

NEWS & *Views*



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Rollo PEWS

January/February 2021

Love Came Down Even this Christmastime

The chillness of the air, the smell of the wood burning in the fireplace and the snowflakes making their presence, twirling and dancing as they fall from the sky.

All the signs of winter wrapping her cold breath around us as we slush through the puddles of December. Oh, but wait, as December leaves, she is followed by the freezing chills of January. January's ice crystals shape the spears that melt from the warmth of the sun peeking out, just for a moment.

The freezing, crisp air almost stands still in the midst of her frigid days, not giving up, not yet, holding on as slow Mother Winter creeps by. Oh, how ever slowly she moves, as we feel the desperation for even February to appear.

A beacon of hope with longer days to come, a worth waiting for as days go by. The sweetness of February speaks of Love. The warmth of Love in our hearts only enhanced from December's story. It lives on, giving us the courage to face the uncertainties of our tomorrows. Love at Christmas doesn't die. It lives on even in the slowness of our frigid winter days.

I hope everyone has a Joyous, season. Stay warm, keep the faith and holdfast to God's Love.

Brian Eide (Sub Pastor)

Trustees Report by Tami Johnson

The down-payment for the repair and restoration of all remaining stained glass windows was sent to Bovard. Bovard anticipates starting the project in February.

The over-head light outside the church was fixed by Mike Davis.

The proposed 2021 budget was presented and approved by the congregation on December 6th.

Future projects include painting and repairing plaster in the sanctuary.

Diaconate Report by Carol Bend

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the 'Hanging of the Greens' at the end of November. A special thanks to Jeff Svendsen for coordinating the event. The only thing that was missing was the chili lunch which had become a tradition. The sanctuary is beautiful, especially with the poinsettias that were added for the December 13th service.

The Diaconate helped our NICE Center representative, Sherry McInerney, coordinate the mitten tree donations. Everyone was very generous this year. We gathered mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, pajamas, jackets and other items to keep our children warm. Good job! They were delivered on December 13th to the NICE Center.

While there will be no formal Christmas program this year, we expect that the Sunday School children and their teachers will provide us with a little Christmas related moment.

Since we cannot visit our shut-ins, we sent cards to those who are unable to be with their families during the holidays.

Sadly, because of COVID restrictions, we will not be holding our annual Christmas Eve service this year, so we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Safe & Happy New Year!

Church Council announces that due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and unable to follow traditional service celebrations the Christmas Eve Services are canceled. The Congregational Annual Meeting is set for January 17th, 2021. At this time, also due to COVID-19 restrictions there will not be a meal to follow.

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 Jessica 815-739-4991 j-rr-2@hotmail.com.



Ch. Ed Report by Barb Bend

Sunday School is going fantastic. We started with the Old Testament on a every other Sunday schedule. We moved up to every week to get the full impact of Advent. They have been busy building the Tower of Babel and throwing Joseph into the well. Our Advent wreaths are looking impressive. January is still “iffy”. We may just meet as schedules and weather permit.

We are impressed with all the volunteers that have bravely read during children’s time at church. We have a very talented congregation! Thanks to all who have blessed us so far and looking forward to those who may join us soon. Also, a big thanks to the parents that make sure the kiddies get to “downstairs church”.

(Followed by “upstairs church, under the pew!”)

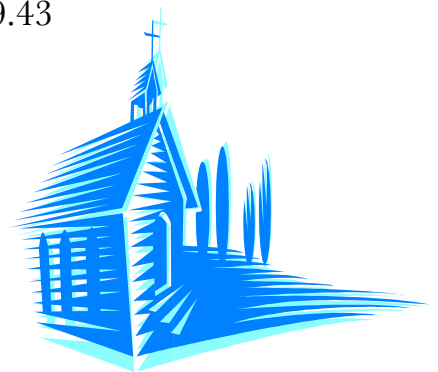
Treasurer Report by Wayne Davey

From the Money Counter

BUDGET		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
\$74,910.18				
REVENUE	November 30, 2020	\$68,667.72	\$54,575.98	(\$14,091.74)
EXPENDITURES	November 30, 2020	\$68,667.72	\$44,156.34	(\$24,511.38)

Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$45,159.43
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$28,367.83
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 1,072.75
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,636.72
Memorial Account:	\$17,147.97
Undesignated:	\$ 6,594.45

Current CD Balance as of 11/23/2020:	\$ 4,463.80
Memorial Fund:	\$ 20,547.81



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

Announcements

Dec. 27 - Annual Mtg. Report Deadline

Jan. 3 - Diaconate Mtg. after worship

Jan. 10 - Trustees Mtg. after worship

Jan. 17 - Congregational Annual Mtg.

Feb. 7 - Diaconate Mtg. after worship

Feb. 14 - Trustees Mtg. after worship
Church Council to follow
Newsletter Deadline

Year end reports from
all Boards & Committees
are due by December 27th,
please leave on the church desk
or email to Jessica
j-rr-2@hotmail.com



A note from the Moderator Jeff Svendsen

It's that time of year where everyone is so busy and I really do appreciate everyone pitching in to get things done. Every committee person and Church member works hard to keep the Rollo Church functioning both spiritually and physically (meaning appearance inside and out). It is also that time of year that the nominating committee meets to decide to ask people to serve on various committees. I am sure the committee would love to have you tell them you are interested in serving on a committee. If you have a question about a certain committee please ask myself, or a committee member about the responsibilities of the particular committee. The nominating committee will present a slate of nominees at the annual meeting on January 17, 2021. The annual meeting and the budget meeting are very important to continuing operation of the Lord and Church. Please set aside time for the annual meeting as we need and want everyone's view and vote for the Church's officers and committees.

Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

All our Service men & women

The Lost

'Shut-Ins'

Coronavirus Victims

Pastoral Search Committee

Peace for our Country

Steve Headon (*Wayne & Stacy*)

Judy Martin

Helen Algieri

Chuck Foster

Sarah Luce (*Betty Goble*)

Ruth & Ray McInerney

Bianca Maness (*Jamie Gibson*)

Anita Eide

David Marquardt (*Feb. knee surgery*)

Tara Huffaker (*Fassig Family*)

Annie Sanderson

Randy Wald

Jane Buland

Cookie Fellowship List

(Only if in Phase 5 of Covid-19)

- Jan. 31** - Maegan Gletty & Jeff Svendsen
Feb. 28 - Susan & Rachel Foster & Ann Gilmore
Mar. 28 - Laura & Beth Fassig & Sam Ritter

Usher List

- Jan.** - Jeff & Larry Svendsen
Feb. - Dave Gibson
Mar. - Bob Gilmore & Mike Johnson



Lay Reader List

- Dec. 20** - Stacy Richardson
Dec. 27 - Carol Bend
Jan. 3 - Jeff Svendsen
Jan. 10 - Ron Wald
Jan. 17 - Ann Gilmore
Jan. 24 - Stacy Richardson
Jan. 31 - Maegan Gletty
Feb. 7 - Barb Bend
Feb. 14 - Curt Foster
Feb. 21 - Laura Fassig
Feb. 28 - Bob Gilmore
Mar. 7 - Katie Koks
Mar. 14 - Jeff Svendsen
Mar. 21 - Laura Fassig
Mar. 28 - Ellen Sue Kupecz

Happy Birthday!



- Jan 07 – Leah Richardson
Jan 12 – Gloria Foster
Jan 18 – Devon White
Jan 20 – Brad Martin
Jan 23 – Heidi Johnson
Jan 25 – Camilla Boston
Jan 30 – Bill Fassig
Jan 31 – Jefferson Bradley

- Feb 04 – Dave Bend
Feb 05 – Joel Svendsen
Feb 08 – Donald Oest
Feb 15 – Alexis Olson
Feb 21 – Isabella Kasper
& Carol Bend
Feb 27 – Keith Fassig
& Jordan Johnson
Feb 28 – James Baird
& Katie Goble

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