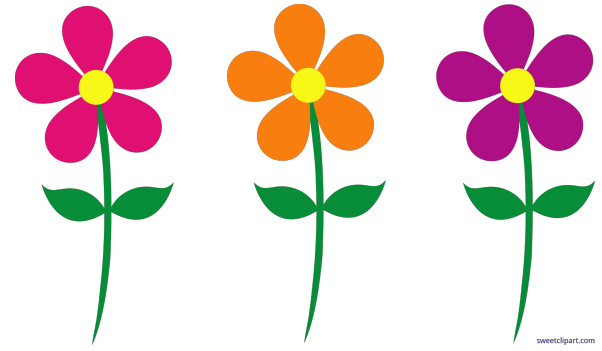


News & Views from Rollo Pews



MARCH & APRIL 2026

From Pastor Davids Pen

In these weeks after Easter we hear the story of how the disciples and other followers of Jesus managed to keep the spirit of Christ alive. They did so not only through what they believed in their hearts, but in how they practiced their faith together; how they loved one another.

The Book of Acts notes that the earliest Christian communities devoted themselves to fellowship - living, praying, eating, worshipping, celebrating, and doing good together. Doing so is what attracted others to their faith, and made their numbers grow. At a time of significant decline in church attendance and membership in the US, there is much we could learn from our Christian ancestors.

We live at a time of significant division and social isolation, and it would do us all a lot of good to rediscover what it means to truly be a part of a community; to be a good neighbor to others. Studies have shown that one of the primary reasons people join churches is to feel connected to others, to feel like they belong to a group, a church family if you will, that values them.

As we consider how to gain new visitors to our church, may we be inspired by the example of the first followers of Christ and treat neighbors like family. This looks like sharing and sacrificing for someone else anytime they need something, lifting up the gifts of each and every member/visitor of the church, asking for forgiveness and offering grace in the midst of conflict, recognizing when some of us are missing or feel left out, rejoicing when someone is thriving, and showing love and compassion when someone is hurting....we are called to be the one body of Christ after all.

In my time with you all, I've learned creating this kind of community is one of your greatest strengths. May we keep practicing this part of our faith together and with God's help, the right people will come in time.

God be with you this Spring.

Pastor David

From the Money Counter by Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$101,041.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	March 31, 2026	\$25,260.24	\$18,368.75	\$ (6,891.49)
EXPENDITURES	March 31, 2026	\$25,260.24	\$23,627.42	\$ (1,632.82)
DIFFERENCE		\$0.00	-\$5,258.67	

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$16,905.97

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$37,076.04

150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 7,233.94
Building Fund:	\$ 0.00
Family Relief Fund:	\$ 348.05
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 2,239.72
*Memorial Account:	\$ 69.08
Insurance Claim	\$15,349.75
Lighting Fund	\$ 1,375.00
Undesignated:	\$ 9,244.77



*Current CD Balance as of 3/27/2026: 2.75% \$ 4,873.45-First State (*Memorial Funds*)

Current CD Balance as of 3/31/2026: 3.35% \$ 25,803.02-Resource

Balance in Savings Account: .15% \$ 11,1781.00-Resource

Total Savings: \$ 36,584.02

Memorial Fund: \$ 4,964.21

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

Trustees Report by Bryan Wald

New lighting project for the sanctuary is due to begin in May.

Trustees will begin soon seeking out contractors for estimates on the bathroom makeover. Anyone interested in donating to this project may contact a member of the Board of Trustees or Treasurer Wayne Davey.

Diaconate Report by Lisa Johnson

The soup and sandwich Bible study for 5 weeks via in person or zoom, was well attended with pastor doing a wonderful job keeping us all well informed. Maundy Thursday service was canceled due to the weather and there was a large gathering of about 60 people and the community choir for the Ecumenical Church service at Rollo. The other churches were Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist Earlville churches participated. Easter morning was started with a light breakfast by hospitality committee at 10 and then service with communion at 11.

Graduation is planned for May 31st for Theda.

A schedule is put out to sign-up for hosting a church service this summer.
Crosstown Classic is August 18th
Elburn Days is August 23rd.



Hospitality Report by Tami Johnson

Each month there will be a fellowship event, either cookie fellowship or a meal. As always, we ask members of our congregation to sign up and provide/serve juice and cookies.

The sign up sheet for cookie fellowship is on the back table of the church.
We are still looking for volunteers.

June: 2 volunteers needed
July: 2 volunteers needed
August: 4 volunteers needed
Sept: 1 volunteer needed
Dec: 2 volunteers needed
Feb: 3 volunteers needed
April: 3 volunteers needed
May: 2 volunteers needed

Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

Hard to believe we are nearly into May. We have had a very busy start to the year with all committees in place and meeting to do the work of our church and Christian faith journey.

The committees report on things they are working on or have done. I want to highlight that I am personally so happy the new lights have arrived and will be installed over the next 10 days. This is a project that discussions began 4 years ago. There is thoughtful discussion on what will happen with the old lights after they are taken down.

I am looking forward to our conversations about our future short term and long term while we face the challenges of churches across the country. Ours is so very special and I am optimistic we will come up with a creative plan that holds steady our traditions and welcomes opportunities for positive change. I was baptized in this church nearly 60 years ago – I am not alone in having deep and longstanding roots here. Thank you to Rev. David for leading us in these discussions and may we all stay open in our heart and minds.

While planting has not begun in full force, I wish a very safe season to our farmers body and mind as they head into the 2026 crop season!



May 05 – James Ritter
May 09 – Rachel Foster
May 11 – Philip Peterson
May 13 – Inge 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

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

**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

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

Brent Olson

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Philip Peterson

Mike McInerney

Ella Woodward

Martha Bianco

Sandy Bullis

Sandy Whitman

Sarah Ehrhart

Andrew Davis

Ellen Sue Kupecz

Bonny Brown

Scott Barnes (*Lisa Johnson*)

Ryan Black (*Phil Peterson*)

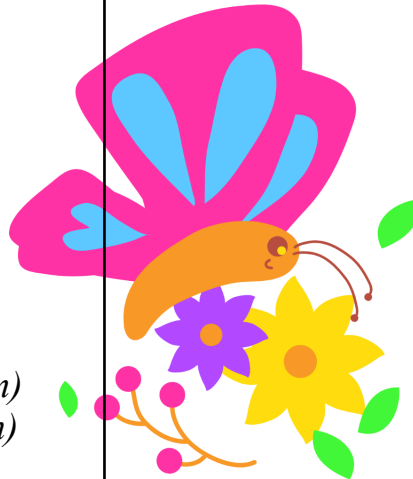
Ellie Jordan & Family

Family & Friends of Judy Gibson

Family & Friends of Phil Foster

Family and Friends of Ryan Todd

Family and Friends of Brenda Chester



Announcements

May 10 - Trustees Mtg at 10 am

May 31 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Deb D., Ann G., & Carol S.

Graduation Celebration

June 7 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

June 14 - Trustees Mtg at 10 am

Council Mtg at 10:30 am

Newsletter is Due!

July 5 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

July 12 - Trustees Mtg at 10 am

Aug. 18 - Crosstown Classic

Aug. 23 - Elburn Days

Lay Readers List

May 10 - Laura Fassig

May 17 - Ron Wald

May 24 - Carol Bend

May 31 - Gloria Foster

June 7 - Beth Prestagaard

June 14 - Barb Bend

June 21 - Tami Johnson

June 28 - Carol Bend

July 5 - Susan Foster

July 12 - Maegan Gletty

July 19 - Henry Fraccaro

July 26 - Katie Koks

Aug. 2 - Curt Foster

**Cookie Fellowship sign
up on the back table of
the church.**

**Please sign up as you
are able.**

Usher List

June - Bob Gilmore & Dave Bend

July - Ron Wald & Keith Fassig

Aug. - Dave Bend & Jeff Svendsen

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