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# News & Views



# From Rollo Pews

July & August 2019



## From the Pastors Pen

We are all familiar with the story of Mary and Joseph leaving Jerusalem after the Passover, and Jesus staying behind in the temple. Luke records the events in this way.....

*<sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.*

*<sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.*

*<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”*

*<sup>49</sup> “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. **“Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”** <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.*

Now in many Bible versions, including the New King James, the word for house is business; “*Why did you seek Me? **Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?***”

As I sit at Mom’s, just before she passes, and with Father’s Day fast approaching, being about ‘**my father’s business**’ is what’s most been on my mind. For Jesus, this meant that he had a story to tell. It meant that he was to carry on the message of God’s love and grace, sharing it with all who would listen. Jesus was, in many ways, the caretaker of the God’s message, and it would be up to him to spread the ‘good news’. But for me, over the last 18 years, being about my ‘**father’s business**’ has meant taking care of Mom. It has meant picking up where he left off, and it would be in caring for the love of his life, that I could most love and honor my father, just as Jesus loved and honored his father.

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And I wonder, whose lives are we honoring, in the way that we live our own? Are we first and foremost honoring God our Heavenly Father, by being kind, loving, and full of the grace that He showered upon us in Jesus His son? Are we honoring Jesus, by showing God's love and understanding with full equality, not only to those with whom we agree, but also with those who might be somewhat different from ourselves? And are we honoring God's gift of His Holy Spirit, by both seeking, and allowing, his 'still small voice' to guide our thoughts, actions, and judgment? Truthfully, I guess we all try, but not as much as we should, or our neighborhoods and world around us would be a kinder and gentler place to live and to love.

I think Dad would be happy, with the way I and my sisters took care of Mom. I think that he would approve of my decision to become a minister and preach and live into the gospel, as best this sinner is able. And I think he would approve, of how I try to emulate him, in the way I care for the needs of my family. But even as much as I try to mirror the love and caring nature of my earthly father, it's more important to me to try and mirror the love and caring nature of our heavenly father.

Again, whose lives are we honoring, in the way that we live our own?

Love and blessings,

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## **The Diaconate Report by Barb Bend**

Summer brings a slower pace for the Diaconate Committee as we continue to meet the spiritual needs and interests of the church. We celebrated the graduations of Rachel Foster, Delaney Bend, and Taylor White along with previously named graduates May 26. Lauri Allen conducted services with us May 12, May 26, and June 2 as Pastor David was dealing with work and family matters. We are updating the Memorial Plaques in the west room. They should be up soon. The confirmands will begin their journey in September with teachings, followed by mission work. We have a great group that will shine in their journey.

***The Crosstown Classic is scheduled for July 7. This is a fun time to root for the old ball team!***

July is Rollo UCC's month to assist at the NICE Center. Hopefully some will consider lending a hand.



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## The Treasurer Report by Wayne Davey



### From the Money Counter

BUDGET		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
\$73,247.00				
REVENUE	May 31, 2019	\$30,519.60	\$28,740.39	(\$1,779.21)
EXPENDITURES	May 31, 2019	\$30,519.60	\$27,616.84	(\$2,902.76)

Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$ 22,088.94
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$ 16,689.82
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 650.21
Building Fund:	\$ 978.00
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,536.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 5,331.23
Undesignated:	\$ 6,977.93

Current CD Balance as of 5/28/2019:	\$ 4,417.38
Memorial Fund:	\$ 8,682.81



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

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## The Trustees Report by Tami Johnson

The Trustees are investigating the water leakage that occurred in the walls at the back of the sanctuary. No further leakage has occurred despite the heavy spring rains. Wayne informed the trustees that the Illinois Department of National Resource is considering putting the church on the national registry of historic buildings.

Please watch the bulletin for upcoming information on summer work days. This year, the church cleaning will focus on cleaning the kitchen. We plan to remove all items from drawers and cupboards, clean everything, and replace in storage containers. More information will be posted in the church bulletin.

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## The NICE Report by Deb Davey

Camilla and Deb attended the Board Meeting at the NICE Center on May 22, 2019. Here is the break down for folks served this year in comparison to last year:

	Families	Individuals		Families	Individuals
Jan 2019	81	339	Jan 2018	107	438
Feb 2019	94	373	Feb 2018	95	394
Mar 2019	102	348	Mar 2018	103	424
April 2019	96	376	Apr 2018	88	364

Jerry Olson has taken over as treasurer in place of Bill Weigel who resigned at the end of last year. An EOY audit is currently being conducted on last year's bank statements. Painting has been done in several of the rooms, in Cub blue.....whatever. Remember that Rollo UCC is expected to provide volunteers in July. Please try to help out at least one Saturday out of the month. We will have a signup sheet on the back table. The board talked about allowing clients to receive food more than twice each month. No definite decision was made. The board is also looking at a date in September to have the NICE Walk. More news to follow. 73 Easter baskets were given over a 4 week period.

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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



Happy Birthday!

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

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## Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

All our Service men & women  
The Lost  
'Shut-Ins'  
Doug Komes  
Leota Benson  
Rachel (*Maegan Gletty*)  
Pat & Bill Unzicker  
Lorna Roberson (*Laura Fassig*)

Macy Mahaffey  
Larry Svendsen  
Ray McInerney  
Duane Fassig  
Dave Bateman family  
Carol Svendsen  
Fred Weiss (*Carol Svendsen*)  
*Family of Vera Weiss (Carol Svendsen)*  
*Family of Margie Marquardt*

### Announcements

**June 30** - *Cookie Fellowship:*  
*Gloria F., Tami J. & Laura W.*

**July 7** - *Crosstown Classic*  
Diaconate Mtg after worship

**July 14** - Trustees Mtg after worship

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

**July 28** - *Cookie Fellowship:*  
*Gail M. & Audrey K.*

**Aug. 4** - Diaconate Mtg after worhsip

**Aug. 11** - Trustees Mtg after worship  
Council Mtg to follow  
Newsletter is due!!

**Aug. 17** - Men's Breakfast at 7 a.m.

**Aug. 25** - *Cookie Fellowship:*  
*Carol Bend & Gail Marquardt*



### **Lay Reader List**

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

### **Usher List**

July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster  
August - Darryl Kupecz & Joshua Marquardt  
September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey



### **Cookie Fellowship List**

July 28 - Gail M. & Audrey K.  
August 25 - Carol Bend & Gail Marquardt  
September 29 - Judy Svendsen & Jamie Gibson

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