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NEWS & VIEWS FROM ROLLO PEWS

From the Reverends Pen

Dear Rollo UCC congregants and friends,

The weather sure has been crazy these past few weeks - high winds, 80 at day and below freezing at night, hail, even tornadoes. There's been quite the battle between winter and spring this year....kind of like the battle between good and evil, light and dark that the Lenten season represents. You simply can't get to the beauty of Easter morning without the storms of Good Friday and the cross. The good news is that Spring is here - the flowers are blooming, the days are longer, the birds are singing - Christ is risen.

We've talked a lot about fear this season. How much fear can paralyze us (like being on the high dive at the Sycamore pool), and keep us from living the life God intends for us. God understands and empathizes with our fear, but does not want us to get stuck in our fears. Jesus reminds his disciples not to be afraid throughout the gospels. Be not afraid.....because there is so much more to life and the hereafter than we know. Doubt, fear, suffering - it is all temporary. Jesus' resurrection assures us that nothing will keep us from the love and light of God, not even death.

So this Spring, take time to appreciate all of the miraculous life around you, without pause or fear. Let God know your gratitude by showing your love to one another as Jesus taught. We are all with you on your journey to renewed faith and life in Christ.

Peace be with you this Spring.

Moderator Report by Beth Prestgaard

Committees continue their important work. As Trustees will report out, there are maintenance things we continue to address to preserve our beautiful building. Appreciate their ongoing vigilance. Diaconate did an outstanding job, along with Rev. David during our Lent and Easter season! Hard to believe we are nearly into May of 2023! We are holding our first official Parsonage meeting after church and will pick a consistent date to keep that discussion going – please feel free to join us or send me your thoughts. We appreciate our church family immensely – one of my hopes is that we can each invite a friend or family to our church so we can see some growth. What do you think?

Trustees Report - Keith Fassig

- Still working on the smoke and CO detectors
- Exit sign has been installed
- Getting quotes for upstairs furnace replacement
- Lighting of the church is being considered for replacement – congregational input at meeting on April 30th
- The church needs to be tuck-pointed and replacement of some gutters – we have a bid and this will be discussed at the congregational meeting on April 30th after church
- Parsonage committee will be gathering next Sunday to discuss the future of the parsonage
- Trustees are working on making a maintenance schedule book to keep things organized
- Fire extinguishers need to be replaced - one large one upstairs and 2-3 small ones for downstairs

Diaconate Report - Stacy Richardson

The Lenten Season has wrapped up, thank you to all who attended the 5 week Bible Study and hosted with the delicious food. Ash Wednesday Services were canceled due to an ice storm, Rev offered ashes during the March 5th worship services. Maundy Thursday Services then led into the prayer vigil held until midnight at half hour increments. Rollo was host to the Ecumenical Good Friday Services @ 7 pm with the Earlville Lutheran, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches.

Many thanks to you the members who jump in and give back and share your talents with the congregation, to Mike for building base for wood cross, Susan who gave us organ music in the absence of an organist, Live streamers Beth & Darryl, and Sherri for the beautiful altar floral arrangements!

New bulletin shells are in use. Crosstown Rivalry & tailgating date set for August 13th.

The Trustees are working on several projects, two of which will need Congregational input before moving forward. Therefore, a Congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, April 30, 2023, at 11:00am, right after Church services. The discussion will center around tuck-pointing (brick repair) for the entire Church as well as partial gutter replacement. Also, to be discussed will be a proposal for upgrading the lighting in the Sanctuary to improve lighting for reading etc., especially at night when the sun is not shining through our beautiful windows. Funds will be coming from savings, checking, memorial, personal donations and the endowment fund if needed. Approval of the Congregation is needed in the event endowment funds are used. The cost of tuck-pointing and gutters has been quoted at \$47,000. The cost of the lighting upgrade has been quoted at \$19,293 and that does not include the cost of an electrician to install the lighting. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Treasurers Report - Wayne Davey

From the Money Counter

BUDGET \$88,429.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	03/31/23	\$22,107.24	\$25,954.11	\$3,846.87
EXPENDITURES	03/31/23	\$22,107.24	\$20,907.24	\$1,200.15

Current Balance in Checking Account:

\$31,877.99

Current Balance in Savings Account:

\$54,176.29

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: \$ 26,296.83



Current CD Balance as of 3/27/2023:

\$ 4,493.34

Memorial Fund:

\$ 11,574.14

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

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

Kaleb Rexford

Paige Marks (Alexis Olson)

Julie Kalin

Announcements

Apr. 30 - Congregational Mtg after worship

Cookie Fellowship:

Stacy R., Carol S., Jessica O.

May 7 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

May 14 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Happy Mother's Day!

May 28 - Cookie Fellowship:

Deb D., Sherry M., Camilla B.

June 4 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

June 11 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Council Mtg to follow

Newsletter is Due!!

June 25 - Cookie Fellowship:

Gloria F., Lisa J., Tami J.

July 2 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

July 9 - Trustees Mtg after worship

July 30 - Cookie Fellowship:

Beth P. & Lisa J.

Aug. 13 - Crosstown Rivalry & tailgating

2023-2024 Lists

Lay Readers - 2023

April 30 – Ellen Kupecz
 May 7 – Zach Kasper
 May 14 – Stacy Richardson
 May 21 – Beth Prestegaard
 May 28 – Gloria Foster
 June 4 – Jon Ritter
 June 11 – Tami Johnson
 June 18 – Susan Foster
 June 25 – Ron Wald
 July 2 – Ann Gilmore
 July 9 – Maegan Gletty
 July 16 – Carol Bend
 July 23 – Barb Bend
 July 30 – Curt Foster
 Aug. 6 – Bob Gilmore
 Aug. 13 – Katie Koks
 Aug. 20 – Jeff Svendsen
 Aug. 27 – Laura Fassig
 Sept. 3 – Ellen Kupecz
 Sept. 10 – Carol Bend
 Sept. 17 – Stacy Richardson
 Sept. 24 – Zach Kasper
 Oct. 1 – Beth Prestegaard
 Oct. 8 – Gloria Foster
 Oct. 15 – Jon Ritter
 Oct. 22 – Tami Johnson
 Oct. 29 – Susan Foster
 Nov. 5 – Ron Wald
 Nov. 12 – Ann Gilmore
 Nov. 19 – Maegan Gletty
 Nov. 26 – Stacy Richardson
 Dec. 3 – Barb Bend
 Dec. 10 – Curt Foster
 Dec. 17 – Bob Gilmore
 Dec. 24 – Katie Koks
 Dec. 31 – Jeff Svendsen
 Jan. 7 – Laura Fassig
 Jan. 14 – Ellen Kupecz
 Jan. 21 – Stacy Richardson
 Jan. 28 – Zach Kasper

Lay Readers - 2024

Feb. 4 – Beth Prestegaard
 Feb. 11 – Gloria Foster
 Feb. 18 – Jon Ritter
 Feb. 25 – Tami Johnson
 Mar. 3 – Susan Foster
 Mar. 10 – Ron Wald
 Mar. 17 – Ann Gilmore
 Mar. 24 – Maegan Gletty
 March 31 – Barb Bend
 April 7 – Bob Gilmore
 April 14 – Curt Foster
 April 21 – Katie Koks
 April 28 – Jeff Svendsen

Usher - 2023

May - Zach Kasper & Jon Ritter
June - Bob Gilmore & Keith Fassig
July - Ron Wald & Curt Foster
August - Darryl Kupecz & Jeff Svendsen
September - Chuck Johnson & Wayne Davey
October - Mike Johnson & Dave Gibson
November - Jon Ritter & Darryl Kupecz
December - Dave Bend & Chuck Johnson

Usher - 2024

January - Jeff Svendsen & Larry Svendsen
February - Dave Gibson & Zach Kasper
March - Bob Gilmore & Mike Johnson

Cookie Fellowship - 2023

April 30 Stacy Richardson, Carol Svendsen, & Jessica Olson

May 28 - Deb Davey, Sherry McInerney, & Camilla Boston

June 25 - Gloria Foster, Lisa Johnson, & Tami Johnson

July 30 – Beth Prestegaard, Gloria Foster, & Becky Stevens

August 27- Carol Bend, Susan Foster, & Tami Johnson

September 24 - Judy Svendsen, Jamie Gibson, & Stacy Richardson

October 29 - Martha Bianco, Betty Goble, & Audrey Kuring

November 26 - Katie Koks, Ellen Kupecz, & Barb Bend

Cookie Fellowship - 2024

January 28 - Maegan Gletty, Jeff Svendsen, & Carol Svendsen

February 25 - Ann Gilmore, Susan Foster, & Lisa Johnson

March 31 – Easter

Happy Birthday!

May 05 – James Ritter
May 09 – Rachel Foster
 & Judy Martin
May 18 – Jessica Olson
May 21 – Paxton Maple
May 23 – Jamie Gibson
May 25 – Jack Gletty
 & Sara Schilling
May 29 – Harold Svendsen
May 31 – Ellen Sue Kupecz
 & Kelsie Jordal



June 02 – Jane Buland
June 04 – Stacy Richardson
 & Brian Eide
June 09 – Emily Schilling
June 13 – Laura Fassig
 & Junia Epperson
June 19 – Hannah Koks
June 21 – Henry Fraccaro



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