Friday from 12:00 – 3:00pm. This class is considered our Pre-K class and offers a full five days of hands on learning to help fine-tune those Kindergarten readiness skills; preparing them for their future education.   | \$185           | \$1665 | \$138.75            | \$1248.75 |
| <b>AM Class (M-W-F) Preschool</b><br><br>This session meets three mornings a week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 – 11:00am This class is open to children that are not yet four when our school year begins, yet it is supportive enough in its structure for children moving on to  | \$115           | \$1035 | \$86.25             | \$776.25  |
| <b>AM Class (Tuesday &amp; Thursday) Playgroup</b><br><br>This session meets two mornings a week; Tuesday and Thursday. Your child must be three years old before they can attend and preferably be potty trained. We strive to build a loving relationship with each and every child as it is imperative for children to feel safe and supported in this journey for them to grow. | \$80            | \$720  | \$60                | \$540     |

For more information please visit our website: <https://www.saintlukescolumbus.org/rainbow-preschool/> or contact St Luke's @ 402-564-8862 and we will put you in touch with one of our Preschool teachers.

Blessings,

Adam Lassen

Pastor St. Luke's United Church of Christ

402-563-8862





## Youth Mission Trip - Lucas Miller

The best memories I have of the mission trip are of the mountains. The peaks that pierced the sky mean something to me that I can't find here in Nebraska. Those mountains really showed me that God was there with me on this trip, but there were more than just mountains there. We went to work sites where we cleared the way for a new dog sledding trail, cleared the way for a new handicap trail and painted the fence by a trail in a nearby town. Each of the workers I talked to said that the hours that we were putting into these projects would move them weeks ahead of schedule, which meant that they were able to focus on more pressing jobs.

When we weren't working, we were hiking trails or playing games. There were some games of badminton where my sister and I faced off against Edward and Riley Gausman that built even deeper friendships among the youth. We also went for a hike to a waterfall that was deep in the mountains. The hike took about 2 hours just to get there, but the waterfall was about 15 feet tall and coursed with fresh mountain water. The water was so pure and clean, it tasted like air. Later during the nights, we played games like chess and trick taking card games.

The sermons that were given during the nights posed hard questions, but they were questions that needed to be asked. My favorite sermon came from one of the leader's father, who was a nurse in Lincoln. It was a story about hate, the ugly kind that is based in deep rooted grudges and hates innocent people for the crime of being different.

I am very grateful that I got this opportunity to experience this mission trip, and I want to thank the church for helping to fund my path to go and help all of these people. I believe I learned many important lessons on this trip, but the one that sticks out the most in my mind is a simple one. God's love is everywhere, and God loves me.

Thanks, Lucas Miller



## Youth Mission Trip - Anjel Garcia

Summer Mission Camp (SMC) 2019 was a good experience this year. Yes, I might not have liked walking 4 miles up a mountain to

make a new trail, but working with my new friends made it worth it. Every morning we would get up and have breakfast with our church group. After that, the whole mission team, gathered together to hear our morning report, which was pretty fun to watch - knowing it was Max who made these videos.

After our morning report we all packed our lunch and headed to worksites. My first work project was painting wood boards for new picnic tables. I enjoyed painting until I got paint on my clothes. We also spread mulch, which we had to scoop into wheelbarrows and shovel around the campsite! The second day, we helped clear a trail. We moved fallen trees from along the trail. But as we moved to higher altitude, I started to get lightheaded. Our last day, we all went to Winter Park and worked on fencing. I really didn't enjoy this worksite as much. It seemed like hundreds of miles of fence we had to scrape and paint. The first fence, I enjoyed painting. When I was told the next fence was longer, I thought it could not be bad. But when I took a look, I thought I was going to pass out. It was much longer, about the length of our Walmart here in town. All in all, we worked on it, getting as much done as we could.

Thursday was Sabbath day, our day to rest. On this day we went tubing, which I didn't like; I only rode a tube downhill once. After that we had lunch. Then had options for free time. Knowing I walked 8 miles up and down the mountain on previous days, there was no way I was going on the 4 mile hike up another mountain. Instead I went with Edward and others to find a labyrinth. After we found the labyrinth, we went mountain biking which I really enjoyed. I was fun going down the steep hills but not much so going back up. After biking we waited for our dinner to arrive. While waiting Edward, another adult leader and I went to the labyrinth. I found it really relaxing, knowing I could talk with God while walking. After all this we had our dinner and our last worship. Before we knew it, we were on our way back to Nebraska. I really had a good time at SMC.

Anjel David Garcia Lopez



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|-----------------------------|------|--|------|
| Annie Lange                 | 8/2  | Ivy Hammans                                | 8/20 |
| Jonathan Henninger          | 8/6  | Dave Melick, Nicholas Whitney              | 8/21 |
| Kevin Meyer                 | 8/9  | Cindy Lisko, Joseph Srb,<br>Libby Williams | 8/22 |
| Janet Lyon                  | 8/10 | Ashli Porter                               | 8/24 |
| Nancy Depue                 | 8/11 | Barb Zoucha                                | 8/25 |
| Doris Augspurger            | 8/13 | Jeremy Anderson, Riley Lyon                | 8/26 |
| Janice Jensen, Tim Warren   | 8/14 | David Marsh                                | 8/27 |
| Paula Lange, Glynette Smith | 8/15 | Jordan Graham                              | 8/28 |
| Jon Kiser, Kristi Wolfe     | 8/17 | Chase Lambert, Payne Lambert               | 8/29 |



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| Steve & Sue McClure     | 8/12 |
| Gary & Dana Brandt      | 8/20 |
| Leroy & Brenda Kallweit | 8/21 |
| Doug & Randi Williams   | 8/21 |
| Roger & Catherine Hare  | 8/28 |

# August 2019

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
|   |   |  |   | <b>1</b><br>6:15pm Scouts Roundtable<br>6:15pm Order of the Arrow<br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service | <b>2</b><br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service                              | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>4</b><br>10:00am Worship Service                                   | <b>5</b><br>5:15pm Order of St. Andrew Committee Meeting  | <b>6</b><br>7:00pm Worship & Music Committee Meeting   | <b>7</b><br>10:00am Staff Meeting                                       | <b>8</b><br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service  | <b>9</b><br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service                              | <b>10</b>   |
| <b>11</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship | <b>12</b><br>4:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting<br>6:45pm Membership & Growth Committee Meeting | <b>13</b><br>11:30am Open Prayer Time<br>1:00pm Summer Afternoon Bible Study<br>6:30pm Christian Ed/Youth Mistry Joint Meeting | <b>14</b><br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>5:30pm Summer Evening Bible Study | <b>15</b><br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service   | <b>16</b><br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service                             | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>18</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship | <b>19</b><br>12:00pm BIG PALS-Little Pals   | <b>20</b><br>1:00pm Summer Afternoon Bible Study<br>6:30pm Finance & Property Committee Meeting                                | <b>21</b><br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>5:30pm Summer Evening Bible Study | <b>22</b><br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service   | <b>23</b><br>5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal<br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service | <b>24</b><br>2:00pm Volkmer-Zaim Wedding            |
| <b>25</b><br>10:00am Worship Service<br>3:00pm El Buen Pastor Worship | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>1:00pm Summer Afternoon Bible Study<br>7:00pm Governing Council Meeting   | <b>28</b><br>10:00am Staff Meeting<br>5:30pm Summer Evening Bible Study | <b>29</b><br>6:30pm Thursday Worship Service   | <b>30</b><br>6:00pm Latino Prayer Service                             | <b>31</b><br>10:30am John Ellefson Memorial Service |

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dorothy Courtier Memorial Service                    | To Be Announced |
| Columbus Public School Resumes                       | Aug. 12         |
| Columbus Days  | Aug. 15 - 18    |
| - Diaper Changing Station (see page 3 for info)      | Aug. 16 - 18    |
| - Parade float set-up, 11 a.m. (see page 3 for info) | Aug. 18         |
| John Ellefson Memorial Service                       | Aug. 31         |
| Education Hour Resumes                               | Sept. 8         |

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