

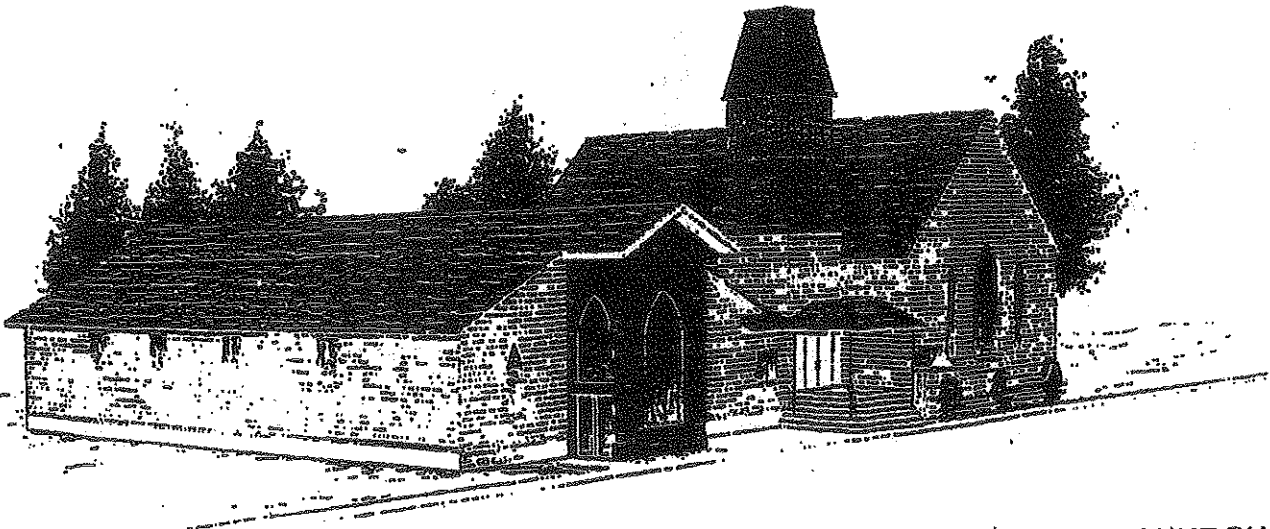
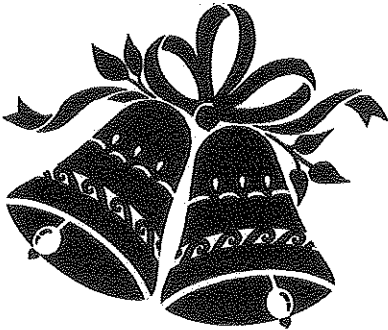
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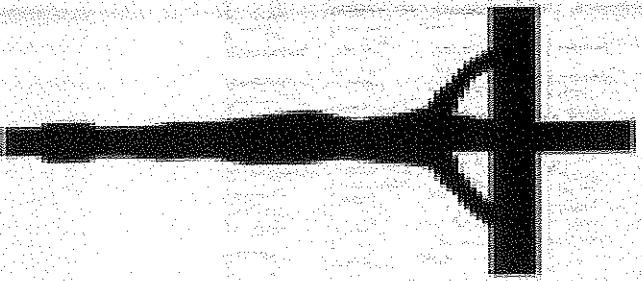
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August Church News



SEWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SEWARD, ILLINOIS

Next time you want to quit



**He was
betrayed, broken, tortured
thirsty, tired, bleeding, and
nailed to the cross.**

Have you ever felt totally drained, and just wanted to quit? Those are the times when we need to get away from everything and everybody to let Jesus renew and refresh us. And if Jesus needed to do that when He walked this earth, why would we not need to do the same.

In order for us to hear Jesus, we need to listen to that “still, small voice” that God used to speak to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:11-12.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9, after the Apostle Paul had asked God, three times, to remove his “thorn in the flesh” (whatever that was), God said to Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

I just read today about a man who is on trial for exposing some things about an organization that provides abortions. He was facing 15 felony charges, seven of which have been removed, and is still facing 8 charges in the original case. This man is not giving up because he believes that what he is doing will save human lives. Our God is stronger than anything that our adversary can throw at us.

Announcements

CHURCH PICNIC: August 8 Church followed by potluck at Seward Park District Church will be at 10 a.m. that day. Bring yard games

DIACONATE: Will not meet on August 10 at 1 p.m.

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on August 18 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in fellowship hall with social distancing.

COMMUNION: Will be August 1, 2021

PECATONICA FOOD PANTRY: In August will be collecting ketchup, mustard, olives, pickles and canned pasta for the Pecatonica Food Pantry.

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

	June	January-June
General Fund	Income \$ 6,210.00	31,764.00
	Expense \$ 8,882.03	38,516.57

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

2- Rena Lupps
8- Bev Hilton
15- Jackie Cunningham
16-Tim Hilton,
17-Tari Woods
18- Lily Jean Ernst
25-Pam Keast, Cora Sue Hirschuber
31- Austin Kendell

15-Scott & Peggy Whitney
21- Ron & Alice Craven

Seward Congregational Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 21, 2021

Present: Tari Woods, Effie Hoppe, Dick Remer, Scott Whitney, Maury Daubs, and Pastor Joel.

Absent: Matt Cowman and Brenda Van Hauen.

The meeting was called to order by Tari Woods at 6:32 pm and she led us in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the May meeting were read by Tari and were approved. Motion by Effie, second by Scott.

Treasurer's report was given and approved. Motion by Dick, second by Scott.

Pastor's report: Pastor Joel had 34 contacts last month.

Old Business:

Advanced will be here tomorrow to seal coat the parking lot. They will take care of the weeds growing in the parking lot prior to the seal coating.

Downspouts—Ken Hazzard will provide what we need; Scott will talk to him more tomorrow.

Internet update—Maury said that Frontier was here and had to fix the wiring outside and to the junction box in the basement. Upload speeds have improved a lot—to 7 mbps and transmission was much better.

With the better speeds, the cost is \$11 more per month. We discussed having internet in the basement classrooms. Maury said that we may need CAT-5 cables and possibly another router for the basement.

In addition, Pastor Joel said that if we would like to livestream, there is a company that would be able to do that to 30 venues for \$99 per year. That would make it possible for those who do not have Facebook to see it on YouTube, as well as many others. Pastor Joel will bring more information to the next meeting.

Financial update—Maury talked about a 5.5% gain plus dividends which equals a 7-9% yield on investments. Still no takers for the investment committee.

Fire code update—If we qualify in all categories of the check list, then we will be eligible for a 15% discount. Three fire extinguishers were purchased, and several smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors were purchased for the church and the parsonage, that need to be installed. The fire extinguishers were ABC units, Maury will check and make sure they are the correct size that we need. Background checks were discussed for some people, but this was tabled UFN. We also discussed, merely for insurance purposes (because it is advised), having at least two people count the money each week.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Church picnic 10 a.m. service followed by picnic	9	10 Diaconate 9 a.m.	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Diaconate 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Trustee 6:30 p.m.	26	27	28
29 Communion	30	31				