

News & Views from Rollo Pews

MAY &
JUNE 2024



From Reverend Davids Pen

Dear Rollo Congregants and Friends,

Spring is finally here! Flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, tractors are plowing, and soon we'll be heading outside once again for worship! Worshiping outside is a terrific way to reconnect us to God's remarkable creation, and to remind us of the sacred duty to care for the land, water, air, and all the animals around us. The creation story in Genesis portrays God as an artist, who recognizes that what He has created is of the highest beauty and good.

One of my favorite moments thus far this Spring has been watching our daughter, Mara, pick up dandelions with awe and joy. To adults, dandelions are often viewed as annoying weeds, but to kids they are colorful, magical flowers. As I was tearing them out of the ground and about to put them in the trash can, she yelled out at me to stop. At only two years old, she was reminding me that God's thumbprint is on every part of nature, and that there is beauty and good in all of it, including the weeds. Perhaps this is a part of what Jesus meant when he said unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

One of the most important things we can do as a congregation this Spring and Summer is to reconnect with the sacredness of nature. To see it through the eyes of children, and to show our love for God and our children by caring for and protecting it.

What ideas do you have for what we can do in the community or around the church that could help restore God's Creation?

I look forward to talking about this and so much more in the weeks to come. I'm always here to listen and encourage. In the meantime, don't forget to listen to the birds, smell the flowers, and say a prayer of gratitude :).

Peace and God Bless.

Pastor David



Moderator Report by Beth Prestegaard

Spring is well on its way! Easter and some church projects are already behind us. Meetings are being held and the work of committees continues.

We all share on congratulations to Rev. David on his new work opportunities including being a part time pastor for Elburn Community Congregational UCC! Change takes time for everyone to adjust – I trust we will all make this work – I kind of liked holding meetings before church. We look forward to opportunities to grow in our faith journey by doing some things with Elburn! Please share with us if you have suggestions, questions or any concerns about anything including the Church starting at 11. It is our intent to monitor over the next few months and do a check in.

Christian Ed Report by Katie Koks

“Sunday school has been very busy!

We started the New Testament with Anna & Simeon, Jesus staying behind at the temple & then focused hard on Lenten lessons! We read across the poems and performed a song on Easter Sunday, and we served 25 to 30 people for Easter breakfast! Thank you to everyone who contributed and came to eat with us and celebrate Easter! “

From the Money Counter by Wayne Davey

BUDGET \$89,865.00		Budget	Actual	Over/Under Budget
REVENUE	March 31, 2024	\$22,466.25	\$24,475.09	\$2,008.84
EXPENDITURES	March 31, 2024	\$22,466.25	\$26,398.33	\$3,932.08



Current Balance in Checking Account: \$22,487.27

Current Balance in Savings Account: \$31,393.68

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: \$ 8,168.19

Insurance Claim \$ 15,349.75

Tuckpointing Fund \$ 0.00

Undesignated: \$ 2,237.08

Current CD Balance as of 3/31/2024: \$ 4,596.03

Memorial Fund: \$ 12,764.22

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

Diaconate Report by Tami Johnson

The Lenten Season is always a busy time for the church, and this year was no exception. Thank you to all who attended the 5 week Bible Study and hosted with a light supper. There was an average attendance of 12 in person and 3-5 participating on line. Thank you Rev David for leading us in a meaningful Bible study. Maundy Thursday service was held on March 28. Good Friday service was hosted by an Earlville church this year. The Diaconate would like to thank the Christian Ed committee for a wonderful Easter breakfast. Also a thank you to all who contributed to the breakfast. The culmination of the Lenten Season was a 10 AM Easter Service. If you ordered an Easter Lily and haven't paid for it yet, the cost is 12.65 each, and checks can be placed in the offertory or mailed to Wayne Davey.

We will be honoring our high-school graduates, Reagan Gibson and Jack Gletty from Indian Creek during church service on May 19. We'd also like to wish Madyson Olson from Earlville a congratulations also.

The Diaconate is working on some summer outdoor church services. The Crosstown Rivalry will be held on June 23rd. The Davey and Wald families have generously offered to host, more information to come as dates are finalized. Please watch the bulletin for more details.



Trustees Report by Mike Johnson

- Furnace Heating Units have been replaced for sanctuary and basement. Nick Gaston to complete installation of Air Conditioning week of 4/14/24.
- Insurance liability has been reduced from 30 million to 5 million based on needs and an effort to save church on monthly expenses.
 - AED training has taken place and new batteries installed in unit.
 - Lighting in the church is tabled until further notice.
- Drywall/Plaster repair will be done after spring rains to ensure all roof leaks have been fixed prior to proceeding.
- Cleanup and planting grass seed by new well installation will be completed as soon as weather permits.
- Change-over of LED lighting in Church basement in progress. Light above West entry has been replaced by Davis/Larson Electric.
- Mowing of Church and Parsonage will be done by Keith Fassig and Chuck Johnson again this summer. Thank you for the generous gift of your time and equipment.
- Water softener system has been installed, and water filter installed in Main Kitchen for Drinking water.
- Cleanup of the Church Furnace room and removal of old hot water heater has been done by Trustees.

Happy Birthday!!



May 05 – James Ritter
May 09 – Rachel Foster
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

Announcements

May 5 - Diaconate Mtg at 10am

May 12 - Happy Mothers Day!!

Trustees Mtg at 10am

May 19 - Graduation Celebration

Congrats to Reagan Gibson, Jack Gletty,
and Madyson Olson

Cookie Fellowship: Deb Davey,
Sherry McInerney, & Doris Rex

June 2 - Diaconate Mtg at 10am

June 9 - Trustees Mtg at 10am

Council Mtg at 10:30am

Newsletter is Due!

June 23 - Crosstown Rivalry at Rollo Park

Cookie Fellowship:

Gloria Foster, Lisa Johnson, & Stacy Richardson

July 7 - Diaconate Mtg at 10am

July 14 - Trustees Mtg at 10am

July 21 - Outdoor Services at Wald Farm

Cookie Fellowship:

Beth Prestegaard, Gloria Foster, & Tami Johnson

Aug. 18 - Elburn's Outdoor Service

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

Kristen Thomas (Richardson)

Zach Kasper

Jacob Brewer

Jackson Smith

June Stephens (*Becky Stephens*)

Philip Peterson

Charlie Fassig

Miles Lullo

Dave Jacobson

Martha Bianco

Denny Sands

Family of Mark Cox

Family of Gary Roubinek

Family of Cornel Recknor

Family of Vendell Kupecz

Family of Denver Sears

Lay Readers - 2024

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

Lay Readers - 2025

Jan. 5 - Bob Gilmore
Jan. 12 - Katie Koks
Jan. 19 - Jeff Svendsen
Jan. 26 - Laura Fassig
Feb. 2 - Ellen Sue Kupecz
Feb. 9 - Stacy Richardson
Feb. 16 - Zach Kasper
Feb. 24 - Beth Prestegaard

Lay Readers - 2025

Mar. 2 - Gloria Foster
Mar. 9 - Doris Rex
Mar. 16 - Tami Johnson
Mar. 23 - Susan Foster
Mar. 30 - Ron Wald
Apr. 6 - Ann Gilmore
Apr. 13 - Maegan Gletty
Apr. 20 - Barb Bend
Apr. 27 - Bob Gilmore
May 4 - Curt Foster
May 11 - Katie Koks
May 18 - Jeff Svendsen
May 25 - Laura Fassig

Usher - 2024

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 - 2025

January - Jeff Svendsen &
Larry Svendsen
February - Dave Gibson &
Zach Kasper
March - Bob Gilmore &
Mike Johnson
April - Wayne Davey & Keith
Fassig
May - Zach Kasper & Jon
Ritter

2024-2025 Lists

Cookie Fellowship - 2024

*Each server is asked to bring 3
dozen cookies & 1 juice*

May 19 - Deb Davey,
Sherry McInerney,
& Doris Rex

June 23 - Gloria Foster, Lisa
Johnson, & Stacy Richardson

July 21 - Beth Prestegaard,
Gloria Foster, & Tami Johnson

August 25 - Carol Bend, Susan
Foster, & Tami Johnson

September 29 - Jamie Gibson, &
Becky Stephens, Inga Peterson

October 27 -

Sherry McInerney, Beth
Prestegaard & Audrey Kuring

November 24 - Katie Koks,
Ellen Kupecz, & Barb Bend

Cookie Fellowship - 2025

January 26 - Maegan Gletty
Jeff Svendsen, & Carol Svendsen

February 23 - Ann Gilmore,
Susan Foster, & Lisa Johnson

March 30 - Carol Bend, Inga
Peterson & Doris Rex

April 27 - Stacy Richardson,
Carol Svendsen & Jessica Olson

May 25 - Deb Davey, Sherry
McInerney & Doris Rex

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