

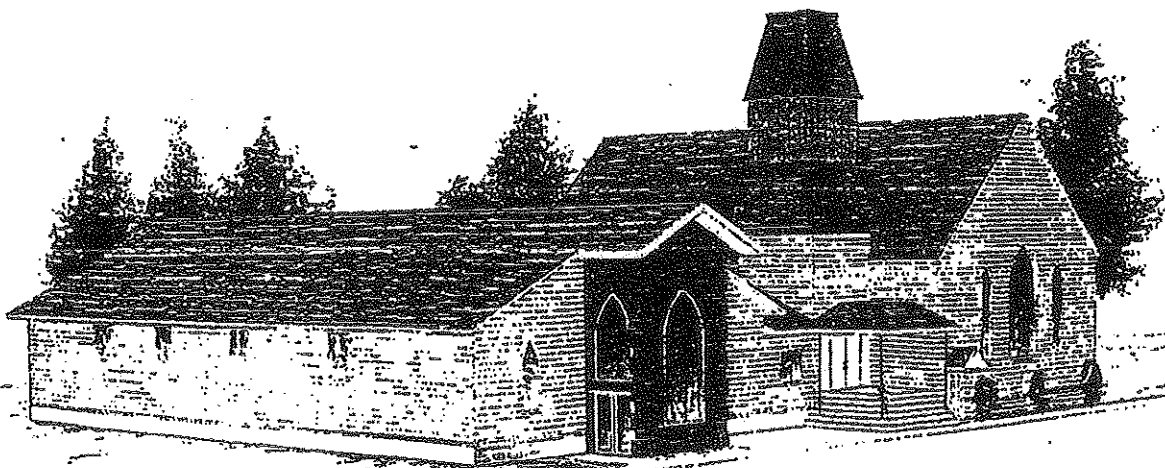
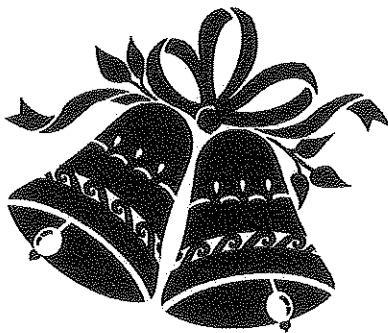
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May Church News



SEWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SEWARD, ILLINOIS



Lot and his daughters at the dinner table.

I don't think this is what Jesus was talking about when He said that we are to be the "salt of the earth!" While this is pretty funny, let's get serious for a couple of minutes. Salt was used a lot as a preservative back then because they did not have refrigeration. It was so precious that it was even used as money. The phrase "salt of the earth" means that one is upstanding, virtuous, worthy, honest. Jesus was talking to His disciples when He used this comment. In essence, He was saying that everyone is important—there are no people that are worth more than anyone else. The Bible says that God is not a respecter of persons—which means that God does not hold anyone in higher esteem than others. He created us equal—not matter our race or creed. We are the ones who have gotten this all backward in the last year. God help us to "get back to the basics" where we see that we are one body, serving One God, by the working of the Holy Spirit!!

Announcements

DIACONATE: Will Meet on May 11 at 9:30 a.m.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: Will be on May 16th this will also be the last day of Sunday School

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP: Will go to the Village Bakery in Oregon IL on May 18th meet at the church at 8:30 a.m.

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on May 19th at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in fellowship hall with social distancing.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Beginning on May 23 we will have worship service at 9 a.m. thru August

COMMUNION: Will be May 23, 2021

PECATONICA FOOD PANTRY: We are collecting red, white and blue items for the Pecatonica Food Pantry, during May and June. Be creative! In addition to food, they take personal hygiene items.

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Monthly Budget \$6,821.50

	March	January-March
General Fund	Income \$ 5,430.00	14,724.00
	Expense \$ 9,216.33	18,882.73

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1- Carmel Hirschuber
Sam Hirschuber
8- Wayne Mennenga
9-Pat Neely
10-Ricky Ascher
11- Richard Beuth
13-Esther Fry
14-Sandy Freedlund
19-Lucas Cowman
23- Ken Hazzard
25-Allen Long
26-Jean Mennenga
28-Carmen Shank

Anniversaries

1-Ted & Elaine Long
Jeff & Jill Viel (1993)

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Seward Congregational Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 18, 2021

PRESENT: Pastor Joel, Effie Hoppe, Brenda VanHauen, Tari Woods, Matt Cowman, Scott Whitney, Maury Daubs

ABSENT: Dick Remer

Call to Order/Prayer at 6:38 PM by Tari and she led us in prayer.

Minutes: February's minutes were read by Matt and were approved. Motion by Brenda, second by Scott.

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

Pastor's Report: Pastor Joel had 18 contacts and averaged 32.25 hours per week. Offering people to text him for prayer requests.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Replaced electrical in the Aurand house for washer and dryer.
2. Maury called Frontier about internet. \$184 for DSL, same as current rate; also called Rise Broadband, they are coming April 9th to do a speed test, if that goes well, it will be \$84. Confirm that no taxes are being paid on any utilities, if they are, it needs to be updated.
3. Mutual Fund tabled to next meeting to include Dick.
4. The church can save up to 15% on insurance regarding safety mitigations per Maury.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Parking blocks are broken, and need replaced. Matt will look into it.
2. Sealcoating and striping the parking lot needs to be done. Matt will call the guy that did it last time.
3. Clean-up day in April or May; will include 4-H kids
4. Kick plates on the doors still need replaced; Scott will look into it.

Maintenance Report:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 21st, 2021

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36 PM: Motion by Effie, second by Matt

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Cowman

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Gideon's Here	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Ollis Family Here	10	11 Diaconate 9:30 a.m.	12 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16 Promotion Sunday	17	18 Women's Fellowship to Village Bakery meet at 8:30 at Church	19	20	21	22
23 9 a.m. Worship time Communion	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					