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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN –

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It was a long season of work, teaching, preaching, healing the sick and performing miracles. The most dynamic of these signs was the feeding of over 5,000 people. The crowd was so impressed by him that they intended to make him their king. After all what had Herod or Caesar ever done for them except to collect taxes? Here was a man who miraculously fed them and didn't ask for a copper mite in return.

Of course it wasn't time for Jesus to be exalted, so he sent the disciples on ahead of him and he found a quiet place to rest and pray. It was a short break, away from the crowds and with the storm coming over the lake he couldn't stay where he was. He needed to be to the other side of the lake by the morning. He could have walked around the lake, but he chose to walk across the lake, stepping on the water as if it were firm ground.

He intended to pass the boat of his disciples unseen, but they saw him and panicked. It was night and the waves were getting rough. The last thing they expected to see was a man walking on the water and they jumped to the conclusion that they had seen a ghost. Jesus calmed them and Peter took a step or two on the water before needing to be saved.

The next morning the crowd returned to see the man who could feed a crowd with just a small boy's lunch. Jesus was by now on the other side of the lake, and so the people climbed into boats and hurried to catch up with him. When they found him, Jesus basically told them not to follow him for a free lunch, but to work for food that endures to eternal life. *Then they asked him,*

“What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” (John 6:28-29)

What are you working for in life? I am grateful to have money to put food on my table for my family, but I can tell you I am not working as your pastor just for food. So then, what should I be working for? What should you be working for as Christians? If we sat around all day just believing, would that be enough? Let's be honest, if we did, not much work would get done.

So then why did Jesus say that the work of God is to believe in the one God has sent? If we believe in Jesus, in his teaching and his offer of forgiveness and salvation, then we must also be part of that work. We need to be teachers, healers, forgivers and servants of God in our families and communities. You might not be able to turn a McDonald's hamburger into a feast for the entire town, but then again it doesn't take a miracle to make sure people are fed and cared for. When we believe, we share in Christ's work of love. We act as a healing factor in a chaotic world, seeking God's peace for our families and all nations.

God so loved the world that he sent his son, and Jesus so loved the world that he sent us, to be part of that work of belief; that work of faith that leads people into eternity. Let us never lose sight that our faith leads us into action and that action is God's love at work in our community and world.

Pastor Jason Hladik



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 29 – 68
June 05 – 73
June 12 – 96
June 19 – 62
June 26 – 64
July 03 – 50
July 10 – 62
July 17 – 75
July 24 –

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 HOURS

Pastor Jason's hours are Monday through Thursday 9am-2pm. He will be in the office at this time unless called away due to ministry. Even when he is not in the office he can be reached 24/7 by phone or text at 630-673-0492. You can also contact him at any time at pastorhladik@icloud.com.

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.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Geri Meyer on the passing of her brother, Joe White, on July 7. A memorial service is planned for August 6 at 10:30am at the church.

Our condolences to the family of Lyle and Jennifer Haerle on the passing of their son, Joel Haerle, on July 18.

MEETINGS IN AUGUST

August 01 - 7pm, Worship Meeting
August 10 - 7pm, Trustees Meeting
August 14 - 10:45, Fellowship Meeting
August 15 - 7pm, Federated Board Meeting
August 21 - 10:45am, Education Meeting
August 22 - 7:00pm, FOCW Meeting

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

During the summer months, our choir does not perform. However we have a wonderful lineup of special music:



Aug 7: VBS Kids Program
Aug 14: Pastor Jason and Dori Cacioppo
Aug 21: Candee Nustra and Nick Batson
Aug 28: Larry Kujovich

RELAY FOR LIFE REPORT

Our relay for life team had the best year ever! \$8,466 was raised to help in the fight against cancer!!!! Relay was on Saturday June 11th at Paulus Park. It was very hot and very humid, yet 30 people from Federated were there!! It was great to spend this very heart touching evening with so many from our church family. A big thank you to everyone for your time and generosity.

We could have never done it without your help!! Thank you

The Federated Faith Walkers

THANK YOU from Pastor Jason

I wanted to say thank you to the church for the kind birthday present. The gift card allowed me to purchase books which added to my relaxation on our family vacation. Your kindness to our girls, Tiffany and me touches my heart. Thank you for being a blessing to us.

Pastor Jason

SHARING THE LOVE INC

Love INC is building beds again. That's right; 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.

VBS: July 31 - August 4

Vacation Bible School kicks off on Sunday, July 31 during the regular church service. There will be sessions each evening from 6:30 to 8pm on August 1 through August 4. We will conclude with a presentation during the Sunday Worship Service on August 7.



Our theme this year is "ACTION BREEDS CONFIDENCE AND COURAGE." We will be working with Bible study heroes - men and women. Children from our congregation who

bring one or more friends to VBS will receive a prize.

Be sure to register for VBS. Registration forms are on the table by the entrance and online in the NEWS section of our website.

Contact the church office at [847-526-8471](tel:847-526-8471) or federatedchurch200@sbcglobal.net if you have questions.

ECUMENICAL PICNIC – Aug. 7

At Noon on Sunday, August 7th, the Wauconda Island Lake Minister's Association will be hosting their annual Ecumenical Picnic. This year the owners of Phil's Beach have graciously offered to host the event on their property. While there will not be any swimming, it will be a chance to walk down memory lane as we fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout our community. We will also be saying farewell to Father Ronald Gollatz, Priest of Transfiguration Catholic Church who is retiring after many years of faithful service to our community. Come share in the fun.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES – Aug. 8 and 9

On August 8th and 9th we will be starting a new Bible Study series called Bible Story Cafe. Come join us for a cup of coffee, tea and some treats as we read and interact with the stories of the bible in a casual atmosphere. Our Monday Morning 10am group will be starting in the New Testament and our Tuesday Evening 6pm group will be starting in the Old Testament. We hope to see you there.

SUPER SENIORS LUNCHEON – Aug. 17

Join us at 11:30am at Maggiano's for another fun lunch. The address is 122 Hawthorn Center in Vernon Hills.

FOCW LUNCHEON – Aug. 20

Our annual FOCW Ladies Luncheon will be held at 12 Noon on Saturday, August 20, at Beelow's Steakhouse on Rand Road in Lake Zurich. We will be in the inside Dining Room where you will be offered a choice of

Chicken Marsala or Salmon. The cost is \$20 and includes a beverage.

Please sign up by July 31 and send your payment by August 14 to Candee or Lou Ann. Friends are always welcome.

SUMMER PICNIC – Aug. 21

Food, fellowship, fun! All can be found at our Annual Church Picnic, after church on Sunday, August 21. Fellowship will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns, as well as drinks.

Be sure to sign up and let us know what dish you would like to bring to share (salad, chips, dessert, etc). There will be a "bouncy house," games for kids, and a good time for all. Call Tabitha Lucius at 224-864-3531 if you have questions.



BRIDAL SHOWER FOR CRYSTAL

During our Annual Church Picnic on Aug. 21, FOCW will sponsor a Gift Card Bridal Shower for Pastor Crystal - who is planning for her wedding to Linwood on September 24. Since she and her fiancé will be combining two homes, it's hard to know what they might need so we decided to do something a little different and shower her with Gift Cards. If you would like to wish her well, bring her a gift card from your favorite place of business: store, restaurant, hotel, etc - when you come to the picnic. Some examples would be: Macy's, Von Maur, Amazon, Wild Fire Restaurant, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Massage Envy



FOCW – Aug. 22

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, August 22. 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.

WAUCONDA CARE SING-ALONG -

Aug. 24

A Wauconda Care 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 share in the worship of God in song with these people.

We are looking for volunteers who would love to sing and minister to the residents. Please see Pastor Jason if you would like to volunteer.

FOR ALL WHO LOVE TO SING

Our first choir practice will be on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 7pm and our first performance will be Sunday, Sept. 11. We will continue to practice every Tuesday at 7pm until the end of May.



If you have any questions, please contact Geri Meyer at 847-526-8191. New faces and voices are always welcome! If you love to sing, please join us.

RUMMAGE SALE - Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1

The Annex is now open on Sundays for your donations. We will be accepting donations through Sept. 11th. If you need to drop off stuff any other day than Sunday you can contact Nancy, Charlie or Tabitha Lucius and we can meet you to unlock the door. NO LARGE FURNITURE PLEASE! Thank you in advance.



Nancy [847-848-5023](tel:847-848-5023), [847-865-3300](tel:847-865-3300)

Tabitha [224-864-3531](tel:224-864-3531)

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.



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.

Please continue to send your articles to the newsletter editor by the 3rd Monday of each month for publication in the Beacon. You can reach Sylvia at: Azuresbc@gmail.com

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

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

www.federatedchurchofwauconda.org

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

If you have special information or photos of events and activities that you would like to see posted on our website, send them to our web master, Melissa P. at:

starsapphyre@hotmail.com

WELCOME OUR NEW WEBMASTER

As of June, Melissa Pearson has assumed the position of Webmaster and is doing a great job. Thank you, Melissa, for taking on this responsibility.

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.

DUFFIN MEMORIAL GARDEN

We have recently done some work on the Duffin Memorial Garden (located outside the lounge door). Existing plants were weeded and transplanted and then fine mulch was added for ground cover. Take a minute and sit on one of the beautiful benches to count your blessings and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. The tree that was donated by the Redmore family in Peggy's name is doing great!

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

During a recent community emergency, approximately 1500 residents were evacuated from their homes for several hours. The Federated Church of Wauconda opened its doors to shelter people from the community who had nowhere else to go. Pastor Jason and Tiffany, officially on vacation, spent the entire time at the church handing out water and visiting with our guests. Several members of our church also helped out. Our church is also a storm shelter and the C.E.R.T. team can make it available to any Wauconda resident when weather threatens. Thanks to all who hosted and helped during that crucial time. We want to be a beacon in our community and this is a good start.

CRUISE NIGHT PARKING

As most of you know, Wauconda holds a Cruise night on the third Tuesday of every month from June through September. Traffic and parking are a nightmare, so the fundraising



committee decided to ask for donations of \$5 from people who might like to park in our lot for the evening. We weren't sure how community members would respond, but many have actually thanked us for making the lot available to them. If you can help from 4pm to 8pm on the third Tuesday of the month, please call Toni Null, Chuck Burton or Mary Steffen. Thanks in advance for your help.

HELP AND IDEAS WANTED!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Fundraising Committee is tentatively planning an October event which may include a meal, entertainment, Trivia contest and raffle. If you would like to help with this

event, please contact Mary Steffen. Many hands make light work.

THANK YOU from Mary Ann Beatty

June 12, 2016

Dear Don, Gerry and the Federated Board,

I want to thank you all from beyond the bottom of my heart for being my guardian angels in my time of need. In agreeing to let me use The Federated Church (on such short notice!) for my student's recital this afternoon, you truly demonstrated God's love and caring for others here on earth. Such uncompromising generosity took my breath away. I marveled at how quickly you came to my rescue. My prayers had been answered - you brought about a "miracle" for me. Know that all the singing that will take place in your worship today will be in my mind and my heart - giving praise to God and thanks for you, His true earthly disciples.

Please accept this modest donation in thanksgiving for your true kindness. (Perhaps the Music Minister could use it for whatever you think best.)

Gratefully, Mary Ann Beatty

PASTOR OF ACCESSIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE

The Federated Board would like to acknowledge the ministry of Rev. Fred Berchtold and honor him by giving him the title of Pastor of Accessibility and Acceptance. He is a retired United Methodist Pastor, and this is a voluntary position. Pastor Jason, Pastor Crystal and the Federated Board are grateful to have him on our ministry team. If you have any ideas for improving our ministry and accessibility to people of all needs, he would be glad to talk with you. His contact info will be in the bulletin each week.

**AUGUST 2016
USHERS & ACOLYTES**

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Greeter – Mary & Phil Abraham		
Aug. 7	Dick Bode	TBD
	Sandy Gendusa	
	Heidi Leo	
	Mindy Taylor	
Aug. 14	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Dave Fehlman	
	Jim Hill	
	Joyce Hill	
Aug. 21	Paul Bacon	TBD
	Ruby Haugaard	
	Ann Petersen	
	Tony Rake	
Aug. 28	Jutta Culbertson	TBD
	Dave Fehlman	
	Peggy Martin	
	Tom Martin	

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Aug. 7	Peggy Martin
Aug. 14	Lou Ann Kozderka
Aug. 21	Louise Bundy
Aug. 28	Cheryl Ficht

AUGUST NURSERY ASSISTANTS

Aug. 7	Linda Vrabec
Aug. 14	Madison Jensen
Aug. 21	Geraldyn Carr
Aug. 28	Val Whitman



**SEPTEMBER 2016
USHERS & ACOLYTES**

DATE	USHERS	ACOLYTES
Greeter – 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	Tony Rake
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



Worship Schedule

Sundays - 9:30am

Sunday School (Sept.-May) - 9:45am

Fellowship - 10:30am

CHURCH STAFF

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Director of Music/Organist.....Geri Meyer

Nursery Attendant.....Nancy Lucius

Youth Coordinator.....Valerie Lucius

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☺ 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

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Thank you for your generosity!

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