

News & Views from Rollo Pews

**MARCH &
APRIL 2024**

From Pastor Davids Pen

Dear Rollo UCC Congregants and Friends,

Well, we've made it halfway through the winter! Days are getting longer, signs of Spring are beginning to show. Much like the seasons, Lent is a period of change and growth.

The season of Lent reminds us that we come from dust, sacred dust, and to dust we will all eventually return. The question is - how will we live this one precious life we've been given on earth? To answer this question, we look to our faith, and to the most important commandments according to Jesus: loving God, loving our neighbors, and loving ourselves.

To believe in these commandments in one thing, to actually practice them, each and every day, is another. This Lent we are using our Sunday morning worship services and our weekly Weds night bible studies to explore how and where in our lives we have opportunities to share and receive this holy love.

There are many ways we can live out these commandments in our daily lives - caring for God's creation around us, showing kindness to a neighbor in need, offering yourself and others grace when feeling hurt or angry.

The goal is not to get it perfect, God does not expect perfection, but God does expect we are trying. Trying each and every day to love requires us to grow, to change, to sacrifice. It is not always easy, but Jesus assures us it is the right road to travel - one that leads to eternal life. While our bodies will eventually return to dust, the good news is that with love our souls will live on in union with God.

We are part of this wonderful church family at Rollo to help each other grow in our love of God, love of neighbor, and love of ourselves. We each have gifts to offer one another through our faith journey - this is the beauty of being the church together. Through our daily practice of love, may we find ourselves transformed with Jesus on Easter morning - full of gratitude, peace, and joy for this one precious life....and for the kingdom of God to come.

God Bless.
Rev. David Fraccaro
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Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

How are we half way through February already? All Committees are filled and 2024 meetings and Church biz are underway. We welcome all new Committee members and are grateful for your service.

As Rev. David has mentioned these past weeks, he has continued discussions with Elburn Community Congregational UCC about serving as their part-time pastor. All is going well and discussions are far enough along that Council has given feedback that we are in agreement with changing our service time to support him on his journey with Elburn while he continues as our part-time pastor too. This aligns with our recent survey and discussions with the congregation about being flexible. At this point, it appears we will be making the change effective Sunday, April 7th. Elburn's Church services will begin at 8:30 am. We will move Sunday School to 10 am and Church to 11 am. There was positive feedback about using the time before church for meetings instead of after church. We will do a check-in after a few months and welcome your thoughts at any time. Continuing to fulfill the needs of our congregants is priority one. Please don't hesitate to contact me or David should you want to discuss further.

Join us this year as we continue to evolve and improve where ever we can while preserving the amazing traditions at our very special (as Rev. David says) country church - Rollo Congregational UCC!

Trustees Report by Keith Fassig

At our last meeting we welcomed Bryan Wald – Trustees are:

Keith Fassig, Mike Johnson and Bryan Wald

- Furnaces have been installed/ A/C is hoped to be hooked up by spring by Nick Gaston
- Reviewing insurance for coverage of the church
- Water softener has been installed by ECO water systems along with a drinking water spigot in the kitchen
- AED will be mounted
- Looking into a new water heater
- Getting bids on cleaning of the church
- Looking to repair the drywall at the back of the church after the spring rains to make sure no further damage
- Furnace room will be cleaned out soon – please take out anything of importance to you

Any questions, please contact a trustee.

From the Money Counter by Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$89,865.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	January 31, 2024	\$7,488.75	\$15,951.79	\$8,463.04
EXPENDITURES	January 31, 2024	\$7,488.75	\$16,146.90	\$8,658.15

Current Balance in Checking Account:	\$22,986.66
Current Balance in Savings Account:	\$31,381.23
150 Anniversary Fund:	\$ 1,215.73
Bathroom Fund:	\$ 700.21
Building Fund:	\$ 0.00
Family Relief Fund:	\$ 1,783.00
Diaconate Fund:	\$ 1,939.72
Memorial Account:	\$ 8,194.52
Insurance Claim	\$ 15,349.75
Tuck-pointing Fund	\$ 0.00
Undesignated:	\$ 2,198.30



Current CD Balance as of 1/31/2024:	\$ 4,569.70
Memorial Fund:	\$ 12,764.22

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

Diaconate Report by Stacy Richardson

New church members were accepted during our rescheduled date Sunday, January 28th, welcomed were Inga & Phil Peterson, Doris Rex and Lisa Johnson.

Lisa Johnson has joined our Diaconate Board, we will miss Zach's enthusiastic ideas and the work he helped accomplish during his term.

Participant lists will be updated for the remaining year. If anyone does not wish to remain on the current list of ushers, readers, or cookie fellowship hosts please let Lisa know to remove.

The Lenten Season is upon us, Ash Wednesday Services were held Feb 14th @ 7 pm. The next 5 Wednesday evenings Rev Fraccaro will lead a Bible Study series, starting off with a light meal offered at 5:30 pm. Maundy Thursday Services will be held March 28th @ 7 pm. Good Friday Ecumenical Services will be announced soon, watch the bulletin for details. Signup sheet is on the back table for Easter Lilies @ \$12.65 each, deadline March 3rd.

We ask that you continue prayers for those on our prayer list.

Announcements

Feb. 28 - Bible Study w/ light meal at 5:30pm

Mar. 3 - Diaconate Mtg after worship

Mar. 6 - Bible Study w/ light meal at 5:30pm

Mar. 10 - Trustees Mtg after worship

Mar. 13 - Bible Study w/ light meal at 5:30pm

Mar. 20 - Bible Study w/ light meal at 5:30pm

Mar. 28 - Maundy Thursday at 7pm

Mar. 29 - Good Friday Ecumenical Services TBA

Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday with Breakfast at 9am
hosted by Christian Ed

Apr. 7 - Church begins at 11am
Diaconate Mtg at 10am

Apr. 14 - Trustees Mtg at 10am
Council Mtg TBA

Apr. 28 - *Cookie Fellowship:*

Stacy Richardson, Carol Svendsen, & Jessica Olson

**Starting April 7th
Sunday School will
begin at 10am and
Worship Service will
begin at 11am.**

**Easter Sunday with
Breakfast at 9am
hosted by Christian Ed.**

**Sunday School class
will present 2 acrostic
Easter poems & sing
“This is the Day” on
Easter Sunday**

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

Wayne Martin

Bryan Wald

Jane Buland

JoAnn Snyder

Sandra Bullis

Kristen Thomas (Richardson)

Judy & Harold Svendsen

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

Jackson Smith

Tami Johnson

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Irene Oliver (*Beth Prestegaard*)

Kyle Abraham

Michelle Sprawls

Philip Peterson

Family of Helen Algieri

Family of Betty Larson

Family of Mark Cox



Lay Readers List

March

Mar. 3 – Susan Foster
Mar. 10 – Ron Wald
Mar. 17 – Ann Gilmore
Mar. 24 – Maegan Gletty
March 31 – Barb Bend

April

April 7 – Bob Gilmore
April 14 – Curt Foster
April 21 – Katie Koks
April 28 – Jeff Svendsen

May

May 5 - Laura Fassig
May 12 - Ellen Sue Kupez
May 19 - Zach Kasper
May 26 - Stacy Richardson

Cookie Fellowship List

March 31st - Easter!!

April 28th - Stacy Richardson, Carol Svendsen,
& Jessica Olson

Usher List

March – Bob Gilmore & Mike Johnson

April - Wayne Davey & Keith Fassig



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 12 - Mara Fraccaro
April 14 – Wyatt Gletty
April 19 – Cole Walters
April 20 – Wayne Martin
April 27 – Reagan Gibson
April 30 – Landon Benson