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**FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN –
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Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

1 Peter 2:2-3

I think it's pretty obvious to anyone who knows me that I love my little girls. I love watching their personalities develop and to see them learning about the world around them. Tiffany and I teach them what they need to know and in return we are learning each day what it means to be parents.

Children teach us that love is, in its purest form, a kind of service. Being a parent is a lot of work. Each day they need us to change their diapers, give them food, entertain and protect them. We have to comfort them when they are sick, keep them from hurting each other, remind them that dog food isn't a snack, and wake up in the middle of the night to respond to their cries. Love isn't just words. I can say I love my girls as much as I want, but the love they need on a daily basis is active. If I want to show them love, I must first provide for their needs.

We don't love in order to receive something in return. Abrianna is adorable. She can smile and coo when we walk into the room and it makes our day, but that's about it. She doesn't have the ability to cook my favorite meal or even say thank you when I clean a particularly nasty diaper. Even Abigail, who is nearly two, really can't do much to repay the time and energy we've invested in her. She can "help" clean up her toys, which ends up taking longer than if I did it myself. They teach us to give without expecting anything in return, simply because

they need help badly and we are in a position to provide it.

Children need our love because of their weakness. We start our lives in a state of weakness and dependence and I don't think it is a coincidence that we often end our lives the same way. We were created to be loved, not for what we can do, but simply for being a child of our Father.

We are all heavily in someone's debt. Just as my girls can never fully repay us for all we've done for them, we need to remember just how much others have given to us and most especially how much love God has shown to us. I am grateful that love is not like a bank account. We could never repay the debt of love we owe.

We learn that it is more important to live for others than ourselves. My job as a parent (and as a pastor) is not to meet my needs, but to be a servant. Being a servant is not a humiliating role, but one of the most fundamentally important aspects of life. Loving others sets us free from our primal selfishness and opens us up to grow.

All this work is worth it. This morning I am feeling drained. Abigail needed to go to the pediatric clinic for a constantly running nose. It turns out she's got allergies which will need to be attended to for the rest of her childhood. There will be lot's of nose wiping, daily treatments and extra comfort on the days she just feels miserable. Abrianna has recently been waking up once or twice a night. We are tired and exhausted and yet we wouldn't trade it for the world. These girls are learning each day what love is all about... and so are we.

Pastor Jason Hladik



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 24 - 70
July 31 - 64
August 07 - 90
August 14 - 77
August 21 -
August 28 -

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are from 8:00am-12:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you need to drop off, or pick up something we are always open during those times.

PASTOR JASON'S CELL PHONE

Pastor Jason's cell phone (630-673-0492) goes straight to voice mail between the hours of 10:00pm and 7:00am. If you need to talk to him between these hours, please call twice and his phone will ring.

SHUT-IN VISITS FROM PASTOR

If you know of a member of our church or a family member that could use a visit from Pastor Jason, please let him know.

PRAYER PARTNER EMAILS

If you are not receiving the Joys and Concerns Prayer Partner Email and would like to - or if you have a concern during the week - you can call Louise or email her at lbcats32@gmail.com. Joys and Concerns from the Sunday worship service are emailed each week to all who sign up for them.

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

September 11 - 10:45 Fellowship
September 14 - 7pm, Trustees
September 18 - 10:45am, Education
September 19 - 7pm, Federated Board

BACKPACK/SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We will be distributing school supplies, downstairs, to families in need of a little help sending their children to school. Although we have had a great head start with company donations, we still need your help. Outreach will be continuing this mission throughout



the school year.

Please consider donating supplies, or better yet,

making a small financial donation.

Outreach can purchase items in bulk at a significant discounts. Checks can be made out to the Federated Church and marked "Backpack/ School Supplies". Thank you for supporting our community. See Dan B if you have questions.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is one of the ways we meet the needs of our congregation and our community. We have been able to provide assistance to members in emergency situations as well as provide gift cards for food, medicine and gas. If you or someone you know is ever in a time of need, please talk with Pastor Jason.

Donations to this fund can be made by writing a check to the church with the words Pastor's Discretionary Fund in the memo line. Donations can also be given in the form of gift cards from local grocery stores or gas stations. We thank you for helping us serve our community. - Pastor Jason

SHARING THE LOVE INC

Love INC is still building beds and you could be a carpenter just like the most famous carpenter of all!

Join us every 2nd and 4th Saturday from now through September from 9am till Noon at Life Bridge Community Church, 200 W. Liberty in Wauconda. Contact Dan Baron for details.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

On September Sundays 11 and 18, Pastor Crystal will be leading our teen ministry in worship service. The service will be held in the basement area. All teens (High School Only) are encouraged to attend.

CHOIR RESUMES

The choir has been on hiatus while we enjoyed special music presentations during the summer months. On September 11, the choir will resume regular performances at the Sunday services.



FOCW - September 26

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, September 26. The Fellowship of Christian Women (FOCW) usually meets the last Monday of each month at 7:00pm from August through May. All women of the church are invited. Join us and learn what we're planning for the coming year.

CARE CENTRE SING-ALONG:

Sep 28

A Wauconda Care Centre Sing-along is held on the 4th



Wednesday of each month at 3:00pm. Meet at the Care Center, just off Rt. 176, at 2:45pm if you'd like to help pass out songbooks and greet the residents before the fun begins. Join us as we bring the worship of God in song to the people at the Wauconda Care Centre.

RUMMAGE SALE, RUMMAGE SALE

Sept. 29, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1

We will be accepting donations through Sept. 11. If you need to drop things off on any day other



than Sunday you can contact Nancy, Charlie or Tabitha Lucius and we can meet you to unlock the door. Nancy [847-848-5023](tel:847-848-5023), [847-865-3300](tel:847-865-3300), Tabitha [224-864-3531](tel:224-864-3531)

NO LARGE FURNITURE PLEASE!

We will need help so please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Thanks

SAVE THESE DATES

1. On **October 27th** we will be celebrating the Federated church version of Oktoberfest with an event which will include entertainment, a trivia contest, prizes, a raffle and, of course, German food. The event will be held at The Golf Club and it promises to be a fun evening for all. The cost for the event will be \$20 or \$80 for a table. Invite your neighbors, invite your friends, get a trivia team together and get ready to have fun at our October event. Funds raised at this event will go toward Family and Youth Ministries.

2. Our youth ministry will be participating in worship service on **October 30, 2016.**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- Dec 3

It's time to "save the date" for our annual Christmas Bazaar and start thinking about how you can help. Here are some

suggestions: volunteer to help that day, bake for our Cookie Walk and Baked goods section, make crafts, go through your accessories that are gathering dust and give them to our Glamorama Boutique, watch for treasures you can donate for Grandma's Attic.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

More and more people are going online to see what's happening! Remember that our church **Calendar**, as well as **News** details such as **Announcements** and current **Events**, are available on our website:

www.federatedchurchofwauconda.org
You'll also find blogs, pictures, videos, choir music and recent Worship Services.

WELCOME OUR NEW WEBMASTER

As of June, Melissa Pearson has assumed the position of Webmaster and is doing a great job. Please send her any information (or photos) about events and activities that you would like to see posted on our website.

PLANNING AN EVENT?

First, check the church calendar to make sure your date is available. Then send Judy the details about your event so she can get the information to the right people for publication.

DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT CARDS

The Fund Raising Committee is offering Digital Entertainment Cards for sale. Remember when youth groups and school groups were selling the big, bulky Entertainment Books to raise money? We would look through the books to find a coupon we could use and then tear it out and promptly leave it at home. Fast forward to today, problem solved!!!! The entertainment is now an APP that you download to your phone. That way it goes with you everywhere and uses the phone locator function to "bring up" deals in your area. It is valid from the date it is downloaded and it is good all across the country which makes it an excellent purchase before travel or vacation. The card costs \$20 and the church keeps \$10 from each sale. See Mary Steffen or Toni Null to purchase cards.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR

Start your week off right with a time of fellowship with friends from the church. We meet every week on Monday at 8:00am at the Wauconda Café on Rt. 176. Join us for coffee, breakfast or just a good conversation.



**SEPTEMBER 2016
USHERS & ACOLYTES**

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Greeter for September – TBD		
Sept. 4	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Mary Taylor	
	Ted Tremont	
	Chris Wilson	
Sept. 11	Dick Bode	TBD
	Sandy Gendusa	
	Heidi Leo	
	Mindy Taylor	
Sept. 18	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Ruby Haugaard	
	Ann Petersen	
	Tony Rake	
Sept. 25	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Dave Fehlman	
	Jim Hill	
	Joyce Hill	

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Sept. 4	Pastor Crystal
Sept. 11	Mary Steffen
Sept. 18	Peggy Martin
Sept. 25	Ruby Haugaard

SEPTEMBER NURSERY ASSISTANTS

Sept. 4	Lisa Morrison
Sept. 11	Linda Vrabec
Sept. 18	Madison Jensen
Sept. 25	Geraldyn Carr



**OCTOBER 2016
USHERS & ACOLYTES**

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Greeter for October – Mike Scholl		
Oct. 2	Jutta Culbertson	TBD
	Dave Fehlman	
	Peggy Martin	
	Tom Martin	
Oct. 9	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Mary Taylor	
	Ted Tremont	
	Tony Rake	
Oct. 16	Dick Bode	TBD
	Sandy Gendusa	
	Heidi Leo	
	Mindy Taylor	
Oct. 23	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Dave Fehlman	
	Jim Hill	
	Joyce Hill	
Oct. 30	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Ruby Haugaard	
	Ann Petersen	
	Tony Rake	

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Oct. 2	Pastor Crystal
Oct. 9	Lou Ann Kozderka
Oct. 16	Louise Bundy
Oct. 23	Cheryl Ficht
Oct. 30	Mary Steffen

OCTOBER NURSERY ASSISTANTS

Oct. 2	Val Whitman
Oct. 9	Lisa Morrison
Oct. 16	Linda Vrabec
Oct. 23	Madison Jensen
Oct. 30	Geraldyn Carr



Worship Schedule

Sundays - 9:30am
Sunday School (Sept.-May) - 9:45am
Fellowship - 10:30am

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Youth Coordinator.....Valerie Lucius

☺ Become a greeter at Federated and make a difference! Anyone interested in sharing a smile, a hug, a handshake or just making someone feel welcome, contact Mary Taylor at 847-526-7151.

☺ Please remember to notify the church office if you have a change of address, phone number or a new email address.

☺ Recordings of our Sunday worship services are available on our website. Go to our website to view the latest worship service:

www.federatedchurchofwauconda.org

☺ Our Beacon newsletter is also on the website. If you no longer wish to receive a copy by mail, please drop us a note or call the church office at 847-526-8471 and we will remove your name from our mailing list.

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