

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ROLLO PEWS



MAY/JUNE 2026

FROM THE REVERENDS PEN

Welcome to the season of Pentecost, remembering and celebrating the time the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and the first followers of Jesus Christ. Before ascending to heaven Jesus let his disciples know that while he would soon be gone, they would never be alone, that the Holy spirit would be with them to comfort, to guide, to empower them in the days ahead....and that goes for all of us too. The Hebrew word for spirit in the bible means both breath and wind, meaning the Holy Spirit is something both within and around us.

You may remember in Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, that Jesus described the Holy Spirit as being like the wind, that comes and goes as it pleases. You can't see the wind itself, but you can clearly see its effects, such as leaves blowing or trees swaying. In the same way, we can't see the Holy Spirit, but we can see evidence in its existence. How and where you might ask? Both Jesus and the Apostle Paul say that you will know the spirit of God is with you (and others) through the fruits of how you live - in your love of God, your neighbor and yourself.

These fruits include: patience, peace, kindness, goodness, love, joy, self-control, gentleness and faith. As Christians we know we are not just talking the talk, but walking the walk when we live our lives according to these sacred values. Of course none of us will always get it right, and we are forgiven when we get off-track in our lives, but these values provide a clear map for how to live in accordance with the spirit of God. Living by these values not only make us better people, but help bring glimpses of the kingdom of God here on earth for all to see and experience.

May this Pentecost (and Summer) season be a fruitful one for you, and all of us.

Peace and God Bless.

Pastor David

TRUSTEES REPORT – BRYAN WALD

1. As most know by now the new lighting for the sanctuary and west room has been completed. A big thank you to Beth and all others that made the project a success.
2. Bathroom remodeling is still planned for the future but the project will not go forward until adequate funds are available to start. Anyone interested in helping fund the project may contact a member of the Trustees or Treasurer Wayne Davey.
3. Bids have been obtained to provide microphones for the choir to be heard online and will go forward if funds become available.
4. Plans are being considered for a committee to oversee the future of the parsonage and proposed pavilion on the site.

DIACONATE REPORT – RON WALD

Mother's were honored on Mother's Day with a carnation.
Theda Peterson was honored with a reception after church,
for graduating from Junior High at Indian Creek.
Father's will be honored on Father's Day with a gift of snack mix.

The summer church schedule is set:

June 28- Lisa Johnson

July 26- Peterson's

August 16- Crosstown Classic

August 23- Elburn Days

July is Rollo's month to volunteer at NICE Center

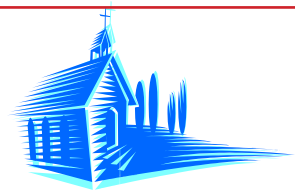
July 01 – Katie Schilling
July 02 – Wade & Scot Benson
July 06 – Darby Bend
July 07 – Sydney Bend &
Carol Svendsen &
Jodie Richardson
& Kim Jordal
July 11 – Lauren Jordal
July 15 – Hilary Foster
& Taylor Martin
& Mitchell Lyons
July 19 – Paige Koks
July 25 – Jane Baird
July 27 – Beth Fassig
July 29 –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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

TREASUREY REPORT – WAYNE DAVEY



BUDGET \$101,041.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	May 31, 2026	\$42,100.4	\$36,482.63	-\$5,617.77
EXPENDITURES	May 31, 2026	\$42,100.4	\$36,846.29	-\$363.66
DIFFERENCE		\$0.00	-\$363.66	

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$21,700.98

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$37,144.87

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: \$ 47.37
Insurance Claim \$15,349.75
Lighting Fund \$ 694.27
Undesignated: \$ 10,016.04

*Current CD Balance as of 5/27/2026: 2.75% \$ 4,916.84-First State (Memorial Funds)
Current CD Balance as of 5/31/2026: 3.35% \$ 26,040.22-Resource
Balance in Savings Account: .15% \$ 11,104.65-Resource
Total Savings: \$ 37,144.87

Memorial Fund: \$ 4,964.21

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

HOSPITALITY COMITY REPORT – TAMI JOHNSON

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for cookie fellowship! We still need 2 more people to bring cookies to the Crosstown Classic on August 16th. Since this is a well attended service, we'd like to have plenty of cookies.



MODERATOR REPORT – BETH PRESTEGAARD

Spring was another busy season in the church! The committees stay very busy meeting, planning, researching and collaborating. We are blessed that when we set out to accomplish something, we stick with it and see it through. Thank you to all of you that serve. I will make a plug for 2027, please be thinking if next year will be your year to serve on a committee as you read the updates here in the newsletter – what interests you?

We have our lights up and are enjoying their lumens! We were thrilled that Wayne and Deb Davey were able to put two of the old lights in their barn where we enjoy Church every year. We still have two lights should anyone have any thoughts about what we do with them. We worked hard for nearly 2 years to explore options to move the parsonage. In the end, that was not meant to be so, after consensus to take it down, Trustees have been busy planning and coordinating to get that done. Thank you Keith Fassig and Zach Kasper for your work in this regard. We are having discussions on what's next for the building site once the parsonage is down. Again, we invite everyone to weigh in and give your thoughts. A Pavilion is being proposed to go where the parsonage stands. Please reach out if you have some ideas, questions or concerns as we move forward. We want this to be something our entire church family can enjoy as well as something that may draw others to our church.

I am appreciative of Pastor David leading us in our discussions and reflection (several times after church) on all the wonderful things we love about our revered country church and how we share that story with others to grow our church family and community. Thank you all who have been able to participate. I extend an invitation to those that are not able to attend church regularly to please know your voice matters too. Please feel free to call or reach out with your views and thoughts. There are a couple committees that were created to forge forward in coming up with ideas. We have begun a campaign to promote the church through new signs strategically placed in the area to direct people to the church with a few slogans and info on the church. In addition, we will continue with our outdoor services, promoting in a local newspaper and are looking at ideas for things to host within the building as well as on the church grounds – a bbq cook-off, maybe? Yoga in the church basement?

Again, thank you for all everyone does and the caring and diplomatic way we approach change. We would love our church to be thriving many years down the road – imagine a 175th and 200th Anniversary Celebration?



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
Guidance to Grow Our Church

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Philip Peterson

Mike McInerney

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

Mike Moore (Sherry)

Larry Gibson

Ron Espe

Dan Fay

Peggy Walters & Family (*Carol Svendsen*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 5 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

July 11 - Rollo's Day at NICE

July 18 - Rollo's Day at NICE

July 25 - Rollo's Day at NICE

July 26 - Outdoor Service at
Petersons

Aug. 2 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Aug. 9 - Trustees Mtg at 10 am
Council Mtg at 10:30 am

Newsletter is Due!

Aug. 16 - Crosstown Classic

Aug. 23 - Elburn Days



**N.I.C.E. Volunteers needed
from Rollo Church each
Saturday in July!**



USHERS

July 2026

Ron Wald & Keith Fassig

August 2026

Dave Bend & Jeff Svendsen

September 2026

Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey

LAY READER

July 05

Susan Foster

July 12

Maegan Gletty

July 19

Henry Fraccaro

July 26

Katie Koks

Aug 02

Curt Foster

Aug 09

Ellen Kupecz

Aug 16

Crosstown Classic

Aug 23

Elburn Days

Aug 30

Jamie Gibson

Sept 06

Ron Wald

Sept 13

Stacy Richardson

Sept 20

Ron Wald

Sept 27

Jeff Svendsen

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