

NEWS & VIEWS

ROLLO PEWS

May & June 2019

From the Pen of Pastor David

Today I was with a client traveling his golf course in one of the northern suburbs. I've known this young man for the 3 years he's been a superintendent at this course, as well as for 6 years that he was an assistant at another client's club. But even though I've known him for a long time, I never really knew him until today.

As we toured his course for about an hour and talked over his preparations for an upcoming tournament, I ask how he was doing personally; if everything was ok. And then he opened up, and started telling me about his struggles. He told me that he's been sober for 8 months. He talked about being depressed because his wife, who is 8 months pregnant, has really been sick, and he's doing most of the work around the house. He's upset with himself for his selfish feelings which fortunately haven't affected their relationship.

And as we talked further, he told me about his assistant who had a seizure the afternoon before and he had to run him to the emergency room. The fear is that he might have a brain tumor. What makes this more traumatizing for this young man, is that's what his father died of many years ago.

Our conversation lasted past the golf course and into the parking lot where my truck was parked, when he told me about the help he's seeking as he tries to get better. He is seeing a spiritual counselor as he struggles with his faith. He's attending AA meetings 3 times a week, and is in a support group for pornography. He is a very fortunate young man in so very many ways! He is highly successful, has a wonderful job, and after several years of trying, and thanks to invitro fertilization, finally has a child on the way. And yet the demons in his life control him.

The reason I bring this to you, is because of the Lenten season we just shared. Throughout our Sunday meditations, as well as our Wednesday evening studies, we talked about the places we fall short of being the ambassadors we're called to be, as well as the traits in our own lives that we need to work on.

Now be honest~ as we think about the young man we just read about, how much are we judging him? How much are our minds racing as we think about how screwed up his life is? How much are we thinking about the demons in his life and giving thanks that we're not him? How much do we feel more superior to him, because we don't have those demons in our lives?

Well brothers and sisters, we do have! Maybe not the same demons, but ones that are just as bad, and ones that hurt others just as much, if not more so. Demons like being too judgmental, gossiping, and being all about self, are demons that destroy relationships, and stop us from being the disciples and ambassadors we're called to be. Demons like having superiority complexes that keep us from being compassionate and kind. Demons within each of our characters that keep us from being the hands, feet, light and presence of Christ in other peoples lives.

You know I keep thinking I'm going to quit talking about our call to be ambassadors for Christ, and then things like today happen. Had I not asked this young man about *himself*, we would have finished our work on the golf course, and I would have been off to the next project. Quite obviously, this gentleman needed someone to talk too, and the Holy Spirit encouraged me simply ask, '*how are you doing?*'

As I reminded us during Easter morning's meditation, the gospel of Jesus Christ is in our hands, and what happens to it is up to us. We can either choose to celebrate it and share it as the ambassadors we're called to be, or we can stuff it in our back pocket and let it sit there in the dark. Don't be afraid! God wouldn't have entrusted us with it if He didn't think we could handle it! God's Holy Spirit will give us voice if we dare to step into the call He's placed on our lives. And as evidenced by my day today, and as I mentioned above, each of us has demon's in our lives that we need to talk about.

As I said, I keep thinking I'll quit talking about our call to be ambassadors for Christ, but if that's what we all did, then where would we be as the people of God, and the Church of Jesus Christ?

May Easter continue in your hearts each and every day.

Love PD.





From the Money Counter of Wayne Davey

| BUDGET | | Budget | Actual | Over/Under Budget |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| \$73,247.00 | | | | |
| REVENUE | March 31, 2019 | \$18,311.76 | \$14,019.56 | (\$4,292.20) |
| EXPENDITURES | March 31, 2019 | \$18,311.76 | \$15,654.27 | (\$2,657.49) |

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$ 19,595.07
 Current Balance in Savings Account: \$ 13,117.82
 150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73
 Bathroom Fund: \$ 650.21
 Building Fund: \$ -0-
 Diaconate Fund: \$ 1,536.72
 Memorial Account: \$ 3,331.23
 Undesignated: \$ 6,383.93

Stain Glass Window Repair Cost: \$44,311.00
 1st Payment 6/11/2018: \$13,500.00
 2nd Payment 1/18/2019 \$ 10,850.00
 3rd Payment 2/19/2019: \$18,475.00
 4th Payment 3/18/2019 \$ 701.00
 5th Payment 3/22/2019 \$ 785.00

Funding Breakdown for Window Repair:

Paid from General Fund: \$13,500.00
 Congregational Giving: \$25,335.19
 To be Paid from Endowment Fund: \$ 5,475.81

Current CD Balance as of 3/28/2019: \$ 4,410.00
 Memorial Fund: \$ 6,682.81

* Memorial Funds are currently located within the CD Investment
 And savings account



Diaconate Report by Barb Bend

The Diaconate has been especially busy with the Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday service was very meaningful as we picked up our candles, nails, and literature to encourage us to reflect and repent throughout the next 6 weeks. The soup suppers were delicious! We have many wonderful cooks in our church. The Bible study focused on the book of John and how we should be worthy ambassadors. We had as many as 19 people attend during various weeks! Palms were passed out and adorned the aisle for Palm Sunday as we celebrated Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Things turned as Holy Week led to Maundy Thursday. We returned our nails, covered the cross, and stripped the altar. The prayer vigil was a success because of dedicated church members, some even doing double duty to cover the hours. Good Friday Ecumenical service was held at Earlville Presbyterian Church. We were well represented with 11 in attendance.

Easter was a glorious day! Again those wonderful cooks worked their magic for our breakfast. The service was stunning in the transition of bleakness to beauty.

We now turn our focus to Mother's Day and celebrating our graduates. Jefferson Bradley graduates from high school in Louisiana, MO and Gage Gibson & Kevin Schilling graduate from ICMS. If you know of any others we may not be aware of, please let us know.

Our prayer list seems to have increased immensely. Please pray for the families of the loved ones we lost in our community and those that need healing/comfort.



Trustees Report by Tami Johnson

The stained glass window project has been completed. Thank you everyone who donated to the project. The North windows may need repaired in the future. Various windows needed new wood trim. Thank you Mike Johnson and Fred Vandre for donating your time and talent to replacing the trim.

Water stains were noted on the walls in the back of the sanctuary. The water leakage is thought to be because of the snow and ice from the winter and seems to be lessening.

News from NICE by Deb Davey

The decision was made at the March board meeting to cancel the NICE walk which is usually held in May. The decision was not made lightly. The board is considering other options and in fact may decide to have the walk sometime later in the year. If you have any thoughts about the decision or suggestions for a future event, let Camilla Boston or Deb Davey know.



**Please Remember In Your
Prayers & Thoughts**

*Family of Emily Hardy
Family of Millie Martenson
Family of Barb Wade
Family of Joe Barshinger
Family of Ryan Boston
Family of Dolores Staurland*

**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*)
Jeff Masters (*Laura Fassig*)
Macy Mahaffey
Margie Marquardt
Paul Herrmann Family
Larry Svendsen
Ray McInerney
Duane Fassig

Annual Crosstown Rivalry Service & Tailgating date will be announced at a later date. Bragging rights will go to winners of Sox vs Cubs.



We will be celebrating these graduates on May 26th as Jefferson Bradley graduates from high school in Louisiana, MO and Gage Gibson & Kevin Schilling graduate from ICMS. If you know of any others we may not be aware of, please let us know.

**"Why the puzzle?"
"Why during Lent?"**

The answer on May 5th!

Cookie Fellowship

May 26 -

Deb Davey, Ruth McInerney & Sherrie McInerney & Camilla Boston

June 30 -

Gloria Foster, Tami Johnson & Laura Walters

July 28 -

Gail Marquardt & Audrey Kuring

Ushers

May - Chris Walters & Joshua Marquardt

June - Bob Gilmore & Keith Fassig

July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster

Lay Readers

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

Announcements

Apr. 28 - Cookie Fellowship: Stacy R., Carol S., & Jessica O.

May 5 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

May 12 - Trustees Mtg after worship

May 18 - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

May 26 - Graduation Celebration & *Cookie Fellowship:*

Deb Davey, Ruth McInerney &

Sherrie McInerney & Camilla Boston

June 2 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

June 9 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Council Mtg to follow - Newsletter is Due!!!

June 15 - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

June 30 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Gloria Foster, Tami Johnson & Laura Walters



Crossroads Tuesday Softball League

| DATE | 6:00 | | 7:00 | | | 8:00 | | | 9:00 | |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Field A | Field B | Field A | Field B | Field C | Field A | Field B | Field C | Field A | Field B |
| April 16 | 7-9 | 10-8 | 5-7 | 9-10 | 8-6 | 2-5 | 4-1 | 6-3 | 1-2 | 3-4 |
| April 23 | 9-5 | 6-1 | 4-9 | 5-6 | 1-8 | 2-4 | 3-10 | 8-7 | 10-2 | 7-3 |
| April 30 | 9-1 | 5-8 | 8-9 | 3-5 | 1-7 | 4-6 | 2-3 | 7-10 | 10-4 | 6-2 |
| May 7 | 5-10 | 7-6 | 10-1 | 2-7 | 4-5 | 1-3 | 6-9 | 8-4 | 3-8 | 9-2 |
| May 14 | 2-8 | 6-10 | 8-2 | 10-6 | 3-9 | 4-7 | 1-5 | 9-3 | 7-4 | 5-1 |
| May 21 | 8-10 | 9-7 | 10-9 | 7-5 | 6-8 | 1-4 | 5-2 | 3-6 | 4-3 | 2-1 |
| May 28 | 5-9 | 1-6 | 6-5 | 8-1 | 9-4 | 10-3 | 7-8 | 4-2 | 2-10 | 3-7 |
| June 4 | 8-5 | 1-9 | 5-3 | 9-8 | 7-1 | 3-2 | 6-4 | 10-7 | 2-6 | 4-10 |
| June 11 | 6-7 | 10-5 | 9-6 | 1-10 | 5-4 | 7-2 | 3-1 | 4-8 | 2-9 | 8-3 |

* Second team listed is HOME team Tournament Dates: June 18 & 25

5 Rollo Congregational - Jon Ritter

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

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