

News & Views From Rollo Pews

July/August 2025

If you turn on the news these days, you know there's a lot going on in the world.....and most of it isn't good news: concerns of nuclear war with Iran, shootings of politicians, immigration raids, protests in the streets, the unchecked rise of artificial intelligence, global warming....and that's just what is in the headlines. The amount of deep division and urgent crises in the world can be overwhelming, and cause a lot of fear and anxiety. I would imagine everyone reading this has felt down at some point about the state of the world today, and if we aren't careful it can cause us to feel hopeless, to get lost in despair.

This is the world we live in and that our children will inherit long after we are gone; the world God trusts us to take good care of. While it can be tempting to throw our hands up and say, *well, these issues don't really affect me, so until they do, I won't waste my time thinking about it all.* If we are to take our faith seriously however, then we must pray AND do something to bring understanding, peace, and justice to our corner of the world.

The thing is, it can be awfully hard to think about, more less care about, more less do something about all the issues in the world when we have our own issues going on. How are we supposed to try and change the world when life is already hard enough at home, when we are dealing with our own struggles and demons?

When life is particularly hard, we must be willing to vulnerably lay our burdens down at Jesus' feet. We have to be ok with not having it all together, remembering that there are some things we can change in life (both inside ourselves and out in the world) and some things we can't, at least not on our own, and it's crucial we ask for God's (and other human being's) help when we need it.

It is when we humble ourselves and ask for that help that God parts the clouds of worry and despair, and we begin to experience some hope and joy in life again. We become aware of just how sacred each day truly is, and take time to: listen to birds outside, watch a beautiful sunset, hum a tune on the way to work with a smile on our face, and help a neighbor or even a stranger in need....giving thanks to God for this one unpredictable, yet beautiful life with new eyes and a refreshed soul.

Then, when our cups are full (or as Psalm 23 puts it, *when our cup runneth over*), and we feel our worth once again, we just might find ourselves caring about the issues of the world, and wanting to do something to help others. So....don't lose hope. Turn to God in prayer, count your blessings each day, and be the change you want to see in the world.

The Treasurer Report by Wayne Davey

From the Money Counter

BUDGET \$98,089.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	May 31, 2025	\$40,870.40	\$32,591.63	(\$8,278.77)
EXPENDITURES	May 31, 2025	\$40,870.40	\$33,982.41	(\$6,887.99)
DIFFERENECE		\$0	(\$1,390.78)	(\$1,390.78)

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$26,634.35

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$36,646.94

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: \$ 5,389.79
Insurance Claim \$ 15,349.75
Lighting Fund \$ 6,375.00
Undesignated: \$ 5,019.69

*Current CD Balance as of 5/31/2025: 3.5% \$ 4,784.43-First State
(Memorial Funds)

Current CD Balance as of 5/31/2025: 5% \$ 25,601.28-Resource

Balance in Savings Account: .15% \$ 11,045.66-Resource

Total Savings: \$ 36,646.94

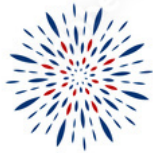
Memorial Fund: \$ 10,174.22

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

The Diaconate Report by Tami Johnson

Summer is here, and we are planning 4 outdoor services, starting with the Cross Town Classic that was on June 29th at the Rollo Field of Dreams. Two families have offered to host outdoor services, The Petersen/Rex Family on July 27 and Wayne and Deb Davey on September 28th. August 31st is still open if a family would like to host. We will be joining Elburn UCC for a joint outdoor service at Elburn Days on August 17. Please join us in worship at these very special services!

5K Walk/Run for N.I.C.E. is Sunday August 24th at 12:30. Sponsor sheets are on the back table. July is Rollo's month to volunteer at N.I.C.E.

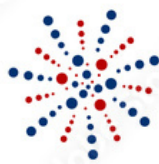


The Trustees Report by Bryan Wold

Disposition of the parsonage is still uncertain.

Internet seems to be working ok in last few weeks after problems in the Spring.

Only one vendor was available to install the new church entrance doors so Trustees will contact vendor and initiate a timeframe for work to be done.



The Christian Ed Report by Gloria Foster

Sunday School is on summer break and will resume in September. We congratulate all the teachers and students on a successful year!

Happy Birthday!

July 01 – Katie Schilling
July 02 – Wade & Scot Benson
July 06 – Darby Bend
July 07 – Sydney Bend &
Carol Svendsen &
Jodie Richardson
& Kim Jordal
July 11 – Lauren Jordal
July 15 – Hilary Foster
& Taylor Martin
& Mitchell Lyons
July 19 – Paige Koks
July 25 – Jane Baird
July 27 – Beth Fassig
July 29 – Adrienne Benson
& Ron Bend

August 04 – Susan Foster
August 06 – Lyndsay Goble
August 08 – Ryan Gletty
August 09 – Ros Richardson
August 11 – Kevin Schilling
August 12 – Beth Prestegarrd
August 14 – Lucas Svendsen
August 15 – Taylor White
August 23 – Madyson Olson
August 29 – Kora Svendsen
& Andrea Hanson
August 30 – Jackson Kasper



Lay Reader List

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 R.

Cookie Fellowship List

August 31 - Susan Foster, Tami Johnson, and Gloria Foster

Usher List

July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster
August - Dave Bend & Jeff Svendsen
September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey



**Please Remember In Your
Prayers & Thoughts**

*Prayers for all those affected by war,
poverty, forced migration, violence,
and natural disastersthat 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

Nick Gaston

Mike McInerney

Camilla Boston

Barb Bend

Martha Bianco

Sandy Bullis

Ardie Sprowls

Robyn Hahn (*Toni Moniz*)

Family of Irene Oliver

The Family of Dave Fultz

Announcements

July 27 - Outdoor Service with
Peterson/Rex Family

Aug. 3 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Aug. 10 - Trustees Mtg at 9:45 am
Council Mtg at 10:20 am

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE!

Aug. 17 - Outdoor Services at Elburn Days

Aug. 24 - NICE 5K Walk/Run

Aug. 31 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Susan Foster, Tami Johnson
and Gloria Foster

Sept. 7 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Sept. 14 - Trustees Mtg at 9:45 am

Sept. 28 - Outdoor Service in the barn at
Wayne & Deb Davey's House

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Sunday, August 24th at
12:30. Sponsor sheets are on
the back table.**

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volunteer at N.I.C.E.
Help is needed from 8-11am**



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