



# FEDERATED NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING EVENTS



♦ April 29th and May 2nd - Confirmation

♦ May 9th - Mother's Day and Youth Flower Sale



♦ May 23rd - Pentecost; Graduation Sunday;  
Education Hour Teacher's Appreciation  
& Last Day of Education Hour



♦ Memorial Day - May 31st (office closed)

REMEMBER AND HONOR

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## From the Pastor's Desk

The month of May is soon approaching and I am surprised by all that will be happening. On the first Sunday of May (5/2, along with the preceding Thursday, 4/29), we have Confirmation Sunday (and Thursday). There are three confirmation candidates who will be meeting with the Governing Council on April 27th for approval as full members of Federated Church. These eighth graders will present their Statement of Faith, which have been written with guidance from their confirmation mentor. If all goes well, we will celebrate these teenagers joining our church as they confirm their baptism and we renew our commitment to support them in their faith journey.

For the 2nd Sunday of May, we will continue the season of Easter while also observing Mother's Day. There will be a youth fundraiser with the sale of long stem roses before and after Sunday (May 9th) worship. After preaching a Mother's Day sermon last year, I was not sure I would be able to offer another holiday-related sermon. Thankfully, it has worked out that our choir director, Bob Arp, has agreed to serve as pulpit supply preacher for Mother's Day weekend.

The 7th Sunday of Easter will be May 13th & 16th. This will be our final reminder that the goodness of Easter cannot be contained in one day; it is celebrated over a "season" of seven weeks.

This year, we will celebrate Graduation Sunday on May 23rd. It will be in-between the two graduations for our high school seniors: Lakeview High School on May 16th and Columbus High School on May 30th. Our Youth Ministry Committee will prepare gifts and a time of recognition for these graduates. We also want to celebrate graduations from college, vocation and graduate school. If you have family members who are graduating, please share with our office so that we may rejoice with you.

The final Sunday of Education Hour (before summer break) will be May 23rd. We will share our appreciation for all the volunteers who have facilitated learning and growing in faith this past year.

May 23rd (and 20th) is also Pentecost Sunday, often viewed as the birthday of the church when the Holy Spirit descended on the early disciples. Please wear red (which I assume will be easy for Husker fans) for Thursday evening and Sunday morning worship services.

For the last Sunday of May, we have Trinity Sunday for us to enjoy the mystery of God as three-in-one. We will also observe Memorial Day weekend in giving thanks for those who have given their lives in service of our nation.

There is much to celebrate and be thankful for. Please join us during this festive month.

Grace and peace,  
Edward

# MAY 2021

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## Federated Church : Year of the Bible

**Bible Reading Sharing & Discussion Group will meet  
on May 24th at 3pm in person and online.**

**Please see our weekly emails and Facebook posts for the Zoom information.**

**If this day and time does not work,  
please let Pastor Edward know what time works for you.**



# Children's Ministry

## Calendar of Events

5/23 - Last week of Education Hour

6/7 - 6/11 - Vacation Bible Camp



All aboard the Rocky Railway!

Federated Church will be hosting

Vacation Bible Camp

Monday, June 7th - Friday, June 11th

8:15 am - 11:30 am.

All children ages 4 years - 6th grade

are invited to participate.

Registration forms will be available soon.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

To Volunteer for Vacation Bible Camp

Please contact Brenda Sand at 402.276.2080



# Youth Ministry

## Calendar of Events

5/2 - Confirmation Sunday

5/9 - Mother's Day Flower Sale

(proceeds to support Youth Ministry Programs)

5/23 - Graduate Breakfast 9 am/Graduates Recognized During Worship

Last week of Education Hour

Brenda Sand, Christian Education Director



Alyse Wolfe

## Coloring Contest

Draw a picture of something you see in church. Give your finished project to Brenda or leave on your clipboard. Your art will be displayed in the Narthex for all to see.

LOVE church



church  
is fun

I Love to  
learn about  
Christ our Lord!

I learn about  
God at church

## 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!

### 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

## April Joys & Concerns

- ◆ Please pray for the family of Helen Gerber, who passed away on Monday, March 22, 2021.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Brian Beckner, who passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2021.
- ◆ Please pray for the family of Dean Lopour, father of Lacey Ternus, who passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.
- ◆ Pray for Rosie Heinisch, who received a stem cell transplant and is currently in the middle of 100 days isolation.
- ◆ Pray for Karel & Don Morris, sister and brother-in-law of Marilyn Vrana. Don fell and broke his shoulder and sprained his foot; Karel is too ill to help care for him.
- ◆ Pray for Bob Smith who has a severe infection which is effecting his Parkinson's. He is staying at Brookstone for 19 more days.
- ◆ The Chancel Flowers on April 4th were given by Roberta Uhlmann in loving memory of Jim Uhlmann and the Alfred Anderson Family.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Laurie Nielson-Singer, who passed away April 5, 2021 in Omaha. She was Roberta Saalfeld's niece.
- ◆ Pray for Donna Shreve, who was at UNMC. She is now at Brookstone rehabbing.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Gail Mead, who passed away November 20, 2020.
- ◆ Pray for Bob Smith who is rehabbing at Brookstone.
- ◆ Pray for John Novotny who travelled to Togo, Africa from April 18-27. He was working with Global Partners in Hope to open a medical clinic, develop the Salama stove project, train natives to farm with recently donated equipment and look for deep water wells.
- ◆ Pray for Nila Novotny who underwent back surgery on April 16th.
- ◆ Pray for the family of Christopher Höer, Christine Warren's father, who died Saturday, April 17, 2021. He was father-in-law to Tim Warren, and grandfather to Zach Nickolite and Nick Warren.
- ◆ Pray for individuals and families affected by COVID-19.

## 2021 Garage Sale

The Annual Garage & Bake Sale is slated for Saturday, July 31st with room preparations beginning Tuesday, July 27th.

Contributions may be brought to the church beginning the first week of May. Items should be taken to room EC 5 of the Education Center. Do not involve the church staff in your delivery. Sealed boxes should be labeled: "House wares", "Holiday", "Clothing", "Books", "Crafts".

An organizational meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 4th at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. Those church members interested in a leadership role in the sale are encouraged to attend. Contact Robert Trautwein 402-910-4341.



## Sunday Lunch Bunch Resuming!

We will be resuming our Sunday Lunch Bunch for those who are fully vaccinated. Please get in touch with Nell Burnham [nburnham001@neb.rr.com](mailto:nburnham001@neb.rr.com) to help make the plans.

## Rescue Mission Meals for 2021

Meals for the Rescue Mission still need providers for November and December. If two or more families did this together it becomes less daunting. Meals can be simple ---sloppy joes, spaghetti and meatballs, soup, hamburgers or brats, casseroles, or whatever you feel like making. Some families order pizza. You may provide a vegetable or salad if you wish, or bread or rolls. Dessert is totally optional. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or call or text Katie Claus, 402-910-4479 --or email [kayclaus50@gmail.com](mailto:kayclaus50@gmail.com). Let's get the schedule filled!

## Volunteers Needed!

Let your inner decorating talents shine!

Seeking creative volunteers to serve God by overseeing the seasonal decorating throughout the year of the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, etc. This could be (2-3) individuals, a husband & wife team or a family unit. If you are interested, please contact Alison Wagner, 402-276-2585 for more information.



## Meals on Wheels



Thank you to the volunteers who delivered Meals on Wheels the week of April 26-30, and coordinator, Charlotte Lambert. Keep an eye on the upcoming bulletins and newsletters for information on the next delivery week!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Renee Bellum.

## 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.

## 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 donation 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, tuna, rice, flour, sugar.

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, Paper Towels, Old Linens, Stamps, Copy Paper, Dog & Cat Toys, Collars & Leashes, Wet Cat & Dog Food, Kitten Food and Milk Replacer, Gift Cards from Grocery, Hardware and Farm Stores.



They have a number of animals available, including Momma, Leo, Chase, and Snowball.



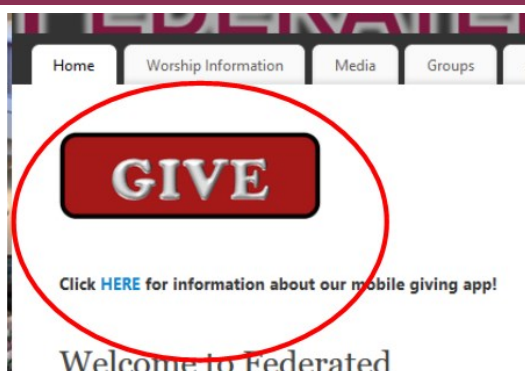


## Finance at a Glance

Income - March 2021	
<b>Contributions, Etc.</b>	<b>\$26,375.31</b>
Contributions (2021)	\$25,505.31
Damage Deposits	\$150.00
Rent	\$700.00
Sale of Books	\$20.00
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$2,132.32</b>
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$937.32
Hastings College	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$230.00
Youth Fund (Ski Trip)	\$785.00
Operation Education	\$160.00
<b>Memorials</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>
Unrestricted	\$150.00
Sunday School	\$20.00
<b>Interest Income:</b>	<b>\$8.13</b>
Savings	\$8.13

Expenses - March 2021	
<b>General Fund Expenses:</b>	<b>\$29,487.29</b>
Utilities	\$5,319.00
Other Budgeted Expenses	\$24,168.29
<b>Designated Funds (Savings):</b>	<b>\$2,043.37</b>
Youth Fund (Ski Trip)	\$1,883.37
Operation Education	\$160.00
<b>Memorial Fund:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## 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.



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

Donna Augspurger	5/1	Lizzy Sand	5/21
Fred Bellum	5/3	Georgia Behlen	5/23
Kristen Gausman	5/5	Katie Claus, Larry Mares	5/24
Tammi Hempstead, Joie Taylor	5/6	Neal Peterson, Nolan Rine	5/25
Shaylynn Meyer	5/7	Herman Lauterbach	5/28
Doug Williams	5/14	Dick Fry	5/29
Brenda Berry, Kyle Royer	5/20	Lee Augustin	5/31

Happy Anniversary!

May 5th - Edward & Sunnie Yang's 20th Anniversary

May 10th - Mike & Brenda Sand's 25th Anniversary

May 25th - Guy & Linda Wheatley's 35th Anniversary

Congratulations!!

## 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.

<b><i>Committee</i></b>	<b><i>Chairperson</i></b>	<b><i>Meeting Day/Time</i></b>
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	Tim Warren, President	Weekly, if necessary, day and time pending
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!



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## May 2021 Newsletter

### May Communion Pick-Up and Curb-Side Delivery!

Communion elements will be available April 28th through April 30th, 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  
Thursday, April 29th and Sunday, May 2nd.

Please let the church office know if you would like to continue  
picking up elements at the church.

### PLEASE HELP! MISSING BINDER!

**Binder #423 from the Archive Room has gone missing.  
If you, or someone you know, has information of its whereabouts,  
please let the office know, or return it as soon as possible!  
THANK YOU!**

If you have articles, events or other information you would like included in the newsletter, you can email it to [fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org](mailto:fcstaff@federatedcolumbus.org). The deadline for submitting information for Newsletters is the 20th of the prior month, e.g. June 2021 Newsletter deadline will be May 20th, 2021.