

News & Views From Rollo Pews



September/October 2022

From Reverend David's Pen

This past Friday night, I performed a series of Elvis songs at a local restaurant and winery in Batavia. It's been quite a while since I performed, so I was nervous. As I was pulling up, with my black leather costume on and all, I was delightfully surprised to find a large group of you already there! At the beginning of my set, I shared with everyone at the restaurant that I was an ordained minister, and this raucous and fun group in the front were from my congregation. The people around us eating weren't sure if I was joking or not, so I continued on to say that you all were going to see a different side of your pastor this evening! Then, without missing a beat, one of you yelled out – you're gonna see a different side of us too!! Everyone laughed, and my nervousness gave way to a really joyful and fun evening. Looking back, I'm so glad we had the opportunity, outside the church sanctuary, to laugh, to sing, to dance together - even Mike and Harold got up to sing "Hound Dog" – it was a true miracle :) For me, these kinds of bonding moments can be just as holy and special as what happens inside a church.

Now, I know some of you half-jokingly mentioned that the wine helped :). While I am not suggesting that drinking is necessary to have a good time, I know that sometimes a great class of wine.....made from carefully planted, pruned, picked, pressed and fermented grapes, harvested in just the right soil and climate in a process that usually takes 3 years to get from the seed to a bottle at the table....can really sweeten and commemorate that which is good in life. It's a part of the reason human beings often toast with wine – it's a recognition of gratitude to be alive, for this moment God has given us.

Within the Bible, God's miraculous gift of creation is sometimes compared to a beautiful vineyard. In exchange, God expects that we dutifully follow God's laws, and show great care for the earth and for one another. God expects us to work for justice and righteousness, and when that deal is betrayed - when humans neglect and abuse the earth and one another - God's heart breaks.

From Reverend David's Pen Continued...

Friends, I want us to be a fun church, like we were on Friday night. I want us to be a loving church, like we've been at Kathy, Chuck, and Ruth's celebrations of life, I want us to be a compassionate and caring church, like we've been when we've done special offerings for our neighbors in need in our backyard, and across the globe in Ukraine....and I want us to be a church that isn't afraid to speak out for truth, for justice, and for righteousness. We've heard this message all summer from the prophets of the Bible. May we now find the prophet within us, to restore creation, to bear good fruit....so at the end of our lives, we can toast to a glass of good wine or grape juice, knowing we did our part.

Peace, God Bless....and thank you, thank you very much :)



Diaconate Report by Zach Kasper

Thank you to everyone who's volunteered their time and services to make Kathy Sands, Chuck Foster, and Ruth McInerney services run smoothly and special.

Thanks to Regan Gibson for volunteering to help with the zoom.

Thanks to those who volunteered at the nice center for the month of July.

If you have any questions on what needs to be donated to Nice Center please contact, Sherry McInerney or Camilla Boston.



From The Money Counter - Treasurer Report by Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$82,995.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	07/31/22	\$48,763.75	\$37,962.02	-\$10,801.73
EXPENDITURES	07/31/22	\$48,763.75	\$55,955.21	-\$7,191.46

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$24,580.40

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$31,461.58

150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73
 Bathroom Fund: \$ 700.21
 Building Fund: \$ 1,180.25
 Diaconate Fund: \$ 2,339.72
 Memorial Account: \$ 3,357.29
 Undesignated: \$22,668.38



Current CD Balance as of 3/29/2022: \$ 4,475.52

Memorial Fund: \$ 7,832.81

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



Sept. 01 - Sherry McInerney
 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

Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

Our Church has been very busy these last couple of months. I want to extend a sincere thanks to all of you that take such good care of the church and its' friends and families. Three funerals/celebration of life and a Baptism kept us very busy – I am proud of the way these very important events went for the families and our church.

Council and Trustees continue to work together on the day to day needs and do a great job. You may noticed that the tree in the back of the church and some bushes that have been taken down and others trimmed. The tree was split and had potential to come down in a storm. Trustees are considering if there will be another put up back there or if we avoid putting anything as we don't want to disturb underground like tiles.

We will be putting together a plan for church maintenance and projects in hopes that future committee members can build on as we maintain and improve our beautiful building! We have put in an insurance claim for the roof and interior wall damage due to water. The roof work has already begun as we continue to battle an ice damming issue on the east side at the bell tower. We will monitor the rubber they install and will inspect it annually. The roof repairs are not covered under the claim due to wear and tear. We will be looking at about \$20,000 for those repairs. They had to be done and appreciate the time Keith Fassig has put in meeting with the roofers and working on this project. We will wait until after winter to do the repairs to the walls in the sanctuary to be sure the problem is fixed. The interior wall damage is covered and we will be getting quotes for that work to be done in the Spring. It is our hope, once the sanctuary is opened up for the repairs that we can install new electrical wires, better lighting and a lit Exit sign. If there are things you see needs to be done, please let one of us know. Our goal is to have a comprehensive repair, replace and maintenance plan put together – it may take us 10 years to get it all done. We will start with a plan. I am exploring some grant options since we are now on the National Registry to try and get some financial assistance with these projects.

The livestream of our Sunday services continue to go well with 5-8 people most Sundays. We will be making the set up a bit more permanent but will likely wait until the wall repairs is complete. We are in need to others to help run the livestream on Sundays that I am not in church. It looks more intimidating then it really is – trust me! Appreciate your consideration.

Our Covid Protocols will remain as the same. We will monitor as kids get back to school and we head into the fall and winter seasons. If you don't feel well, please stay home and/or mask up in Church and thanks for your ongoing support as we keep our church family safe and healthy.

Rev. David is coming up on his 1 year Anniversary – where has that time gone? We are growing, learning and even laughing in our faith and ministry – thank you for what you bring to our congregation! Here's to 20 more years!

Announcements

Aug. 28 - Cookie Fellowship:
Carol B. & Stacy R.

Sept. 4 - Diaconate Mtg after
worship

Sept. 11 - Trustees Mtg after
worship

Sept. 17 - Sunday School

Sept. 25 - Cookie Fellowship:
Judy S., Jamie G, & Deb D.

Oct. 2 - Diaconate Mtg after
worship

Oct. 9 - Trustees Mtg after
worship

Council to follow
Newsletter Due!!

Oct. 30 - Cookie Fellowship:
Martha B., Betty G, & Audrey K.

**Sunday school will resume
on September 17th! Look
forward to a new, fun year
of Sunday school with the
same great teachers!**

Usher List

August - Darryl Kupecz & Jeff Svendsen

September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey

October - Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson

Cookie Fellowship List

August 28 - Carol Bend & Stacy Richardson

September 25 - Judy Svendsen, Jamie Gibson,
& Deb Davey

October 30 - Martha Bianco & Betty Goble
& Audrey Kuring

Please Remember In Your Prayers & Thoughts

*Prayers for all those affected by war,
poverty, forced migration, and
violence.....that peace, dignity, and
love may prevail.*

All our Service men & women
Steve Headon (*Wayne & Stacy*)

Judy Martin
Helen Algieri
Bryan Wald
Jane Buland
Noelle Sauter
Sandra Bullis
Josh Wooden
Ray McInerney
JoAnn Snyder
Cathy Saelens
Mark Cox
Janis Sawyer
Ella Woodyard
John & Linda Hopwood

Lay Readers List

Aug. 28 – Laura Fassig

Sept. 4 – Beth Prestegaard

Sept. 11 – Gloria Foster

Sept. 18 – Jon Ritter

Sept. 25 – Tami Johnson

Oct. 2 – Stacy Richardson

Oct. 9 – Susan Foster

Oct. 16 – Ron Wald

Oct. 23 – Ann Gilmore

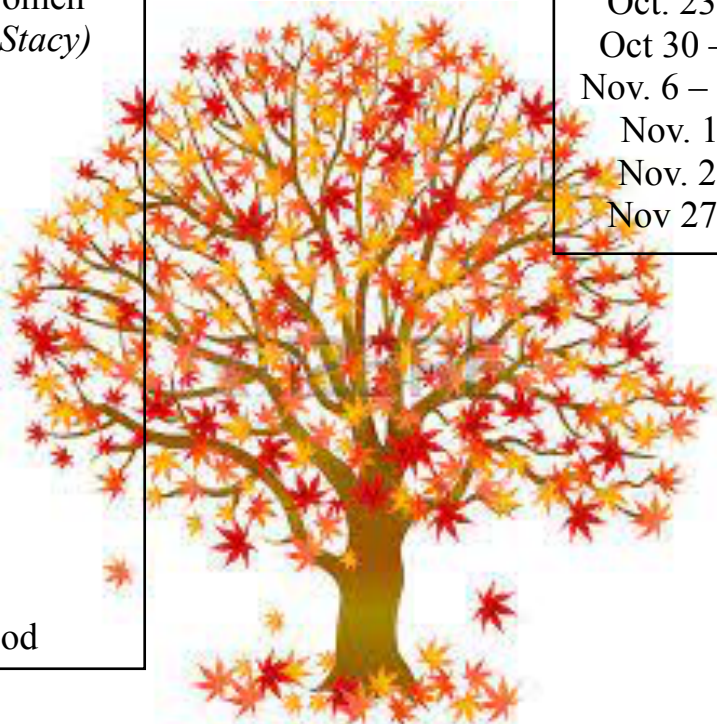
Oct 30 – Maegan Gletty

Nov. 6 – Stacy Richardson

Nov. 13 – Barb Bend

Nov. 20 – Curt Foster

Nov 27 – Bob Gilmore



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