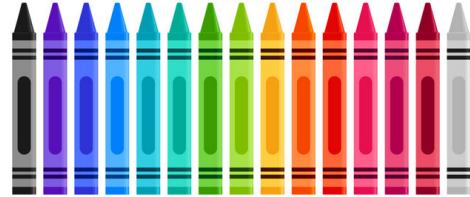
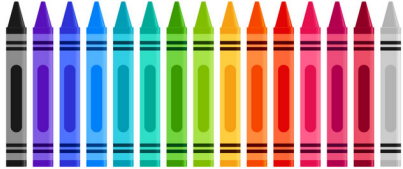


NEWS & VIEWS FROM ROLLO PEWS

JULY/AUGUST 2026



FROM THE REVERENDS PEN

We once again held our cross town classic (Cubs vs Sox) baseball service, honoring the spiritual nature of America's favorite pastime. My favorite moment of the service has always been when the separate sides of Cubs and Sox fans come back together to share the peace and love of Christ with one another, remembering that our unity in Christ will always be more important than any tribal loyalty.

As I shared with you during the service, life is in many ways like baseball. Sometimes you strike out and sometimes you hit a home run. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. We live and we learn. What ultimately matters to God is that we learn that love will always be more important than winning, and to swing away without fear. When we do, the purpose of life becomes a lot more clear. This is a big part of the reason we come to church – to practice our faith for the game of life, so we live it right.

On that note, I'm proud of the way our congregation is swinging away this year to try and gain some new visitors to our beloved church. From new signs and week-day classes to replacing the parsonage with a new outdoor spiritual space, we are taking chances to change and grow. When each of us takes time to ask family, friends, neighbors, even strangers to visit the church, our separate small efforts make a big difference together.

May we remember that each of us is an invaluable part of the one body of Christ, and with God's help we can accomplish great things together.

Peace, and please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be there for you on the journey.

TRUSTEES REPORT – BRYAN WALD

The main project for the summer is the removal of the Parsonage. The church is hoping to receive the necessary permit by 8/14/2026. Timing for the tear down is hoped to be in September. Details of the pavilion to replace the Parsonage will be forthcoming in months ahead.

Anyone interested in donations for current or future projects can contact a member of the Trustees or Treasurer Wayne Davey as is always very appreciated.



DIACONATE REPORT – RON WALD

- August 16th- Crosstown Classic was at Rollo Park
- August 23rd- Elburn Days
- September 27th- Davey's barn.
- Beth Prestagaard led worship service on August 9th

HOSPITALITY COMITY REPORT – TAMI JOHNSON

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank everyone who has signed up for cookie fellowship.

September: Stacy R, Carol S, and Jamie G

October: Katie K, Ellen K, and Barb B

December: Tami J, Gloria F and ????. (We would appreciate an additional person on this month).

In November, the committee will host our annual Thankful Harvest Dinner.

In an effort to maximize storage space in the kitchen closet, some disposable items (such as plates, silverware, and cups) have been moved to the upper cabinets above the sinks. For example, disposable drinking glasses are now in the upper cabinet above the drinking water facet. We'd like to keep these disposable items in their plastic wrappings to keep them clean. Coffee fellowship supplies are located in the corner cabinet above the coffee pots. If you notice we are running low on supplies, please let a committee member know.

TREASUREY REPORT - WAYNE DAVEY

FROM THE MONEY COUNTER

BUDGET \$101,041.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	7/31/2026	\$58,940.56	\$46,603.63	\$ (12,336.93)
EXPENDITURES	7/31/2026	\$58,940.56	\$51,048.97	\$ 7,891.59
DIFFERENCE		\$0.00	\$ (4,445.34)	

Current Balance in Checking Account:

\$15,565.27

Current Balance in Savings Account:

\$37,290.86

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: \$ 26.39
Lighting Fund \$ 694.27
Undesignated: \$25,532.76



* Current CD Balance as of 7/27/2026: 2.55%

\$ 4,937.82-First State (Memorial Funds)

Current CD Balance as of 5/31/2026: 1.04%

\$ 26,186.21-Resource

Balance in Savings Account: .15%

\$ 11,104.65-Resource

Total Savings: \$ 37,290.86

Memorial Fund:

\$ 4,964.21

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

Sept 06 – David Fraccaro
Sept 11 - Becky Oest
Sept 12 – Dakota Goble
Sept 13 – Tami Johnson
Sept 18 – Trevor Benson
Sept 20 – Doug Maple
Sept 22 – Barbara Bend
Sept 23 – Samantha Ritter
Sept 28 – Erin Maple
Sept 29 – Ronald Wald
Sept 30 – Martha Bianco

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct 03 – Charles Johnson
Oct 07 – LaVern Jordal
& Brian Oest
Oct 09 – Cate Bullis
Oct 10 – Brad Wald
Oct 14 – Paula Bend
Oct 15 – Susan Recknor
& Darryl Kupecz
Oct 19 – Rick Bend
Oct 24 – Laura Walters
Oct 30 – Felicia Wooden

From the Parsonage committee

We want to be transparent about what is going on with the project of the parsonage. So that we are all on the same page, we will try to keep all informed through the weekly bulletin and the newsletter.

- We have received the permit, but Zach needs to follow some guidelines with the county before it is official.
- The parsonage is officially open for congregants to get what they have put their names on. You **MUST** sign a waiver and anyone helping you must also sign one **BEFORE** starting to remove the part of the parsonage that you want. There are waivers on the counter and there is a sample one to help you know how to fill it out. The time frame for this is August 10 – 21, 2026. After that time frame, **NO ONE** will be allowed back into the building as demolition will begin.
- We have a sizable and generous donation to have the parsonage torn down.
- Zach Kasper/Liberty Dirtworks, our contractor, will take the parsonage down.
- We have a generous donation to pay for trucking, hauling materials away, and paying for the disposal of it.
- We received another generous donation for fuel costs as needed.
- We also have a donation to pay for the labor and cement to put a pad down for a future pavilion.
- Zach, as a contractor, has assured us that it would be smarter to stub in anything that we need for a future pavilion, such as water, electricity, and septic. This will save the church money in the long run.
- We will be saving some bricks (will need a brick cleaning party) to commemorate the parsonage and our church.
- Finally, the idea of the pavilion is to work toward bringing in more members and how it is designed will be ideas coming from YOU, the congregation.
- A question that has been asked is how big the pavilion will be. If you look at the current parsonage size, it will measure out to be about the same size footprint. We have measured it to be approximately 35' wide by 55' long.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Keith Fassig 815-739-8994 or Mike Johnson 815 - 757- 9960

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

Andrew Davis

Ellen Sue Kupecz

Bonny Brown

Scott Barnes (*Lisa Johnson*)

Ryan Black (*Phil Peterson*)

Ellie Jordan & Family

Larry Gibson

Ron Espe

Dan Fay

Dave Benson

Dan Kasper

Tom Leneau

Asif Yusuf (*Beth P.*)

Jody Chonowski (*Gail M. sister*)

Peggy Walters & Family (*Carol Svendsen*)

Steve Schroeder & Family (*Bob Stephens*)

Family & Friends of Mike Moore (*Sherry*)

Family & Friends of Mathew Atkinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug. 23 - Elburn Days

at Lions Park at 9:30 am

Sept. 3 - Chair Yoga at 6 pm

Sept. 6 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Sept. 10 - Chair Yoga at 6 pm

Sept. 13 - Trustees Mtg at 10 am

Sept. 17 - Chair Yoga at 6 pm

Sept. 24 - Chair Yoga at 6 pm

Sept. 27 - Outdoor Service at Daveys

Oct. 4 - Diaconate Mtg at 10 am

Oct. 11 - Trustees Mtg at 10 am

Council Mtg at 10:30 am

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September 2026

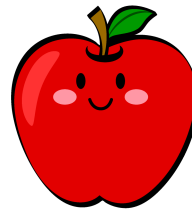
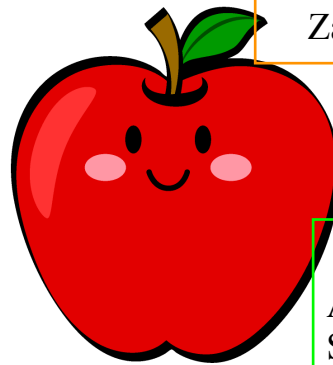
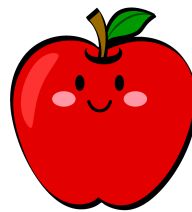
Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey

October 2026

Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson

November 2026

Zach Kasper & Darryl Kupecz



LAY READER

Aug 30	Jamie Gibson
Sept 06	Ron Wald
Sept 13	Stacy Richardson
Sept 20	Ron Wald
Sept 27	Jeff Svendsen
Oct 04	Doris Rex
Oct 11	Beth Prestagaard
Oct 18	Barb Bend
Oct 25	Laura Fassig
Nov 01	Tammy Johnson
Nov 08	Susan Foster
Nov 15	Maegan Gletty
Nov 22	Izzy Kasper
Nov 29	Jamie Gibson

**Chair Yoga in the Rollo Church basement with
Ros Richardson will begin September 3rd. For
the month of September it will be held every
Thursday from 6-6:45pm, starting September
3rd. If you have any questions please call Ros at
815-751-1946 or Deb at 815-970-3711.**

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