

News & Views

From Rollo Pews

November-December 2022

From the Reverend's Pen

Fall is here once again! Farmers are hard at work with the harvest, the leaves are changing colors, the sun is setting a bit earlier each day, and the night air is getting chilly. Fall represents the beautiful, yet solemn end of all the incredible life that nature produced this spring and summer. It is a season of reflection and gratitude.

Our congregation has been through a lot over the last year - unexpected illnesses, the loss of beloved family, friends and neighbors, work conflicts, accidents at home - and many of you have been in the eye of the storm. When nothing seems to be going our way and despair is heavy, it is awfully hard to be grateful. It is hard to have faith when life levels you, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try. After all, great faith comes out of great doubt and great struggle. One of the simplest, yet profound ways we can try is to take a brief moment each day to think about what we are grateful for. Even on our worst days, there is someone or something to be grateful for. Say it out loud in prayer, and share it with those who will listen. There's a reason why I ask you all to reflect and share what you are grateful for each Sunday morning. Doing so reminds us of all that is good in life, that the storm won't last forever, that there is indeed a bright sun waiting for us just above the clouds, even if you can't see it right now. Sharing our gratitude with God and with others brings healing. It helps part the clouds, and reminds us that we are not alone, even in our darkest hours. Life levels everyone, but not everyone responds with gratitude. So work gratitude into each day. Make it a morning or evening ritual with family, call or email me or another member and let us know what you are thankful for. The more we share our gratitude, the more we find our faith, the more we find our true selves, and find peace in knowing that whatever life throws at us – illness, job loss, accidents, even death – none of it will ever separate us from the love of God.

As I reflect on my first year of ministry at Rollo, I can earnestly say that I am deeply grateful for all of you. Your love and support for my family, and for one another has truly been healing and enriching. It is my hope that we can continue to strengthen our ministry together over the next year. With renewed gratitude, I encourage you to join a new committee at church, invite your friends and neighbors to worship with us (online or in person), and give generously to the church and to our neighbors in need. There is much more we can do to bring Christ's love and healing to a world in need of good news.

May your fall season be filled with gratitude, and please know you are loved by God and by all of your family and friends at Rollo UCC.

Treasurer's Report by Wayne Davey

FROM THE MONEY COUNTER

BUDGET \$82,995.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	09/30/22	\$62,696.25	\$47,738.02	-\$14,958.23
EXPENDITURES	09/30/22	\$62,696.25	\$75,465.85	\$12,769.60

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$14,448.60

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$52,565.12

150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund: \$ 700.21
Building Fund: \$ 1,180.25
Diaconate Fund: \$ 2,339.72
Memorial Account: \$ 9,107.29
Insurance Claim \$15,349.75
Undesignated: \$22,668.38



Current CD Balance as of 8/31/2022: \$ 4,475.90

Memorial Fund: \$ 13,582.81

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

Hospitality Report by Mike & Tami Johnson

The hospitality committee would like to thank the congregation for their help with recent funeral luncheons. Many hands brought food, set up, served, and cleaned up. All the help was appreciated!

We look forward to resuming the Thankful Harvest and Annual Meeting Dinners. In the near future, there will be sign up sheets for the dinners plus the Christmas Tea. So again, we are putting out a plea for volunteers to help with the events. Thank you!

Christian Ed Report by Beth Kasper

Sunday School has resumed! The Sunday school class is meeting every other Sunday. They have began reviewing last years material, and learning new material through games and yummy treats! The Sunday School class has been keeping track of books they read to match the number of weekly books and donate to Laura Johnson's classroom at her school, so each student in her class can have a few new books each month.

Diaconate's Report by Laura Fassig

Our little church raised over \$700 between an offering and the dedication of Susan Foster walking in the NICE walk. Thanks, and way to go Susan and congregation.

Zachary Kasper and Elizabeth Fassig were married at the church on August 27th, 2022.

Plans for upcoming events are for the following:

All Saint's Day service will be held on October 30th to honor those saints who have passed. Currently, our list is Dick Bend, Kathy Sands, Chuck Foster, and Ruth and Ray McInerney. Please contact Pastor David if you have someone you would like to add to the list who has passed in the last year. We will also honor those who have passed and are important to any parishioners.

Our **Annual NICE Food Drive** begins on October 16th through November 13th. Please bring non perishable foods and place them in the designated area at the front of the church. The food collection will be dispersed for Thanksgiving.

Thankful Harvest Dinner will be on November 13th after the church service. Please join us for a wonderful dinner. Details will be given later in the bulletin.

Thanksgiving Eve service TBA at later date.

Church Advent Decorating Party will be held on November 27th with fun Christmas music (*Elvis might show up*) and cookie fellowship. Please help decorate and join in the fun.

Our **Christmas Children and Choir Program** will be held during the church service on December 11th.

Lay Readers List

Oct. 23 – Ann Gilmore
Oct 30 – Maegan Gletty
Nov. 6 – Stacy Richardson
Nov. 13 – Barb Bend
Nov. 20 – Curt Foster
Nov. 27 - Bob Gilmore
Dec. 4 - Katie Koks
Dec. 12 - Jeff Svendsen
Dec. 18 - Laura Fassig
Dec. 25 - Ellen Sue Kupecz
Jan. 1 – Stacy Richardson
Jan. 8 – Zach Kasper
Jan. 15 – Beth Prestegaard
Jan. 22 –Gloria Foster
Jan. 29 – Jon Ritter

Cookie Fellowship List

October 30 - Martha Bianco,
Betty Goble & Audrey Kuring
November 27 - Katie Koks,
Ellen Sue Kupecz & Barb Bend
January 29 - Maegan Gletty
& Jeff Svendsen

Ushers List

November - Jon Ritter
& Darryl Kupecz
December - Dave Bend
& Chuck Johnson
January - Jeff & Larry
Svendsen



Announcements

Oct. 30 - All Saint's Day

Cookie Fellowship:

Martha B., Betty G, & Audrey K.

Nov. 6 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Nov. 13 - Thankful Harvest Dinner after worship

Trustees Mtg after worship

Nov. 27 - Church Advent Decorating Party
with fun Christmas music (*Elvis might show up*)

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Cookie Fellowship:

Katie K., Ellen Sue K. & Barb B.

Dec. 4 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Dec. 11 - Christmas Children and Choir Program

during worship service

Trustees Mtg after worship

Council to follow

Newsletter Due!!

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

Josh Wooden

JoAnn Snyder

Mark Cox

Janis Sawyer

Ella Woodyard

John & Linda Hopwood

Carol & Larry Svendsen

Susan Woodyard (*Audrey*)

Claire Cordray (*Betty Gobles
granddaughter*)

Charlie Fassig (*Laura Fassig*)

Family of Ray McInerney

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Happy Birthday

Nov 01 – Eila Oest

Nov 02 – Mike Johnson

Nov 03 – Deb Davey &
& Sherry McInerney
& Charlotte Fassig

Nov 11 – Gage Gibson

Nov 19 – Matt Maple

Nov 23 – Delaney Bend
& Joshua Johnson
& Mike Martin

Nov 24 – Curt Foster
& Landon Schmidt

Nov 26 – Mike Peters

Nov 28 – Lindsay Richardson
& Randall Wald

Nov 29 – Gail Marquardt

Dec 02 – Joetta DeLay

Dec 3 – Remington Kasper

Dec 6 – Zach Kasper
& Jonathan Ritter

Dec 07 – Dave Bateman

Dec 9 - Katie Simmons

Dec 19 – Sara Lyons &
Ann & Bob Gilmore

Dec 24 – David Marquardt



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