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ROLLO UCC CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ROLLO PEWS

From the Pastors Pen - David Fraccaro

Dear Rollo Congregational Congregants and Friends,

It's been a deeply meaningful Lenten season for me. I was honored to spend Easter morning with all of you - celebrating our risen Christ and remembering that nothing, not even death, can stand in the way of God's redeeming love in the world.

As I shared in my Easter sermon:

I know this has been a hard Lenten season, a hard year for many of you. It can be awfully hard to show a brave, got it all together face to the world when you know at times you are crumbling inside, but I want you to know – that you aren't alone, Jesus understands and cares, and so do all of us.....and what Jesus death and resurrection means for all of us is that no matter what you are going through, your suffering is not, and will not ever be the end of the story. There is always hope, the love of God is always with you, when one door closes another one will eventually open. Your job is to keep your head above water, to keep the faith, and to remember there is a sun above the clouds.

We started this Lenten season with some of God's first words to humanity – from dust you come and to dust we will all eventually return. Death is an inescapable reality for all of us, but the good news of Jesus resurrection is not only relegated to the ups and downs of our life on this earth, but life everlasting...so even when our stories may be over on earth, do not be afraid, there is a beautiful next chapter in heaven. We are assured that for those who try to follow his way, God holds a special place for us in heaven. And as we've discussed this Lent, we will all sin, all get off track, all miss the mark for God's call for our lives and for humanity. The good news this Easter is that our sins are forgiven, but remember, please remember, our sins are forgiven so that we might live the way he commands us to, so that we might love God and love one another as ourselves. Given all that Jesus went through and suffered, it's the least we can do. If we want to honor what he sacrificed as a Christian, then we should try and live a life worth dying for....one that reflects the kingdom of God on earth that we pray for each and every Sunday of our lives.

Believe or not, I've seen glimpses of the kingdom, felt the spirit of Jesus, in many of you this season – moments when you made time to offer someone with medical needs a ride, an ear, a hug, moments when you decided to talk with and help a homeless person on the side of the road, moments when you opened your hearts to help the plight of immigrants and refugees, moments when you forgave someone who upset or hurt you, moments when you prayed for the safety and well-being of someone you don't know, moments you checked in on someone who was lonely, and afraid, moments when you helped a struggling family with rent and bills, moments when you spoke up at injustice in the world, not out of your politics, but out of your loyalty to the teachings of the one we call Lord and Savior, who died on the cross so that we might learn to live a life full of compassion, grace, and love.

May the Easter story and season restore our belief in Christ, and grant us the courage and character to continue to follow His way in the world today.

Peace my beloved friends and church family.
Pastor David

Christian Ed Report - Gloria Foster

We've enjoyed watching the children participant during church services and wish them well as the Sunday School year is winding down. A big thank you to all the teachers for sharing your gifts with the children! We appreciate all of you: lead teachers Barb Bend and Ellen Kupecz, and helpers Jamie Gibson and Katie Koks! Next year will bring some changes as Katie Koks takes on the role of lead teacher, with the others assisting as needed. Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring food for Easter breakfast.

Trustees Report - Bryan Wald

- * Received a quote on new outside South doors. Considering one big door to replace two smaller doors. A 2nd quote will be obtained.
- * Still determining disposition of the parsonage, local land owner, Habitat for Humanity, etc.
- * Will be getting quotes for new lighting In sanctuary. Decision forthcoming to prioritize lighting or new outside doors.

Diaconate Report - Tami Johnson

In March, we celebrated the 160th anniversary of the church with recognition of long-time members and cake during cookie fellowship. At the time the member list was compiled, Swede Svendsen was the longest member at 75 years, followed by Jane Buland at 74, and Gloria Foster at 71.

We had a wonderful Lenten Bible Study with 12-15 participants. We delved deeper into the meaning of scriptures applicable to Lent, and we thank Rev David for his leadership and insight. Thank you to everyone who participated and provided food.

Please plan on attending our Annual Cross-Town Classic to be held on June 29th at the Rollo baseball diamond. A picnic lunch will be provided after church service. As we did last year, our collection that Sunday will go towards helping community members experiencing financial hardships. We would like to continue the tradition of summer outdoor services and are looking for volunteers to host church service during July, August, and September. Please talk to Rev David or a Diaconate member if you are willing to host.

When Rev David is on vacation, our first choice is a sermon given by a substitute Pastor. However, it has been increasingly difficult to find an available Pastor. Rather than cancel church, options include a taped sermon, readings, or a short sermon/talk given by a member. If you are someone who would like to participate in this manner, please discuss with Rev David or a Diaconate member.

The kitchen closet has been organized and paper supplies are now in labeled bins. Going forward, the Diaconate will monitor the supplies and purchase as needed (with help from hospitality). The Diaconate will assume responsibility for purchasing paper towels, kleenex, and toilet paper. We hope to make this a smooth transition, but please bring it to our attention if you notice that something is running low. Thank you to everyone who has bought supplies over the years!

You may have noticed that we did not have a sign up sheet for Easter lilies. The Diaconate decided that since the flowers were part of the Easter decorating, we would discontinue the tradition of asking members to sign up and pay for the flowers. In the past we've ordered more flowers than people have signed up for. We will however invite members to take the flowers home shortly after Easter.

Just an FYI..... although the Christ candle is on the altar, it is primarily to be lit during the Epiphany Season (4 Sundays before Christmas and the time leading up until Lent). So as a general rule, the acolyte just needs to light the altar candles..... until Epiphany roles around again. Any questions, just ask.

The 2025/26 Usher, Lay Reader, and Cookie Fellowship lists are included in this newsletter.

As usual, the Diaconate continues to be a busy committee. If we've inadvertently forgotten something, or something is unclear, please let us know. Thank you for your help and participation in the services and celebrations!

Treasurers Report - Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$98,089.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	3-31-25	\$24,522.24	\$23,254.63	(\$1,267.61)
EXPENDITURES	3-31-25	\$24,522.24	\$15,273.65	(\$7,980.98)

From the Money Counter

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$36,809.44

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$35,892.95

150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 1,000.21
Building Fund:	\$ 0.00
Family Relief Fund:	\$ 857.00
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,439.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 4,714.73
Insurance Claim	\$ 15,349.75
Lighting Fund	\$ 6,375.00
Undesignated:	\$ 4,940.76



Current CD Balance as of 1/31/2025: 3.5% \$ 4,59.49-First State

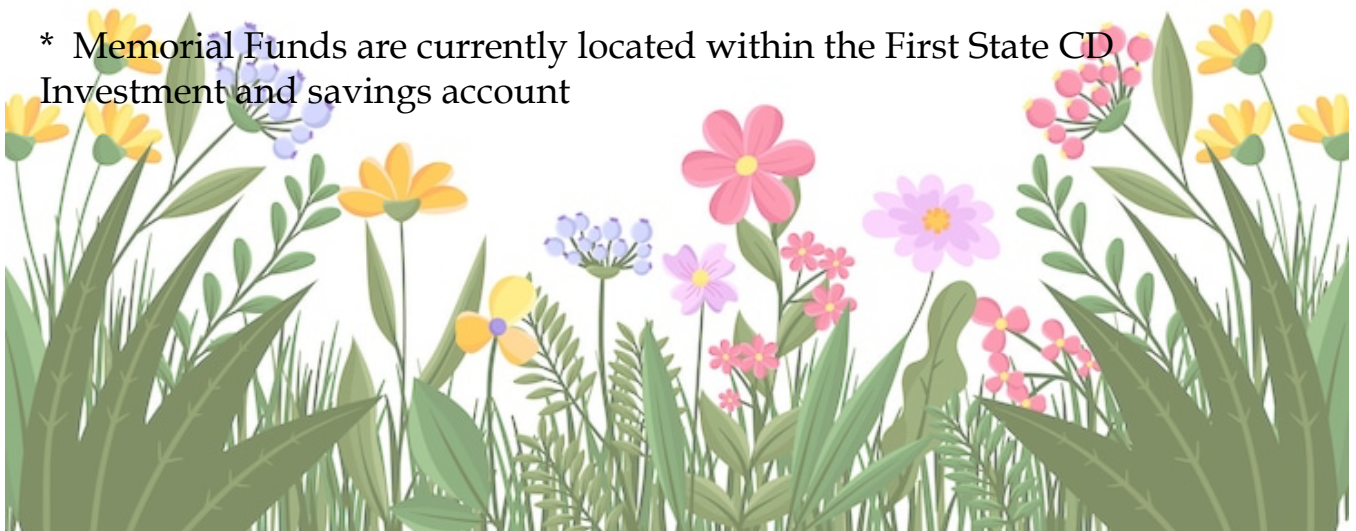
Current CD Balance as of 1/31/2025: 5% \$ 25,551.29-Resource

Balance in Savings Account: .15% \$ 10,341.66-Resource

Total Savings: \$ 35,892.95

Memorial Fund: \$ 9,474.22

* Memorial Funds are currently located within the First State CD Investment and savings account



2025-2026 Lists

Lay Readers - 2025

June 1 Beth Prestagaard
June 8 Gloria Foster
June 15 Doris Rex
June 22 Tami Johnson
June 29 Ron Wald
July 6 Susan Foster
July 13 Ann Gilmore
July 20 Carol Bend
July 27 Barb Bend
August 3 Curt Foster
August 10 Bob Gilmore
August 17 Elburn Days
August 24 Katie Koks
August 31 Jeff Svendsen
September 7 Laura Fassig
September 14 Ellen Kupecz
September 21 Carol Bend
September 28 Stacy Richardson
October 5 Zach Kasper
October 12 Beth Prestegaard
October 19 Gloria Foster
October 26 Inga Peterson
November 2 Tami Johnson
November 9 Susan Foster
November 16 Ron Wald
November 23 Ann Gilmore
November 30 Stacy Richardson
December 7 Bryan Wald
December 14 Barb Bend
December 21 Curt Foster
December 28 Bob Gilmore

Lay Readers - 2026

January 4 Katie Koks
January 11 Jeff Svendsen
January 18 Laura Fassig
January 25 Ellen Kupecz
February 1 Stacy Richardson
February 8 Zach Kasper
February 15 Beth Prestegaard
February 22 Gloria Foster

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April 19 Curt Foster
April 28 Katie Koks
May 3 Jeff Svendsen
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May 17 Ron Wald
Mary 24 Carol Bend
May 31 Gloria Foster

Usher

May 2025
 Zach Kasper & Darryl Kupecz
June 2025
 Bob Gilmore & Keith Fassig
July 2025
 Ron Wald & Curt Foster
August 2025
 Dave Bend & Jeff Svendsen
September 2025
 Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey
October 2025
 Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson
November 2025
 Ron Wald & Darryl Kupecz
December 2025
 Dave Bend & Chuck Johnson
January 2026
 Jeff Svendsen & Larry Svendsen
February 2026
 Dave Gibson & Zach Kasper
March 2026
 Bob Gilmore & Mike Johnson
April 2026
 Wayne Davey & Keith Fassig
May 2026
 Curt Foster & Larry Svendsen

Cookie Fellowship

July 27, 2025

Doris Rex, Inga Peterson, and Lisa Johnson

August 31, 2025

Susan Foster, Tami Johnson, and Gloria Foster

September 28, 2025

Stacy Richardson, Sherry McInerney, and Beth Prestegaard

October 26, 2025

Katie Koks, Barb Bend, and Ellen Kupecz

December (date TBD)

Tami Johnson, Gloria Foster, and Lisa Johnson

February 22, 2026

Susan Foster, Ann Gilmore, Sherry McInerney

March 29, 2026

Audrey Kuring, Carol Svendsen, and Laura Fassig

April 26, 2026

Stacy Richardson, Beth Prestegaard, and Carol Bend

May 31, 2026

Deb Davey, Ann Gilmore, and Carol Svendsen

Please Remember In Your

Prayers & Thoughts

*Prayers for all those affected by war,
poverty, forced migration, violence, and
natural disasters.....that peace, dignity,
and love may prevail.*

All our Service men & women

Wayne Martin

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

Kristen Thomas (Richardson)

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Philip Peterson

Lane Parrott

Stan Kasper

Sandy Bullis

Pharell Stoffer

Roberta Armstrong

Mary Jane Smith

Nick Gaston

Mike McInerney

Helen, Jack & Anne Hart

Robyn Hahn (*Toni Moniz*)

Family of Swede & Judy Svendsen

Family of Linda Stanberg

The family of Jack Bryan

Family of Mary Jane Smith

Family & Friends of Jean Williams



May 05 - James Ritter

May 09 - Rachel Foster

May 11 - Philip Peterson

May 18 - Jessica Olson

May 21 - Paxton Maple

May 23 - Jamie Gibson

May 25 - Jack Gletty
& Sara Schilling

May 26 - Theda Peterson

May 31 - Ellen Sue Kupecz
& Kelsie Jordal

Announcements

May 4 - Diaconate Mtg at 10:15 am

May 11 - Trustees Mtg at 10:15 am

May 25 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Deb D., Sherry M. & Doris R.

June 1 - Diaconate Mtg at 10:15 am

June 8 - Trustees Mtg at 9:45 am

Council Mtg at 10:20 am

June 29 - Crosstown Service

July 6 - Diaconate Mtg at 10:15 am

July 13 - Trustees Mtg at 10:15 am

July 27 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Doris Rex, Inga Peterson, and Lisa
Johnson



Happy Birthday!

June 02 - Jane Buland

June 04 - Stacy Richardson
& Brian Eide

June 09 - Emily Schilling

June 13 - Laura Fassig
& Junia Epperson

June 19 - Hannah Koks

June 21 - Henry Fraccaro

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