



FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- ♦ World Day of Prayer - March 5th, 2021
- ♦ Daylight Saving Time Begins - March 14, 2021
- ♦ Palm/Passion Sunday - March 28th, 2021
- ♦ Holy Week - March 28th - April 3rd, 2021
- ♦ Easter Sunday - April 4th, 2021



From the Pastor's Desk

This month I would like to highlight a couple other voices and not my own. The first is Lee Augustin, who serves as organist/pianist at Federated Church. We are thankful for her many decades of service. While we often get to enjoy her musical talents, it is a special treat to hear her words in a brief reflection. As Lee mentions, I asked during a sermon in a Thursday evening worship service about the experience of feeling close to God. I was surprised by Lee's response; it was one that I did not anticipate. After the service, I asked Lee if she would share in writing the story behind her answer. Thankfully, Lee agreed and her sharing is below.

The second voice comes from Ulrich Zwingli, who was a first-generation Protestant Reformer. In 1519, the bubonic plague (aka "Black Death") broke out in Zurich, Switzerland, where he was pastoring. While ministering to the people, Zwingli caught the disease to the point of near death. Thankfully, he recovered. During and after his illness, Zwingli wrote words to what is known as the "Plague Hymn/Song," which is also shared below.

May you find encouragement from these voices during this season of Lent.

Grace and peace,
Edward

As Edward asked us in his recent sermon: "When have you felt closest to God?", poignant images instantly filled my head and heart. My answer: "In the death of a loved one." Confusing? In the death of a loved one? Contradictory? Allow me to share a personal experience from so many years ago which still remains very powerfully humbling and inspiring in my daily faith journey.

My mother had become ill quite suddenly... medicines and surgery proved unsuccessful followed by a week of rapid decline. Thus, the decision was made to transport her by ambulance back to my hometown hospital. There the staff settled her into a pri-vate room, and later my dad and brother left to purchase grocery needs. The atmos-phere was emotionally packed, yet calm, peaceful. Some minutes later, without any alert, my mother called out strongly as her upper body rose from the pillow, she lay back down, and then... she was gone.

That first year following her death was what many of us experience in painful events... disbelief, heavy questions, deep sadness. One day in the second year, however, I was shockingly overwhelmed with a capital letters, jaw-dropping Revelation... a huge "Duh" moment for me: That uniquely monumental April 18 afternoon had allowed me, just a regular, everyday person of sin, to be in the very room in the presence of God when He took my dear mother home!! Truly it was the epitome of love from our all-knowing God of Love... and further it was the power of motherhood faith who showed me, even in her death, the gift of belief in God above.

Lee Augustin

From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

A Christian Song Written by Huldreich Zwingli when he was attacked by the Pestilence (End of 1519)

At the Beginning of the Illness

Help, Lord God, help
In this trouble!
I think Death is at the door.
Stand before me, Christ;
For Thou hast overcome him!
To Thee I cry:
If it is Thy will,
Take out the dart,
Which wounds me
Nor lets me have an hour's
Rest or repose!
Will'st Thou however
That Death take me
In the midst of my days,
So let it be!
Do what Thou wilt;
Me nothing lacks.
Thy vessel am I;
To make or break altogether.
For, if Thou takest away
My spirit
From this earth,
Thou dost it, that it may not grow worse,
Nor spot
The pious lives and ways of others.

In the Midst of His Illness

Console me, Lord God, console me!
The illness increases,
Pain and fear seize
My soul and body.
Come to me then,
With Thy grace, O my only consolation!
It will surely save
Everyone, who
His heart's desire
And hopes sets
On Thee, and who besides
Despises all gain and loss.
Now all is up.
My tongue is dumb,
It cannot speak a word.
My senses are all blighted.
Therefore is it time

That Thou my fight
Conductest hereafter;
Since I am not
So strong, that I
Can bravely
Make resistance
To the Devil's wiles and treach-erous
hand.
Still will my spirit
Constantly abide by Thee, how-ever he
rages.

During Convalescence

Sound, Lord God, sound!
I think I am
Already coming back.
Yes. if it please Thee,
That no spark of sin
Rule me longer on earth
Then my lips must
Thy praise and teaching
Bespeak more
Than ever before,
However it may go,
In simplicity and with no danger.
Although I must
The punishment of death
Sometime endure,
Perhaps with greater anguish
Than would now have
Happened, Lord!
Since I came
So near;
So will I still
The spite and boasting
Of this world
Bear joyfully for the sake of the reward
By Thy help,
Without which nothing can be perfect.

Source:

<https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history/reformation-sunday>



Children's Ministry

The One Great Hour of Sharing, is a Christian effort to empower communities, provide water, supply food, alleviate poverty and respond to disasters around the world. Federated's children will contribute by collecting change in "fish" banks during lent. If you are in need of a fish bank, please stop by the church office or contact brendajsand@gamil.com.

During Sunday School, our Pre-6th grade students will be learning to play the bells. The children will perform their new song, in worship, on Palm Sunday.

Children's Events

3/28 Palm Sunday - Return Fish Banks - Children's Bell Choir

4/4 Easter Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt after worship - No Education Hour

In February, Federated's youth collected food and money for the Platte County Food Pantry as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring program. The kids collected 319 lbs of food and \$950.00. Thanks to all who donated to the cause!



Youth Ministry

On a snowy February day, the Federated Youth had their first Sunday Funday. The youth enjoyed pizza and the movie "The War with Grandpa."

Youth Events

3/14 Youth Sunday Funday

4/11 Youth Sunday Funday

4/27 - Confirmation Class of 2021 meet with Governing Council

5/2 - Confirmation Sunday

5/9 - Mother's Day Flower Sale

5/16 - Graduation Sunday

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director

Center for Survivors

The Center's needs often change due to shortages or surpluses of certain items.

Please call ahead if you have questions regarding needs, 402-564-2155.



At this time, the Center is in need and accepting donations for the following NEW personal hygiene products: shampoo, conditioner, liquid body wash, deodorant, makeup removing wipes, facial tissues, toilet paper, paper towels and men's deodorant.

Meals on Wheels



A warm thank you to the hardy volunteers that delivered meals Feb. 15-19. Due to the extreme cold, meals were not delivered on Mon. and Tues. as the hospital uses the school's weather closing decision as a guide line. Federated's next week of service will be April 26-30. Thank you, Renee Bellum, 402-563-2441 or 402-276-2454.

Platte County Food Pantry

The Platte County Food Pantry, located at 3020 18th Street in Suite 13 (Old Hospital).

If you are in need of assistance, you can call at 402-563-4544.

Some easy suggestions are: canned and boxed foods: soup, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and pasta sauce, veggies and fruits; staple food items: peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, crackers.

This is not an all inclusive list, any non-perishable food items are needed.



Paws & Claws Adoption Center

Paws & Claws Adoption Center (The Platte Valley Humane Society) is located at 2124 13th Street. The hours are Monday through Friday, Noon to 4:30pm, and Saturdays Noon to 3:30pm.

You can call 402-562-5683 to meet your future pet! Regular needs include: Clumping cat litter, Clorox, Pine Sol, Copy Paper, Dog & Cat Toys, Collars & Leashes, Paper Towel, Old Towels/Washcloths/Blankets, Gently Used Pet Supplies, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.



They have a number of animals available, including Ashly, Toodle, Baby J and Doodle.



Ashly



Toodle



Baby J



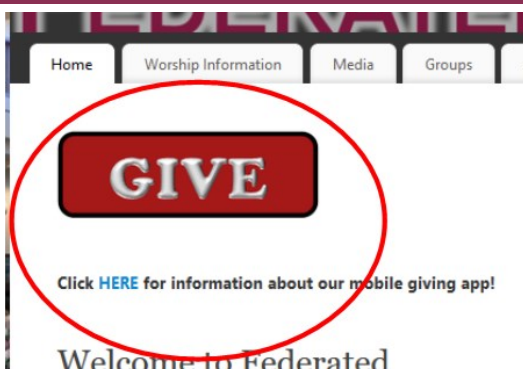
Doodle

Finance at a Glance

Income - January 2021	
Contributions, Etc.	\$40,594.01
Previous Year (2020)	\$1,965.55
Contributions (2021)	\$38,518.46
Rent	\$50.00
Sale of Books	\$60.00
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$30.00
Doane College	\$20.00
General Funds Savings:	\$39,865.00
Pre-pledged Contributions	\$39,865.00
Memorials	\$40.00
Unrestricted	\$40.00
Interest Income:	\$5.41
Memorial	\$0.00
Checking	\$0.00
Savings	\$5.41

Expenses - January 2021	
General Fund Expenses:	\$34,126.85
Utilities	\$3,223.84
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$30,675.51
Purchase of Books	\$227.50
Designated Funds (Savings):	\$40,456.00
Poinsettias	\$391.00
Helping Hands - Non-Members	\$200.00
Pre-pledged Contributions	\$39,865.00
General Funds Savings:	\$14.00
Poinsettias	\$14.00
Memorial Fund:	\$429.27
Undesignated - AV Room	\$99.99
Undesignated - Banner Stands	\$329.28

Easy Online Giving Options Available



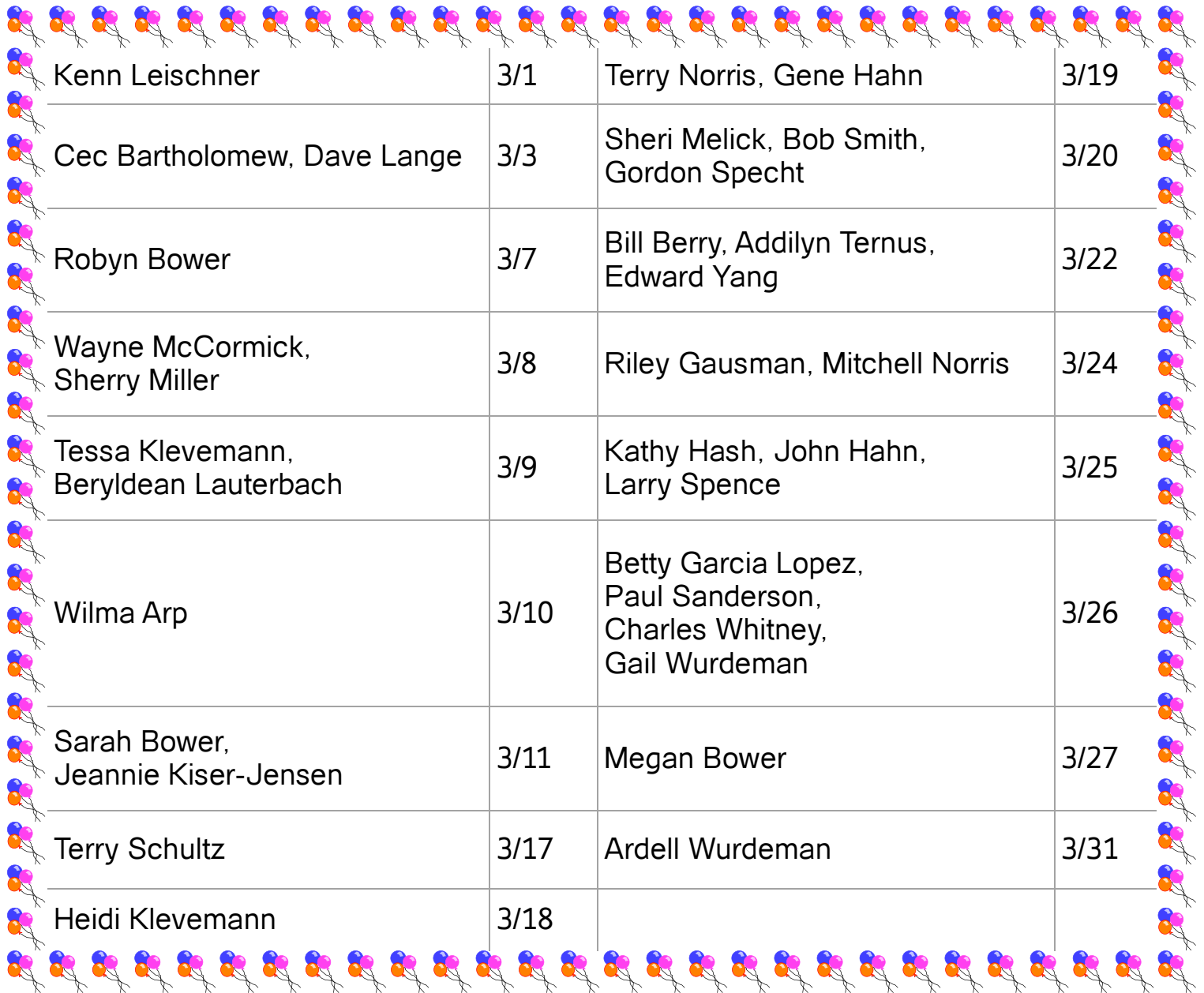
Give online for a quick and easy way to contribute without leaving the sanctity of your home!

Three options are currently available:

- 1) Online Giving - press the "GIVE" button on the website
- 2) Mobile app - click the 'here' link underneath the "GIVE" button for instructions
- 3) ACH transfer - call Chrissy at the church office for information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you see a mistake or a birthday missing, call the church office so we can get the correct information.



Kenn Leischner	3/1	Terry Norris, Gene Hahn	3/19
Cec Bartholomew, Dave Lange	3/3	Sheri Melick, Bob Smith, Gordon Specht	3/20
Robyn Bower	3/7	Bill Berry, Addilyn Ternus, Edward Yang	3/22
Wayne McCormick, Sherry Miller	3/8	Riley Gausman, Mitchell Norris	3/24
Tessa Klevemann, Beryldean Lauterbach	3/9	Kathy Hash, John Hahn, Larry Spence	3/25
Wilma Arp	3/10	Betty Garcia Lopez, Paul Sanderson, Charles Whitney, Gail Wurdeman	3/26
Sarah Bower, Jeannie Kiser-Jensen	3/11	Megan Bower	3/27
Terry Schultz	3/17	Ardell Wurdeman	3/31
Heidi Klevemann	3/18		

2021 Committee Chairs and Meeting Days/Times

In the table below you can find the 2021 Chairperson and meeting days and times for each committee. If you belong to a committee and have not heard from your chair, please contact them for information. If you do not have any contact information for them, you can call the office for assistance.

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Chairperson</i>	<i>Meeting Day/Time</i>
Christian Education	Renee Norris	2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Endowment	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Finance & Property	Marv Zoucha	3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm
Membership & Growth	Nila Novotny	2nd Monday of the month, 6:30pm
Nominating	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Order of St. Andrew	Laura Porter	1st Monday of the month, 5:15pm
Personnel	John McClure	3rd Tuesday of the month, 7pm
Social Concerns & Missions	Katie Claus	2nd Tuesday of the Month, 7:00pm
Stewardship	Roland Augspurger	<i>To be determined</i>
Worship & Music	Alison Wagner	1st Tuesday of the month, 7:15pm
Youth Ministry	Wayne McCormick	2nd Sunday of the month, 11am
Pastor Nominating Committee	<i>To be determined</i>	<i>To be determined</i>
Foundation	Larry Mares, President	Quarterly
Governing Council	Tim Warren, President Wayne McCormick, VP	4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm

Reminder to all Chairpersons: If, for any reason, your meeting has been postponed, rescheduled, cancelled or changed to a different day of the month or time, please contact the office staff regarding the new schedule. Thank you!

Social Concerns and Missions Committee Donations

The Social Concerns and Missions Committee is asking the congregation to participate in the monthly donations to the following agencies. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect these donations. Thank you for your help!

January February March

Peanut butter in **plastic jars** to be delivered to the Backpack program

April May June

Toilet paper or paper towels for the Center for Survivors

July August September

Clorox, Pine Sol and leashes to be delivered to Paws and Claws

October November December

Mittens, caps, socks to be put on an "Angel Tree" in the Narthex and delivered to the Rescue Mission

Submitted by Katie Claus

February Joys & Concerns

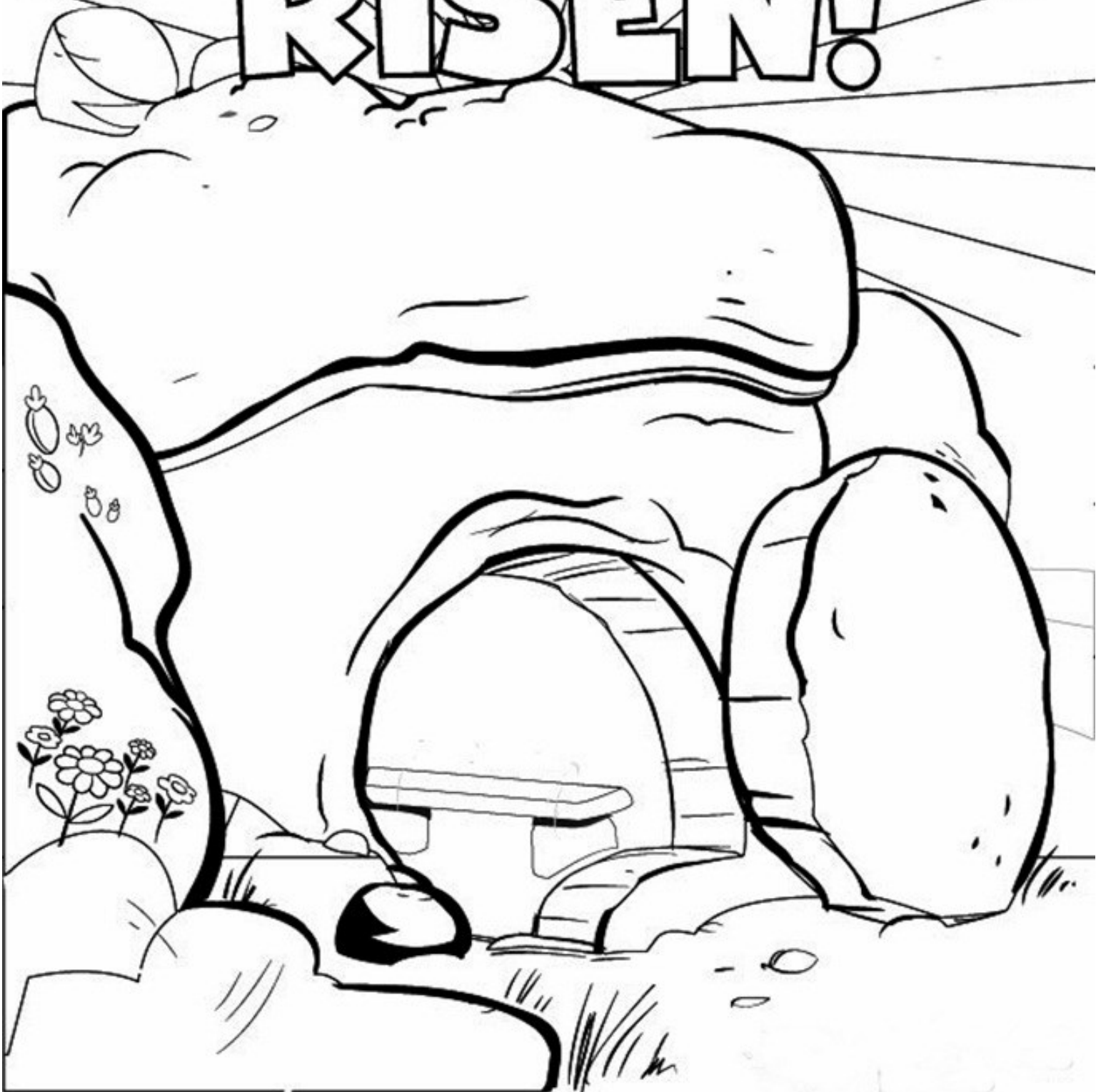
- ◆ If you have any joys or concerns, please share with the congregation by informing the office.
- ◆ Pray for Jack & Pat Blocker. Their son, John, passed away in January. Church office has their Arizona mailing address.
- ◆ After 33 years of ordained Ministry and a lifetime in service to Jesus Christ, Rev. James E. Goodenberger is retiring from active ministry. Honor Jim by joining his children in sending him cards and photos remembering his ministry. Please send cards by March 1st to: *113 Zenith Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51503-0282.*
- ◆ Please pray for the family of LaRene Busler who passed away on Sunday, January 24th at her home. A celebration of life service is tentatively planned for sometime in April.
- ◆ Pray for Chuck Whitney who had surgery for heart ablation.
- ◆ Please pray for Rosie Heinisch, who has been diagnosed with ALL (*Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia*), has been receiving chemotherapy treatment and recently received a stem cell transplant.
- ◆ Pray for all who are battling cancer and other life threatening diseases.
- ◆ Chancel Flowers are given By John and Deb Curry in loving memory of J.R. Curry who has been gone 20 years on February 17th and is always remembered by his family and friends.
- ◆ Please lift prayers up for Christopher and Melanie Wiegert, son and daughter-in-law of Bob and Wilma Arp. Chris' kidney transplant takes place on February 19 at the Mayo Hospital in Rochester, MN and his wife Melanie is the kidney donor. If everything goes according to plan, they should be back on their way back home in three weeks.
- ◆ Pray for Jack & Pat Blocker. Their son, Jon, passed away in January. Church office has their Arizona mailing address.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Connie Strodthoff, a former Federated Church member in the 1970s, who passed away on February 9th. Condolences can be sent to: Tom Strodthoff, *10395 Lancaster Cove, Woodbury, MN 55129-8952.*
- ◆ Jake and Kristen Frederick, are the parents of baby boy, Owen Roger Frederick, born Tuesday February 9th. Grandparents are Roland and Doris Augspurger, and Great Grandmother is Donna Augspurger.

MARCH 2021

1	Exodus 9 ☐	Exodus 10 ☐	Matthew 21 ☐
2	Exodus 11 ☐	Exodus 12 ☐	Matthew 22 ☐
3	Exodus 13 ☐	Exodus 14 ☐	Matthew 23 ☐
4	Exodus 15 ☐	Exodus 16 ☐	Psalms 15 ☐ Psalms 16 ☐
5	Exodus 17 ☐	Exodus 18 ☐	Matthew 24 ☐
6	Exodus 19 ☐	Exodus 20 ☐	Matthew 25 ☐
7	Exodus 21 ☐	Exodus 22 ☐	Psalms 17 ☐
8	Exodus 23 ☐	Exodus 24 ☐	Matthew 26 ☐
9	Exodus 25 ☐	Exodus 26 ☐	Matthew 27 ☐
10	Exodus 27 ☐	Exodus 28 ☐	Matthew 28 ☐
11	Exodus 29 ☐	Exodus 30 ☐	Psalms 18 ☐
12	Exodus 31 ☐	Exodus 32 ☐	Acts 1 ☐
13	Exodus 33 ☐	Exodus 34 ☐	Acts 2 ☐
14	Exodus 35 ☐	Exodus 36 ☐	Psalms 19 ☐
15	Exodus 37 ☐	Exodus 38 ☐	Acts 3 ☐
16	Exodus 39 ☐	Exodus 40 ☐	Acts 4 ☐
17	Leviticus 1 ☐	Leviticus 2 ☐	Leviticus 3 ☐ Acts 5 ☐
18	Leviticus 4 ☐	Leviticus 5 ☐	Psalms 20 ☐ Psalms 21 ☐
19	Leviticus 6 ☐	Leviticus 7 ☐	Acts 6 ☐
20	Leviticus 8 ☐	Leviticus 9 ☐	Acts 7 ☐
21	Leviticus 10 ☐	Leviticus 11 ☐	Leviticus 12 ☐ Psalms 22 ☐
22	Leviticus 13 ☐	Leviticus 14 ☐	Acts 8 ☐
23	Leviticus 15 ☐	Leviticus 16 ☐	Acts 9 ☐
24	Leviticus 17 ☐	Leviticus 18 ☐	Acts 10 ☐
25	Leviticus 19 ☐	Leviticus 20 ☐	Psalms 23 ☐ Psalms 24 ☐
26	Leviticus 21 ☐	Leviticus 22 ☐	Acts 11 ☐
27	Leviticus 23 ☐	Leviticus 24 ☐	Acts 12 ☐
28	Leviticus 25 ☐	Leviticus 26 ☐	Psalms 25 ☐
29	Leviticus 27 ☐	Numbers 1 ☐	Acts 13 ☐
30	Numbers 2 ☐	Numbers 3 ☐	Acts 14 ☐
31	Numbers 4 ☐	Numbers 5 ☐	Acts 15 ☐

Federated Church : Year of the Bible

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RISEN!**



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March 2021 Newsletter

March Communion Pick-Up and Curb-Side Delivery!

Communion elements will be available March 3rd through 5th, from the Narthex refrigerator by the church office. We will be doing a 'curb-side delivery' each of those days if you prefer. Call the church office when you are ready for your elements and we will bring them to you in the parking lot. Communion will be available during in-person service on March 4th and 7th.

February Crossword Solution

Bible Crossword Solution No.1

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