

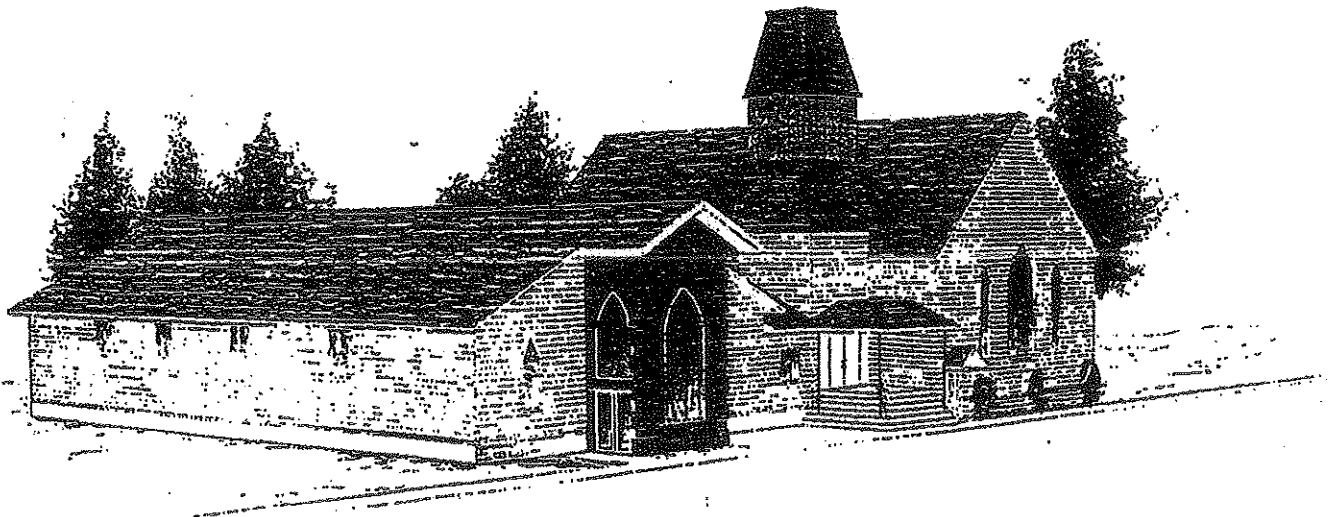
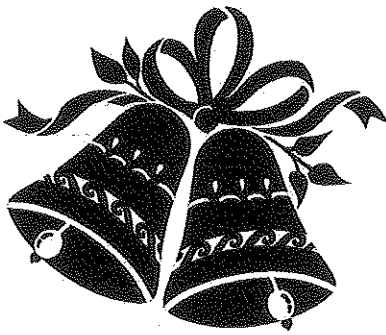
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February Church News



SEWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SEWARD, ILLINOIS

Joke of the Month

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church service when she was startled by an intruder.

As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop! Acts; 2:38!"

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"SCRIPTURE?" replied the burglar, "She said she had an AX and two 38's!!"

Seriously, what would happen in our world if we as Christ followers would learn and memorize scripture as this elderly woman had done? Did you know that Satan himself quoted scripture to Jesus when he was tempted in the wilderness? And that Jesus quoted scripture back to him? And then Jesus told Satan that every word that came out of the adversary's mouth was a lie?

I believe that if we memorize God's Word, then when we find ourselves in a dangerous situation, God will bring that Word back to us to give us peace, comfort, and help in any situation in which we find ourselves. What's the best way to do this? Start with a promise that God has given you when you have been troubled, commit that to memory, and stand on that promise. Maybe you have another idea on how to memorize the Word that will help you when you are troubled. In the pledge to the Bible, one part says, "I will hide God's Word in my heart." I think that in the times in which we live, that is a great idea and a good source of peace.

By the way, Acts 2:38 (NLT) says: "Peter replied, 'Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

Grace and peace to you all,

Joel Hicke, Pastor

Announcements

DIACONATE: Will Meet on February 9 at 6:30 p.m.

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on February at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in fellowship hall with social distancing.

COMMUNION: Will be February 28, 2021

THANK YOU: Alma would like to thank everyone for all the cards and phone calls! She really appreciated all who called or sent cards.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all of the friends that sent cards for my 90th birthday. You made it a bright and joyous celebration. Thank you so much. I feel blessed. In closing Don't be dejected and sad for the joy of the Lord is your strength Nehemiah 8:10 Betty Fry Dunbar

PECATONICA FOOD PANTRY: For February, they are asking us to collect condiments such as ketchup, mustard, pickles, olives, relish, etc. They can also use jelly and jams.

REMINDER: All contributions for the CHIMES newsletter are due to the Office by the 3rd Friday of every month.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Monthly Budget \$6,794.17

	December	January-December
General Fund	Income \$ 8,202.00	\$64,060.46
	Expense \$ 9,266.58	\$73,158.96

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

3-Kaitlin Asche, Roger Hilton
8—Lois Ascher
9—Betty Kendell
15-Mary Jane Zipse, Bev Weerda
17-Carrie Vaught (Remer)
18-Joel Hicke
25- Stephanie Cannon
27- Diane Hemmersbach

Anniversaries

13-Matt & Jessica Cowman
14-Jim & Karleen Merchant
15-Dennis & Sandy Freedlund
22- Richard & Judy Beuth

Seward Congregational Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 16th, 2020

PRESENT: Pastor Joel, Effie Hoppe, Brenda VanHauen, Tari Woods, Matt Cowman, Scott Whitney, Dick Remer

ABSENT: Aaron Ackerman

Call to Order/Prayer at 6:34 PM by Tari and she led us in prayer.

Minutes: November's minutes were read by Tari and were approved. Motion by Effie, second by Brenda.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Report: reviewed and approved. Motion by Matt, second by Dick.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Joel had 11 contacts and averaged 29.5 hours per week. He included a request for equipment upgrade for better internet in the office. Request approved. Motion by Effie, second by Brenda

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update from Maury Daubs on profit sharing
2. Replacing the doors has been tabled
3. Camera for recording services is still now up and running
4. Credit Card has been issued in the Church's name, Theresa has possession the card
5. Budget for 2020 has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual meeting will follow a shortened Sunday service and will be held in the sanctuary to maintain social distance, need 10 attendees for a quorum-January 31, 2021
2. Dick Remer is now returning as a Trustee in 2021

Maintenance Report:

1. Sanctuary cleanliness still not been completed, Joel will reach out to the cleaning service

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM: Motion by Effie, second by Matt

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Cowman

February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Diaconate 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14 	15 	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Trustee's 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Communion						