

News & Views from Rollo Pews

November & December 2025



From Reverend David's Pen

Dear Rollo UCC Members and Friends,

With the arrival of autumn, comes the end of our outdoor services for the year. At a time of rapid technological change, when we are so often looking down at our screens, it has been so spiritually restoring to worship outside together, looking up at God's creation. How often in life do we really make time to watch the clouds pass by or listen to the birds sing, while praising God for this one precious life?

While we are most used to worshipping God in our sacred sanctuary, it is important we recognize that God is to be found all around us. This summer I felt the presence of God while walking the bases at the Rollo baseball field, praying under the shelter of trees at the Peterson's home, in the prairie wind at the Wald's farm, and while singing spirituals at the Davey's barn. How about you?

The most important commandment of our faith is to love God, and a big part of loving God is loving God's creation. As our lives rush by, it is crucial we take time to be present to the miracles of nature all around us and to remember our duty to protect it. It is my hope that we continue these outdoor services in the future, and discover how God is calling us to be good stewards of His beloved creation.

Peace this harvest season, and enjoy the fall of the leaves.

Pastor David Fraccaro

Christian Ed Report by Katie Koks & Gloria Foster

Sunday school has completed lessons on the well-known hymns "Amazing Grace" and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus", and we also had fun day playing Sunday School Olympics at the Davey's farm with some of our youngest church members. We are looking forward to preparing a Christmas Program to share during Advent and to learn more about Christian Music through the years.

Diaconate Report by Tami Johnson

There have been 2 baptisms since our last newsletter. Bennett Gatziolis, son of Megan and Chris Gatziolis was baptized on August 31. Raelyn Noreen, daughter of Brooke Barshinger and Derrick Milostan, was baptized on October 12.

Confirmation classes have started. Six students from Elburn and Rollo are attending via Zoom.

The Diaconate would like to thank the families that hosted outdoor services this summer, Phil and Inga Peterson, Doris Rex, Brad and Ron Wald, and Deb and Wayne Davey. All services were well-attended and meaningful. The meals afterwards were wonderful too.

\$5500 of memorial money was donated to the new front doors.

Upcoming events include our annual NICE food and Christmas drive. Food, toys, new children's clothing, and monetary donations will be accepted through November 16. NICE appreciates all food donations, but needs cans of corn, green beans, and peas. Basketballs and board games are also appreciated.

Nov 2 All Saints Day (honoring the life of Swede and Judy Svendsen, and Wayne Martin).

Nov 9 Recognition of Veterans.

Nov 16 Blessing of NICE donation.

As you can tell from the above report, our church continues to be very active with meaningful services. Each member is important and contributes to the life of our church! Thank you!

Trustees Report by Bryan Wald

- * Estimates are currently being sought for the remodeling of the bathrooms including an analysis for ADA compliance.
- * New lighting for the sanctuary will be back in focus at a later date.
- * Habitat for Humanity responded to us and said they were not interested in transporting the Parsonage to a new location. Thoughts on the disposition are welcome and may be brought up for discussion at the annual meeting.

Treasurers Report by Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$98,089.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	9/30/2025	\$73,566.72	\$84,584.63	\$11,017.91
EXPENDITURES	9/30/2025	\$73,566.72	\$83,454.12	\$9,887.40
DIFFERENCE		\$0.00	\$1,130.51	\$1,130.51

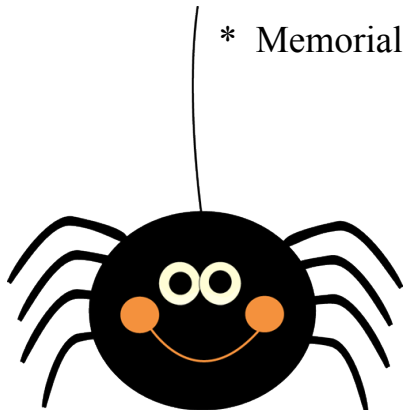
Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$26,227.53
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$45,521.99
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 7,233.94
Building Fund:	\$ 0.00
Family Relief Fund:	\$ 857.00
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,439.72
*Memorial Account:	\$ 0.00
Insurance Claim	\$ 15,349.75
Lighting Fund	\$ 6,375.00
Undesignated:	\$12,359.80



*Current CD Balance as of 8/31/2025: 3.5%	\$ 4,817.67-First State
(Memorial Funds)	
Current CD Balance as of 8/31/2025: 5%	\$ 25,702.37-Resource
Balance in Savings Account: .15%	<u>\$ 19,819.62-Resource</u>
Total Savings:	\$ 45,521.99

Memorial Fund: \$ 4,814.21

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



From the Money Counter



Announcements

Oct. 18 - Sunset & Spiritual Song Service at the Barn (Davey's)
from 5-7 pm

Oct. 26 - *Cookie Fellowship*:
Katie Koks, Barb Bend,
and Ellen Kupecz

10:00am Sunday School Participants will be preparing and serving a seasonal treat at Cookie Fellowship

Nov. 2 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am
10:30am Sunday School
All Saints Day

Nov. 9 - Trustees Mtg at 10:15 am
Veteran Recognition

Nov. 16 - Blessing of NICE donations
10:30am Sunday School
Thankful Harvest Dinner after worship

Nov. 30 - 10:30am Sunday School

Dec. 7 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Dec. 14 - Trustees Mtg at 10 am
Council Mtg at 10:15 am



**Thankful Harvest dinner will
be after worship service on
November 16th.
Details to come.**

**Susan, Sherry, Jamie & Deb would
like to thank all who sponsored them
for the CROP Walk. They collected
\$695! A total of \$18,000+!!**



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

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

Kristen Thomas (Richardson)

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

Brent Olson

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Philip Peterson

Mike McNerney

Camilla Boston

Ella Woodward

Martha Bianco

Sandy Bullis

Ron Espe

Sandy Whitman

Ardie Sprowls

Ellen Sue Kupecz

Family & Friends of Roger Pinnick

Family & Friends of Wayne Martin

Family & Friends of Joyce Hammack

Family & Friends of Monica Burman

Cookie Fellowship

December (date TBD)

Tami Johnson, Gloria Foster, and
Lisa Johnson

February 22, 2026

Susan Foster, Ann Gilmore,
Sherry McInerney

Ushers

November 2025

Ron Wald & Darryl Kupecz

December 2025

Dave Bend & Chuck Johnson

January 2026

Jeff Svendsen & Larry Svendsen

Lay Readers

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

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 Presetagaard

February 22 Gloria Foster

Nov 01 – Eila Oest

Nov 02 – Mike Johnson

Nov 03 – Deb Davey &
& Charlotte Fassig

Nov 11 – Gage Gibson

Nov 19 – Matt Maple

Nov 23 – Delaney Bend
& Joshua Johnson
& Mike Martin

Nov 24 – Curt Foster
& Landon Schmidt

Nov 26 – Mike Peters

Nov 28 – Lindsay Richardson
& Randall Wald

Nov 29 – Gail Marquardt

Happy Birthday!!



Dec 02 – Joetta DeLay

Dec 3 – Remington Kasper
& Marissa Fraccaro

Dec 6 – Zach Kasper
& Jonathan Ritter

Dec 07 – Dave Bateman

Dec 9 – Katie Simmons

Dec 19 – Sara Lyons &
Ann & Bob Gilmore

Dec 24 – David Marquardt

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