

NEWS & VIEWS FROM ROLLO PEWS

JULY/AUGUST

FROM THE PASTORS PEN

1 Corinthians 13 (NIV)

*¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, **but do not have love**, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, **but do not have love**, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, **but do not have love**, I gain nothing.*

*⁴Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It does not **envy**, it does not **boast**, it is not **proud**. ⁵**It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking**, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷**It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.***

⁸Love never fails.

*¹³And now these three remain: **faith, hope and love**. But the greatest of these is **love**.*

We are all familiar with this scripture in Paul's 1st letter to the church at Corinth. But I wonder, other than the beauty of these words that we hear at so many weddings, do we know why Paul penned them? Do we understand who Paul was speaking to and why?

While driving to Ohio and back last week I heard a great sermon on this text and the speaker reminded me that when Paul wrote this, he was writing to a church. His words were intended as instruction to this community on how **to be** 'the church'.

Now this speaker's message dealt with people who leave churches and his point was that if we embody these attributes, then we will be less likely to leave, and more likely to find ways to live, love, and forgive. And while this was a great message, that's not what's on my mind. I'm still thinking about Sunday's meditation about who we are as 'church' when we leave the building we call church. I suggested, and will continue to suggest, that each of us should have a ministry outside of our house of worship. I will continue to stress that each of us needs to find ways to use our abilities to bring glory to and for God. And this means using our talents and abilities to be, as Paul mentioned above, God's love, God's hope, God's kindness, and God's presence.

And what's more, Paul tells us that when we hoard our God-given talents and abilities and fail to reach out to others, then we are nothing more than noisy gongs, and clanging cymbals. Paul is saying that talk is cheap, and reminds us that when we say we are people of faith, but do not have and show love through outreach, then we are failing to be 'the church'.

Paul wasn't preparing to preach at a wedding when he penned these words, Paul was preparing this church, to be 'the church'. And when we refuse to take Jesus from the sanctuary and into the streets, we are depriving someone else of the **faith, hope and love**, that God calls us to be and to share.

Look, I know that newsletters are supposed to be positive and uplifting, but there are times when we need to stop and think about just what it means to be a Christian. Just today, as I prepared to finish this, I ran across a quote on Facebook that said as I so often do, that our religion is who we are **after the sermon** is over. Something for each of us to consider.

If not us then who? If not now then when?

Love, peace and blessings,

PD



TRUSTEES REPORT – TAMI JOHNSON

There is some remaining brick work that needs to be finished on the outside of the church. The Trustees are working to complete the work this summer. There may be difficulty getting the bricks to match exactly but the decision was made to get bricks as close as can to what we have. The lay reader microphone is broke. Discussions are taking place regarding fixing or buying new. Traditionally, the church has scheduled a “Work Day” in the summer. Turnout is often unpredictable due to the busyness of summer and vacations. This year, the Trustees plan to write a cleaning list, ask members to sign up, and complete the cleaning at their convenience. Repair work needs to be done on the stained glass windows. Bovard Studios, from Fairfield Iowa, has given the most reasonable bid (Approximately \$40,000). The large windows on the South are in the most need of repair as the glass is separating. The large windows to the East also need work, although they are in better condition than the South windows. Problems with the windows are that they need more venting between the protective glass and window, some of the lead supports were put in backwards, and rotting boards beneath the sills. The project will include removing the old protective covering, resealing sections of some windows, correctly installing T-bar supports, and installing new protective coverings. The new protective covering will be set with aluminum framing around the perimeter of the window, allowing maximum expansion and contraction which will preserve the life of the windows. The large windows will be removed and transported to the studio in Iowa. We anticipate the work to start sometime this summer and may span several months. A 1/3 down payment for the project is required. Fortunately, there is enough money in the general fund to cover the cost of the down payment. During a recent sermon, Pastor David spoke of the importance of setting goals. Pastor also brought out the beautiful wood church that was given to us many years ago. He put the church on display as a reminder for us to prayerfully consider donating to the window project. As mentioned above, 1/3 the cost of the project has been paid from the church’s general fund. To pay for the remaining 2/3’s of the project, the Trustees have SET A GOAL of asking the congregation to donate 1/3 and the endowment fund to contribute 1/3. Church members have been very generous in the past, and we respectfully ask your support again.

NEWS FROM N.I.C.E. – DEB DAVEY

The 16th annual N.I.C.E Walk is in the books! What a grand day it was! Eight walkers from Rollo started the hike from the Indian Creek HS parking lot...we won't mention how many finished! There were a total of 137 walkers and 158 participants. The NICE board met on May 23rd. At that time \$11,118.00 had been collected with more envelopes turned in that evening. June 30th is the last day to donate to the walk if you haven't all ready. As you know, this is the only fund- raiser that the center sponsors. The center assisted 103 households and 424 individuals in March. 58 households had 162 individuals under the age of 18. Last year at the same time, 86 households and 348 individuals were helped. In April, there were 88 households helped made up of 364 people. 146 from 57 households were under 18. In April of 2017, 109 households with 456 people were assisted. Bill Weigel has announced that this will be his last year as treasurer. If you feel the spirit moving you to take on this important position, let Camilla, Judy, or Deb know. JULY is our month to provide volunteers!!! Check your calendars now to sign up! Thanks again for all of your support!

TREASUREY REPORT – WAYNE DAVEY

BUDGET \$75,297.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	May 31, 2018	\$31,373.75	\$33,778.05	\$2,404.30
EXPENDITURES	May 31, 2018	\$31,373.75	\$27,718.26	\$6,059.79

From the Money Counter



Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$ 25,218.27
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$ 10,826.39
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 600.21
Building Fund:	\$ -0-
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,835.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 881.23
Undesignated:	\$ 6,293.50
Current CD Balance as of 5/28/2018:	\$ 4,388.13
Memorial Fund:	\$ 4,207.81

* Memorial Funds are currently located within the CD Investment

*Jesus taught us 3 things;
Forgiveness
Kindness
Love*

I wonder how well we embody these character traits,
compared to how much we judge others by them.
When churches see these lessons as primary goals in life,
we not only become a better church inside the walls,
but better Christians outside.

How wonderful it would be, If we would look inside ourselves,
before looking outside at others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 1 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

July 8 - Trustees Mtg after worship

July 15 - Cross-Town Rivalry -

Meat & buns will be provided.

Please bring a dish to pass!

Wear your Cubs or White Sox gear!

July 21 - Mens Breakfast at 7 a.m.

July 29 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Gail Marquardt, Carol Bend, & Becky Stephens

Aug. 5 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Aug. 12 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Council Mtg to follow

Newsletter is due!!

Aug. 18 - Mens Breakfast at 7 a.m.

Aug. 26 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Gail Marquardt, Audrey Kuring & Ann Gilmore

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS & THOUGHTS

All our Service men & women

The Lost

Lyle & Marion Wald

Doug Komes

Nancy (*Beth White*)

Betty Leslie (*Laura Fassig*)

Leota Benson

Vera Weiss (*Carol Svendsen*)

Kyle Raymer (*Joetta*)

Rachel (*Maegan Gletty*)

Shirley McDowell

Audrey Kuring

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



**July 15 is the Cross-Town
Rivalry!!
Meat & buns will be
provided.
Please bring a dish to pass!
Wear your Cubs or
White Sox gear!**

USHERS

July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster

August - Darryl Kupecz & Joshua Marquardt

September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey

COOKIE FELLOWSHIP

July 29 - Gail Marquardt, Carol Bend,
& Becky Stephens

Aug. 26 - Gail Marquardt, Audrey Kuring
& Ann Gilmore

Sept. 30 - Judy Svendsen, Christine Schilling
& Jamie Gibson

LAY READER

July 1 - Becky Oest

July 8 - Bob Stephens

July 15 - Carol Bend

July 22 - Ron Wald

July 29 - Susan Foster

Aug. 5 - Curt Foster

Aug. 12 - Katie Koks

Aug. 19 - Tami Johnson

Aug. 26 - Gloria Foster

Sept. 2 - Carol Bend

July 01 – Katie Schilling
 July 02 – Wade & Scot Benson
 July 04 – Grace Catron
 July 06 – Darby Bend
 July 07 – Sydney Bend &
 Carol Svendsen &
 Jodie Richardson
 & Kim Jordal
 July 09 – David Schou
 & Cate Bullis
 July 10 – Cornel Recknor
 July 11 – Lauren Jordal
 & Lindsay Svendsen
 July 15 – Hilary Foster
 & Taylor Martin
 July 25 – Jane Baird
 July 27 – Beth Fassig
 July 29 – Adrienne Benson
 & Ron Bend



August 02 – Laretta Iversen
 August 04 – Susan Foster
 August 06 – Lyndsay Goble
 August 08 – Ryan Gletty
 August 09 – Ros Richardson
 August 11 – Kevin Schilling
 August 12 – Beth White
 August 14 – Lucas Svendsen
 August 15 – Taylor White
 August 20 – Chuck Foster
 August 23 – Madyson Olson
 August 29 – Kora Svendsen
 & Andrea Hanson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Rollo Congregational Church
 Pastor David Margardt
 2471 W. Edell St.
 Earlville, IL 60518