

News & Views

from

Rollo Pews

MAY &
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From Pastor Davids Pen

In the busyness of spring, in a season that has been anything but accommodating, I sit here between client reports thinking about Lent and Easter. What a wonderful time we had discussing our attempts to join the 'Complaint Free World'. I have heard many wonderful comments about our time together, and these were some of our larger gatherings. Quite obviously, we felt a need to be connected and involved in this opportunity to grow in our faith.

That all said, I want to encourage us to not quit there. I want to encourage us to keep the movement going, because the more we realize how we speak and act as Christians, the more it shows how we truly feel about our faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ. I haven't asked, but I'll bet to a person, each of us who participated, found that we were more aware of Jesus in our lives, as we thought about why we complain and maybe, why we're not as grateful as we should be.

In Matthew 17:12 Jesus tells us that we have too little faith; *Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.*" Jesus often spoke and taught in parables and metaphor's, and here he is teaching us that if we have even the tiniest of faith, we can do and accomplish great things.

But therein lies the problem for so many of us, and that's the size of our faith. When asked, we are indeed people of faith. And true, we are not all in the same place on this 'journey' or our dedication to church and worship which is fine and to be expected. But the bigger question, is not in how much faith we have, but what attempts we're making to grow in our faith, and just the same, to grow in our day to day relationship with Jesus.

You see what's on my mind, is why even though we had record crowds on Wednesday evenings, why wasn't everyone there? Similarly, while our Sunday morning regulars enjoy our time of learning and sharing, why don't more folks take advantage of Sunday morning Bible study? Why, in other words, do we not make more attempts to grow our faith a bit larger than the mustard seed. **I mean if we can do great things through faith that is this small, just think of what we could do with faith the size of the 'Coco de mer palm seed'!** (*Ha – Look it up!*)

All this to say, the church provides many opportunities to help each of us grow in our faith, and equally and as important, our **relationship** with Jesus Christ. Becoming content in our present level of faith and relationship, is also becoming content with the amount that we complain, because I think the key to complaining less, is having Jesus more.

Many thanks to those who participated and helped me grow in my faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. You are such blessings in my life and journey.

Grace, peace and blessings.

Love PD

News From N.I.C.E. by Deb Davey

The totals for the 2017 year are as follows:

1,359 households were helped. A total of 5,764 people were served, of which 2,443 are children. 68% of the households have children 18 years old and under. 42% of the people served are under 18 years of age. Weekly averages were, 26 households, with 111 people served, with an average of 4.2 people per household. These figures are down 8.7% from 2016. Jeannie Johnson resigned as chairman of the food pantry after 16 years as a dedicated service. Audra Boehne and Dave Koroscik will be co-chairs for the food pantry.

The 16th Annual N.I.C.E. Center Walk is scheduled for May 6th. This is the only money making effort that the Center sponsors. Rollo has always been generous in donating money and walkers. See Deb Davey to sign up to walk or to donate or to do both! TEAM ROLLO let's GO!



From the Money Counter by Wayne Davey

BUDGET		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
\$75,297.00				
REVENUE	March 31, 2018	\$18,824.25	\$21,668.36	\$2,844.11
EXPENDITURES	March 31, 2018	\$18,824.25	\$17,264.49	\$4,403.87



Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$ 20,660.92
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$ 10,825.85
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 600.21
Building Fund:	\$ -0-
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,835.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 881.23
Undesignated:	\$ 6,292.96

Current CD Balance as of 4/28/2018:	\$ 4,386.33
Memorial Fund:	\$ 4,207.81

* Memorial Funds are currently located within the CD Investment

Diaconate Report by Barb Bend

The Diaconate Committee had a busy Lenten season. Starting with a somber Ash Wednesday service and ending with bringing the color back to the sanctuary on Easter. During our Soup Supper & Bible study, we focused on becoming better people by eliminating complaining, gossiping, and sarcasm! We did become more aware and will try to continue improving. A big thank you to everyone that helped with soup, taking an hour out of busy lives to spend in prayer during the vigil, preparing Easter baskets for NICE center, walking to the Earlville churches following the cross, purchasing an Easter lily, and preparing food for the Easter breakfast!

(And anything else I may have overlooked)

It was a pleasure to welcome Elia Diane Oest into our church by baptism and what a delightful little miss!!

We continue to update the membership list, updating the prayer list, and serving communion.

We look forward to Mother's Day, Graduation Recognition, and the Crosstown Rivalry.

Trustees Report by Tami Johnson

-All bills have been paid.

- We have received a bid from Deprato Restoration for the south stain glass window repair and his bid is being considered.
- The committee is also consulting a company in Iowa, Bourvard, to give us a bid too.
- It was noted that there is a window in the choir room that has also dropped.
- We are waiting on a price for brick work on the east door entrance

Announcements

Apr. 29 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Stacy R., Carol S., Jessica O.

May 6 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

16th Annual NICE Center Walk

May 13 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Last day of Sunday School for the summer

May 19 - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

May 27 - *Cookie Fellowship: Jamie G., Ruth M., Deb D.*

Celebrating Graduates

June 3 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

June 10 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Council Meets after Trustees

July/August Newsletter deadline

June 16 - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

June 24 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Gloria Foster, Tami Johnson, Laura Walters

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Center Walk is May
6th. Please see Deb
Davey to sign up to
walk or to donate or to
do both!!**

**A big thank you to the
Choir for joining
voices and performing
during Easter
Services, we done
ladies!**

Happy Birthday!!



May 09 – Rachel Foster
Judy Martin
May 11 – Helen Nisbet-Roberts
May 18 – Jessica Olson
May 21 – Leota Benson
Paxton Maple
May 23 - Jamie Gibson
May 25 – Jack Gletty
Sara Schilling
May 29 – Harold Svendsen
May 31 - Ellen Sue Kupecz
Kelsie Jordal

June 02 – Jane Buland
June 04 – Stacy Richardson
June 09 – Emily Schilling
June 13 – Laura Fassig
Junia Epperson

Usher List

May - Chris Walters & Joshua Marquardt
June - Bob Gilmore & Keith Fassig
July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster

Lay Readers List

Aril 22 - Beth White
April 29 - Ann Gilmore
May 6 - Bob Gilmore
May 13 - Gloria Foster
May 20 - Ellen Sue Kupecz
May 27 - Stacy Richardson
June 3 - Maegan Gletty
June 10 - Barb Bend
June 17 - Katie Koks
June 24 - Jeff Svendsen
July 1 - Becky Oest
July 8 - Bob Stephens
July 15 - Carol Bend
July 22 - Ron Wald



Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

All our Service men & women
The Lost
Family of Kareen Holloway
(Jessica Olson)
Lyle & Marion Wald
Richard Epperson
Doug Komes
Nancy *(Beth White)*
Betty Leslie *(Laura Fassig)*
Jody (Pastor)
Leota Benson
Vera Weiss *(Carol Svendsen)*
Kyle Raymer *(Joetta)*
Rachel *(Maegan Gletty)*
Baby Rose
Jan Jensen *(Susan)*
Dick Powell *(Julia)*

Cookie Fellowship List

April 29 - Stacy Richardson, Carol Svendsen, Jessica Olson
May 27 - Jamie Gibson, Ruth McInerney,
Deb Davey, Camilla Boston
June 24 - Gloria Foster, Tami Johnson, Laura Walters
July 29 - Gail Marquardt, Carol Bend, Becky Stephens

Mark Your Calendars

The 16th annual 5K Walk for N.I.C.E. will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2018 beginning with registration at the Indian Creek High School Cafeteria in Shabbona at 1p.m. to 1:30p.m. Step off will be at 1:30p.m. from the high school parking lot.

Our church has a tradition of participation and contribution for this annual N.I.C.E. fundraiser. This annual WALK has provided over 15% of the yearly funding that has helped us to meet our expenses and purchase food for the pantry.

We want you to enjoy a leisurely stroll through beautiful Shabbona State Park with family, friends and neighbors. There is no time limit. There will be food and drink rest stops along the way, port-a-johnnys, courtesy cars and plenty of emergency staff available. If you get tired and want a ride back to the school, all you have to do is flag a courtesy car which will take you back.

Walker envelopes can be picked up from our church NICE WALK recruiter. Let's help out by getting signed up and getting started on asking friends, family, neighbors, co-workers etc. for their support. Or, you can donate at the church any Sunday. The funds will be collected and turned in the day of the WALK. If you take a walker envelope, it needs to be turned in at the time of registration.

Let's make this a great Sunday afternoon family event and show support for the work that is being done at N.I.C.E.

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