

News & Views from Rollo Pews

March - April 2023

From the Reverends Pen

Dear Rollo friends and congregants,

How is the New Year going for you? Does it feel any different from last year, or is it more or less the same? New year's can sometimes feel like a reset button in our lives - a time to reflect on the past, and dream anew of a bright future. An opportunity to learn from our mistakes, while committing to new ways of thinking and being in the world.

In reality, we often forget resolutions by this time in February, and find ourselves stuck back in the same old habits. It is my hope however, that coming to church each Sunday morning feels a bit like a reset button - an opportunity to breathe and pray, to feel renewed in God's loving presence and grace, and to rediscover some of your passion for this one, beautiful life.

Following the Way of Jesus was like a reset button for Jesus' disciples - it brought transformative meaning, purpose, and flavor to their lives. He called these former fishermen, tax collectors, and activists the salt of the earth and the light of the world. This was Jesus' way of helping his followers discover the light of God within themselves, and inspire them to preserve and spread his teachings like salt long after he was gone.

We are never too young or old to be transformed by the Way of Christ. Sunday morning's should help us refresh and reconnect to God's truth and love, and change the way we live our lives during the week. Whenever we feel a deep gratitude for life and family, forgive those who've hurt us and ask forgiveness for those we've hurt along the way, share with our neighbors in need, show kindness to strangers - anytime we act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God - is a good sign that we too are being transformed by the light of Christ.

This Lenten season is a great opportunity to be renewed in our faith. I hope to see you on Sunday mornings (in person or virtually), as well as at our upcoming Lenten services and Weds' eve bible studies as we continue our faith journey together. While each of our paths is unique, it is a great feeling to know we have a whole church of people who believe in us and a God who loves us through it all.

Diaconate Report By Stacy Richardson

We welcomed new board member Tami Johnson. Duty booklets have been handed out to review for updates soon. The Lenten season kicks off with an Ash Wednesday Service, February 22nd at 7:00pm. Rev Fraccaro will lead a 6 week Bible Study series held each Wednesday, March 1st until April 5th. Soup and Sandwiches will be served by the board the first date at 5:30pm Bible Study will follow soon after. A sign up sheet for the next weeks to host will be at the back table.

We will continue with the prayer vigil but time slots available only until midnight (Good Friday). Easter Sunday services will be at 10:00am.

Jerry Maple and Carol Bateman have asked to be removed from the church membership roll.



Trustees Report By Darryl Kupecz

The Trustees, Darryl, Keith, and Mike met for the first this year on Feb 12th, Super Bowl Sunday. They discussed and reviewed several work in progress projects including the following: smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for the church; emergency lighting and exit signs; insurance needs and contract review; bricking up the side door on the South-East corner of the church; tuck work; rain gutter repairs or replace; estimated future needs for the main church furnace; lighting in the church; support to the Moderator's future team on the parsonage review and recommendations; and create a project book with a list of priorities.



Moderator Report By Beth Prestagaard

We held our first meeting with new members on our various committees. We are looking forward to continuing the work in all areas – church maintenance and improvements – outreach within our membership and community and world families. Our goal is to formalize some of our tasks that folks work so hard to see get done. I am optimistic about our upcoming discussions about the parsonage and what its' future holds – creativity and outside of the box thinking may find us the best solution. Many thanks for the things that folks are doing in all aspects of our church – some noticed and recognized and others not. *We appreciate all of you!*

Treasurers Report By Wayne Davey

FROM THE MONEY COUNTER

BUDGET		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
\$88,429.00				
REVENUE	January 31, 2023	\$7,369.08	\$14,164.11	\$6,795.03
EXPENDITURES	January 31, 2023	\$7,369.08	\$5,893.75	\$1,475.34

Current Balance in Checking Account: \$36,459.89

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$54,069.62

150 Anniversary Fund: \$ 1,215.73

Bathroom Fund: \$ 700.21

Building Fund: \$ 1,180.25

Diaconate Fund: \$ 2,439.72

Memorial Account: \$ 7,087.33

Insurance Claim \$ 15,349.75

Undesignated: \$ 26,096.63



Current CD Balance as of 1/27/2023: \$ 4,486.81

Memorial Fund: \$ 11,574.14

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

Mar 02 – Hunter Walters
 Mar 03 – Jeffrey Adam Svendsen
 Mar 08 – Benjamin Maple
 Mar 13 – Jeff Svendsen
 Mar 17 – Joshua Marquardt
 Mar 18 – Debbie Peters
 Mar 19 – Dave Benson
 Mar 20 – Jason Jordal
 Mar 21 – Christine Schilling
 & David Gibson
 Mar 23 – Cierra Bend
 Mar 24 – Audrey Kuring
 Mar 25 – Wayne Davey
 Mar 26 – Olivia
 & Madelynn Lyons
 Mar 28 – Judy Svendsen
 Mar 29 – Katie Koks
 Mar 30 – Maegan Gletty
 Mar 31 – Bryan Wald

Happy Birthday!!!



April 04 – Kristen (Richardson) Thomas
 & Tami Wooden
 April 05 – Carol Bateman
 April 06 – Ava Lake
 April 10 – Madison Bradley
 April 11 – Larry Svendsen
 & Chris Martin
 April 14 – Wyatt Gletty
 April 19 – Cole Walters
 April 20 – Wayne Martin
 April 27 – Reagan Gibson
 April 30 – Landon Benson

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*)

Wayne & Judy Martin

Helen Algieri

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

Noelle Sauter

JoAnn Snyder

Mark Cox

Deb Davey

Pat Unzicker

Duane Fassig (*Keith Fassig*)

Letta Fraccaro (*Pastors Mom*)

Family of Carole Jordal



** St. Patrick's Day **

Lay Reader

Feb. 26 – Ann Gilmore

Mar. 5 – Maegan Gletty

Mar. 12 – Barb Bend

Mar. 19 - Curt Foster

Mar. 26 - Bob Gilmore

Apr. 2 - Curt Foster

Apr. 9 - Katie Koks

Apr. 16 - Jeff Svendsen

Apr. 23 - Laura Fassig

Apr. 30 - Ellen Sue Kupecz

Usher

March -

Bob Gilmore &

Mike Johnson

Cookie Fellowship

February 26 - Ann Gilmore & Susan Foster

March 26 - Sam Ritter, Laura Fassig & Beth Kasper

Announcements

Feb. 22 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm

Feb. 26 - *Cookie Fellowship*:

Ann G. & Susan F.

Mar. 1 - Lenten Bible Study with food
from 5:30-7pm

Mar. 5 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Mar. 8 - Lenten Bible Study with food
from 5:30-7pm

Mar. 12 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Mar. 15 - Lenten Bible Study with food
from 5:30-7pm

Mar. 22 - Lenten Bible Study with food
from 5:30-7pm

Mar. 26 - *Cookie Fellowship*:

Sam R., Laura F., & Beth K.

Mar. 29 - Lenten Bible Study with food
from 5:30-7pm

Apr. 2 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Apr. 5 - Lenten Bible Study with food
from 5:30-7pm

Apr. 6 - Maundy Thursday at 7pm

Prayer Vigil until midnight

Apr. 7 - Good Friday

Ecumenical Service TBA

Apr. 9 - Easter Breakfast at 8:30am

Please bring a dish to pass if you can!

Easter Sunday worship at 10am

Apr. 16 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Council Mtg to follow

Newsletter Due!

Apr. 30 - *Cookie Fellowship*

**April 9 will be Easter
Breakfast at 8:30am**

**Please bring a dish to
pass if you can!**

**Easter Sunday worship
at 10am**

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