

# News & Views From Rollo Pews

MARCH/APRIL 2019

## *From the Pastors Pen*

Grace and Peace.

As most of you know, my 'day job' is agronomic consulting. As an independent consultant, I spend most of my time running from golf course to golf course taking soil, water, and tissue samples, and helping them improve their properties and playing conditions.

The other side of my 'day job' is something known as engineering soils. This is where landscape contractors, and soil and compost blenders, send me soils, composts, sands, and other amendments, so that I can develop planting mixes for their projects. Our goal is to properly blend these components to meet a set of specifications to accomplish air and water movement, as well as proper nutrition.

I was honored to give a presentation on my work during my recent conference in Orlando. I explained how each component we add to the soil blend provides unique properties. Some add air space, some hold water, others provide nutrition, others add weight, while still others lessen the weight. When complete, the finished soil blend provides the perfect growing environment for the project in question. And what's really interesting, is that no one amendment or soil by itself, provides the quality of environment that they do when combined. It's the blend of nutrient and physical properties that makes the final mix work.

As I prepared my presentation, I couldn't help but compare God's church to engineered soils. It's the blend of people, the blend of thoughts, the blend of personalities, the blend of gender, age and ethnicity, that makes churches work. And why not? After all, it's also God's plan for the world. All we need to do is look at the diversity that exists in our neighborhoods, schools, communities and world, to see how God has 'engineer' the blend of His people to be the best creation it could be. But sadly, there are still those who think segregation is better than blending. There are still those who think that the world should look like and function like **they** look and function like. But that's not how God planned us, or we'd all look alike, talk alike, think alike, and be alike.

The point; like engineered soils, we're better blended together, than as individuals. I think the same thing as I look at the blend of colors in our refurbished, stained glass windows, or the amazing fall colors of our native woods. Which is why I have for many years suggested we take diversity by the horns, embrace our differences, and declare our family as an 'Open and Affirming' congregation. A few years ago we formed a committee of the church that started to explore this, and I think its time to start the process again. We're in a new year, and now that we've just installed new ministers into the ministries of the church, maybe its time to reconvene this committee, face the tough questions with loving answers, and proclaim what's already in our hearts; that **all are welcome** in God's church. After all, if Cub and Sox fans cannot only survive but thrive in the same environment, just think of the potential if we open the doors of God's church and openly state that indeed, all are not only welcome, but invited.

Love and peace.

Pastor David



## Treasurers Report by Wayne Davey

BUDGET		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
\$73,247.00				
REVENUE	January 31, 2019	\$6,103.92	\$2,158.00	(\$3,945.92)
EXPENDITURES	January 31, 2019	\$6,103.92	\$3,576.65	(\$2,527.27)

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$ 13,739.25  
Current Balance in Savings Account: \$ 10,578.67  
150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73  
Bathroom Fund: \$ 650.21  
Building Fund: \$ -0-  
Diaconate Fund: \$ 1,536.72  
Memorial Account: \$ 881.23  
Undesignated: \$ 6,294.78

Stain Glass Window Repair Cost: \$42,825.00  
1<sup>st</sup> Payment 6/11/2018: \$13,500.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Payment 1/18/2019 \$ 10,850.00  
Remaining Balance Due 2/18/2019: **\$18,475.00**

### **Funding Breakdown for Window Repair:**

Paid from General Fund: \$13,500.00  
Congregational Giving: \$21,054.13  
To be Paid from Endowment Fund: \$ 8,270.87

Current CD Balance as of 1/28/2019: \$ 4,402.88  
Memorial Fund: \$ 4,207.81

\* Memorial Funds are currently located within the CD Investment



*From the Money Counter*

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## *Diaconate Report by Barb Bend*

The Diaconate spent the first two months of the year reorganizing. We said good bye to Laura Fassig and thanked her for her service the previous 3 years. We welcomed Carol Bend to our committee. We have gone over the duties of each member, according to the year they are serving.

Christmas is a fond memory. The services were meaningful and beautiful. Next year we would recommend meeting on an appropriate Sunday night before Advent for a chili supper, followed by decorating the church for the upcoming services.

We now turn our attention to Lent and Easter. Ash Wednesday is March 6. That will prepare us for the following five weeks of soup suppers and Bible Study. There will be more information as the time draws near.

We were saddened by the passing of Marion Wald on Jan. 11 and Lyle Wald on Feb. 6. Both were long time and faithful members. They will be sorely missed.

We look forward to serving the church in 2019!



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## *Trustees Report by Tami Johnson*

The Trustees want to welcome new Trustee Ron Wald to the committee and also thank Keith Fassig for 3 years of service. The stained glass windows will be reinserted during February. A church member generously donated money for new protective glass on all remaining south windows".

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*N.I.C.E. Report by Deb Davey*

Quick recap of N.I.C.E. meeting Wed. Feb. 6.

Food Pantry served:

<u>Mon/Yr</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>People</u>	<u>Mon/Yr</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>People</u>
Dec 2018	134	569	Dec 2017	141	598
Jan 2019	81	339	Jan 2018	108	438

*(bad weather 2 Saturdays)*

Year 2018	1320	5360	Year 2017	1359	5764
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Treasurer, Bill Weigel, has purchased the N.I.C.E. laptop computer and software we need. The plaque, in Joe Hickey's name, is also done. This is ready for the new treasurer, we are to elect tonight.

Cares & Concerns. Please keep in our prayers:

Bill Weigel, some more surgeries coming up in March.

Sheldon & Joyce Rueff – their home burned. Judy Martin – health.

We are in need of one or two volunteers to be N.I.C.E. Walk Coordinator(s).

Sandy Rueff has the step by step notebook ready for this.

We have a great experience with the 10 members of Youth Involved in Philanthropy, that volunteered on the third Saturday in Dec.

Elections were held. Officers voted in are:

Rebecca Fraley - Chair. Sandy Rueff - Vice Chair. Deb Poterek - Secretary.  
Jerry Olson - Treasurer.



**Please Remember In Your  
Prayers & Thoughts**

All our Service men & women  
The Lost  
'Shut-Ins'

Doug Komes

Leota Benson

Vera & Fred Weiss (*Carol Svendsen*)

Rachel (*Maegan Gletty*)

Pat & Bill Unzicker

Lorna Roberson (*Laura Fassig*)

Rev. Kathy Lawes

Jeff Masters (*Laura Fassig*)

Macy Mahaffey

*Family of Kris (McDowell) Guy*

Margie Marquardt

*Family of Lyle & Marion Wald*

# Happy Birthday!



Mar 02 - Hunter Walters

Mar 03 - Jeffrey Adam  
Svendsen

Mar 08 - Shirley McDowell  
Benjamin Maple

Mar 13 - Jeff Svendsen

Mar 16 - Ruth McInerney

Mar 17 - Joshua Marquardt

Mar 19 - Dave Benson

Mar 20 - Ashley Simmons  
Jason Jordal

Mar 21 - Christine Schilling  
David Gibson

Mar 23 - Cierra Bend

Mar 24 - Audrey Kuring

Mar 25 - Wayne Davey

Mar 26 - Olivia & Madelynn  
Lyons

Mar 28 - Judy Svendsen

Mar 30 - Maegan Gletty

Mar 31 - Bryan Wald

April 04 - Kristen Thomas  
Tami Wooden

April 05 - Carol Bateman

April 11 - Larry Svendsen  
Chris Martin

April 14 - Wyatt Gletty

April 18 - Richard Bend

April 19 - Cole Walters

April 20 - Wayne Martin

April 26 - Henry Williams

April 27 - Reagan Gibson

April 30 - Landon Benson

## Announcements

**Mar. 3** - Diaconate Mtg after worship

**Mar. 6** - Ash Wednesday

**Mar. 10** - Trustees Mtg after worship

**Mar. 13** - Soup Supper and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

**Mar. 16** - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

**Mar. 20** - Soup Supper and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

**Mar. 27** - Soup Supper and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

**Mar. 31** - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Laura F., Paula B., & Beth W.

**Apr. 3** - Soup Supper and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

**Apr. 7** - Diaconate Mtg after worship

**Apr. 10** - Soup Supper and Bible Study at 5:30 p.m.

**Apr. 14** - Palm Sunday

Trustees Mtg after worship

Council to follow **Newsletter is Due!!!**

**Apr. 18** - Maundy Thursday

**Apr. 19** - Good Friday TBA

**Apr. 20** - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

**Apr. 21** - Easter

**Apr. 28** - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Stacy R., Carol S., & Jessica O.

# 2019-2020

## Lists

### **Lay Readers - 2019**

Mar. 3 - Bob Gilmore  
Mar. 10 - Tami Johnson  
Mar. 17 - Jeff Svendsen  
Mar. 24 - Ellen Sue Kupecz  
Mar. 31 - Barb Bend  
Apr. 7 - Stacy Richardson  
Apr. 14 - Beth White  
Apr. 28 - Ann Gilmore  
May 5 - Bob Gilmore  
May 12 - Gloria Foster  
May 19 - Ellen Sue Kupecz  
May 26 - Stacy Richardson  
June 2 - Maegan Gletty  
June 9 - Barb Bend  
June 16 - Katie Koks  
June 23 - Jeff Svendsen  
June 30 - Bob Stevens  
July 7 - Carol Bend  
July 14 - Ron Wald  
July 21 - Becky Oest  
July 28 - Susan Foster  
Aug. 4 - Maegan Gletty  
Aug. 11 - Katie Koks  
Aug. 18 - Tami Johnson  
Aug. 25 - Gloria Foster  
Sept. 1 - Ann Gilmore  
Sept. 8 - Barb Bend  
Sept. 15 - Laura Fassig  
Sept. 22 - Beth White  
Sept. 29 - Bob Stevens  
Oct. 6 - Gloria Foster  
Oct. 13 - Becky Oest  
Oct. 20 - Ron Wald  
Oct. 27 - Ellen Sue Kupecz  
Nov. 3 - Barb Bend  
Nov. 10 - Susan Foster  
Nov. 17 - Bob Gilmore  
Nov. 24 - Curt Foster  
Dec. 1 - Carol Bend  
Dec. 8 - Tami Foster  
Dec. 15 - Becky Oest  
Dec. 22 - Katie Koks  
Dec. 29 - Carol Bend

### **Lay Readers - 2020**

Jan. 5 - Jeff Svendsen  
Jan. 12 - Ron Wald  
Jan. 19 - Ann Gilmore  
Jan. 26 - Stacy Richardson  
Feb. 2 - Maegan Gletty  
Feb. 9 - Barb Bend  
Feb. 16 - Curt Foster  
Feb. 23 - Laura Fassig  
Mar. 1 - Bob Gilmore  
Mar. 8 - Tami Johnson  
Mar. 15 - Jeff Svendsen  
Mar. 22 - Laura Fassig  
Mar. 29 - Ellen Sue Kupecz

### **Usher - 2019**

**April** - Joshua Marquardt & Wayne Davey  
**May** - Chris Walters & Joshua Marquardt  
**June** - Bob Gilmore & Keith Fassig  
**July** - Ron Wald & Curt Foster  
**Aug.** - Darryl Kupecz & Joshua Marquardt  
**Sept.** - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey  
**Oct.** - Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson  
**Nov.** - Dakota Goble & Darryl Kupecz  
**Dec.** - Dave Bend & Harold Svendsen

### **Usher - 2020**

**Jan.** - Jeff & Larry Svendsen  
**Feb.** - Dave Gibson & Brian Oest  
**Mar.** - Bob Gilmore & Ron Bend

### **Cookie Fellowship - 2019**

**April 28** - Stacy Richardson, Carol Svendsen & Jessica Olson  
**May 26** - Deb Davey, Ruth McInerney, Sherrie McInerney & Camilla Boston  
**June 30** - Gloria Foster, Tami Johnson & Laura Walters  
**July 28** - Gail Marquardt & Audrey Kuring  
**August 25** - Carol Bend & Gail Marquardt  
**September 29** - Judy Svendsen & Jamie Gibson  
**October 27** - Martha Bianco & Betty Goble  
**November 24** - Katie Koks, Ellen Sue Kupecz & Barb Bend

### **Cookie Fellowship - 2020**

**January 26** - Maegan Gletty, Becky Oest & Jeff Svendsen  
**February 23** - Susan Foster, Rachel Foster & Ann Gilmore  
**March 29** - Laura Fassig, Paula Bend & Becky Stephens



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