

# News & Views from Rollo Pews

September & October 2020

We are very fortunate to have Brian Eide at our pulpit as he goes thru his ministry schooling. We appreciate him working with us during our pastoral search.

## Sub Pastors Report by Brian Eide

A little about my self:

I was born in Rockford, raised in Dyer, IN with my mother and no siblings. My father and mother were divorced when I was young. I grew up as a young child with many challenges in my life, but was always very inquisitive about life and God, trying to find God. I knew as a child God was somewhere, just didn't quite sure know where in my life. While I was in high school, I was baptized Catholic. That's where my faith started for me, thanks to a nun who was very supportive. Growing up, my mother was Presbyterian and didn't attend church much and my father was agnostic at the time. With many disagreements on how the Catholic Church is structured, I decided as an adult I needed a religion that represented total equality in life and that is less structured. A religion that stresses the importance of God's love for all to share. When I moved to Genoa to reunite back with my father, I attended my Grandmother's church as an organist in Genoa called Peace United Church of Christ when I was 18. At that time I went to Elgin Community College and received my Culinary Arts Degree and a manager's certification. I also took piano and Pipe Organ lessons at Elgin College. There is a business in Sycamore called Mr. G's Music Studio where I also took organ lessons as well. So I ended up playing at Peace church until they closed for 35 years. I am currently a member of First Congregational Church of DeKalb, serving on the cabinet. My inspiration for music and ministry shaped me to where I am today, loving to share God's word while attending Wisconsin Lay Academy in DeForest. I will receive my license in 3 years. So far I absolutely love Lay Ministry and you never know I might decide to go further, such as working towards my ordination. I would like to thank Rollo Congregational Church for having me. I am very blessed to be with a very nice and loving church family.

With Love  
Brian Eide  
Pastor in Discernment

### Diaconate Members to contact for prayer list

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## Christian Ed Report by Barb Bend



The committee is eagerly awaiting the time when it is safe to return to Sunday School. It will be determined by the health guidelines and at which time parents and students feel comfortable.

We have had volunteers step forward to assist with our program.

We would welcome anyone so inclined.

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## NICE Center Report by Sherry McInerney

They are accepting donations now at the north door. Only open Saturday. Jelly, canned vegetables, canned tuna/chicken, packaged cookies, paper towels and toilet paper are needed. Asking for monetary donations for school supplies. Can write a check, designate for NICE school supplies and put in Sunday collection. They will buy and distribute.

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## Search Committee Report by Laura Fassig



We have had a couple more interviews since the last newsletter. However, the candidates have chosen to be taken out of consideration.

Some are due to COVID while others were due to long distance moving and decided it wasn't a good idea at this time. The committee has agreed that we need to feel peace about who is chosen. So far the ones we have felt that peace have declined. Please pray that God sends us the best candidate for our congregation as a whole. Thank you to Brian Eide for filling in while we search.

## Trustees Report by Tami Johnson

The Trustees met on August 9 after church. The Trustees reviewed and discussed the bid to repair the sanctuary windows on the north side of the church. The Trustees carefully considered if this is a repair that can be accomplished in the next year. No decision was made. The Trustees would like to thank Keith and Laura Fassig and Chuck Johnson for mowing the church yard this summer.

There will not be a church work day this year.  
Thank you for financially supporting the church.

From the Money Counter

## Treasurers Report by Wayne Davey

BUDGET		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
\$74,910.18				
REVENUE	July 31, 2020	\$43,697.64	\$35,029.60	(\$8,668.04)
EXPENDITURES	July 31, 2020	\$43,697.64	\$29,867.73	(\$13,829.91)

Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$ 45,941.51
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$ 26,701.09
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 1,072.75
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,636.72
Memorial Account:	\$15,481.23
Undesignated:	\$ 6,594.45

Current CD Balance as of 5/28/2020:	\$ 4,461.55
Memorial Fund:	\$ 18,882.81



\* Memorial Funds are currently located within the CD Investment and Savings Account

**Any questions or comments,  
Please contact one of the Church Council members:**

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For any other church concerns during this time without a Pastor please contact our Moderator or Assistant Moderator.

If you have prayer concerns please contact the Diaconate.

If you have announcement for bulletin or newsletter contact  
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**Please Remember In Your  
Prayers & Thoughts**

All our Service men & women  
The Lost  
'Shut-Ins'  
Coronavirus Victims  
Pastoral Search Committee  
Judy Martin  
Carol & Larry Svendsen  
Duane Fassig  
Helen Algieri  
Chuck Foster  
Fred Weiss (*Carol Svendsen*)  
Ruth & Ray McInerney  
Ashley & Whitley Clayton  
Ryan S. (*Brian Eide*)  
Phil Foster (*Tami Johnson*)  
Bianca Maness (*Jamie Gibson*)  
Janet Rusk (*Laura Fassig*)  
Lauretta Iversen  
*Family of Leota Benson*

**Communion will be served on Sept. 6th**

If you are looking for a PDF copy of  
The Upper Room please visit:  
[www.upperroom.org/  
standingorderchurches](http://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches)

**Marquardt Family  
101 Blue Bird Ct  
Hudson, IL 61748**

We are in need of 3-4  
volunteers to plan  
Pastor Dave's  
Retirement party for  
when we reach phase 5.  
If you are interested  
please contact Jeff  
Svendsen.

## Lay Readers

Aug. 23 - Gloria Foster  
Aug. 30 - Ann Gilmore  
Sept. 6 - Barb Bend  
Sept. 13 - Laura Fassig  
Sept. 20 - Bob Stephens  
Sept. 27 - Beth White  
Oct. 4 - Gloria Foster  
Oct. 11 - Becky Oest  
Oct. 18 - Ron Wald  
Oct. 25 - Ellen Sue Kupecz  
Nov. 1 - Barb Bend  
Nov. 8 - Susan Foster

## Ushers

September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey  
October - Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson  
November - Dakota Goble & Darryl Kupecz

## Cookie Fellowship

*Only if in Phase 5 of Covid-19*

September 27 - Judy Svendsen, Jamie Gibson, Deb Davey  
October 25 - Martha Bianco & Betty Goble



# Happy Birthday!!



Sept 04 – Colton Hockstatter  
Sept 11 - Becky Oest  
Sept 12 – Dakota Goble  
Sept 13 – Tami Johnson  
Sept 16 – Carole Jordal  
Sept 18 – Trevor Benson  
Sept 20 – Doug Maple  
Sept 22 – Barbara Bend  
Sept 23 – Samantha Ritter  
Sept 26 – Jerry Maple  
Sept 28 – Erin Maple  
Sept 29 – Ronald Wald  
Sept 30 – Martha Bianco

Oct 03 – Charles Johnson  
Oct 07 – LaVern Jordal  
& Brian Oest  
Oct 09 – Cate Bullis  
Oct 10 – Brad Wald  
Oct 14 – Paula Bend  
Oct 15 – Susan Recknor  
& Darryl Kupecz  
Oct 19 – Rick Bend  
Oct 24 – Laura Walters  
Oct 30 – Felicia Wooden

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