

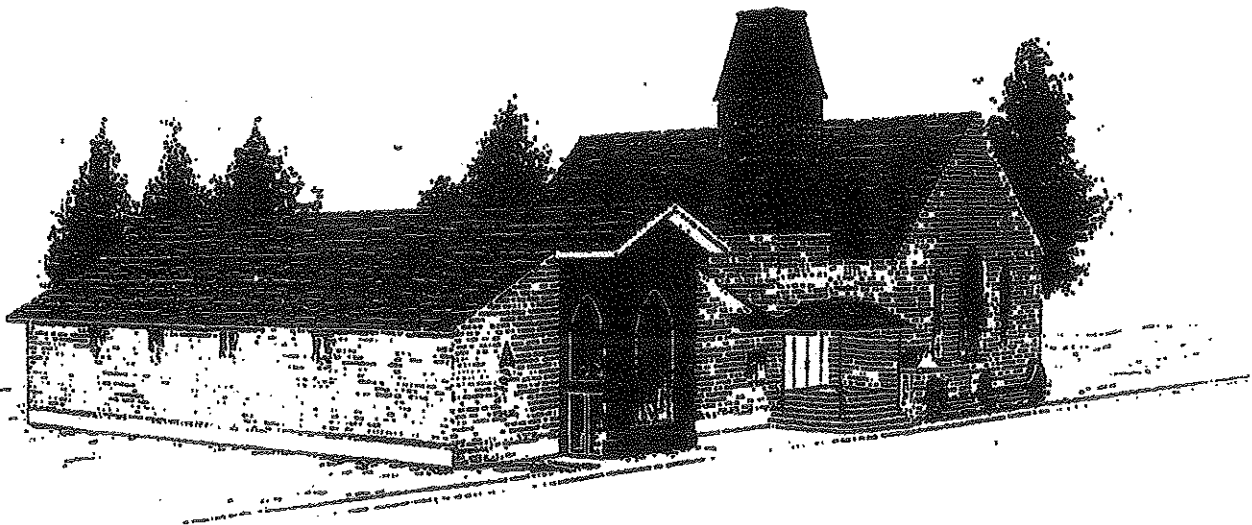
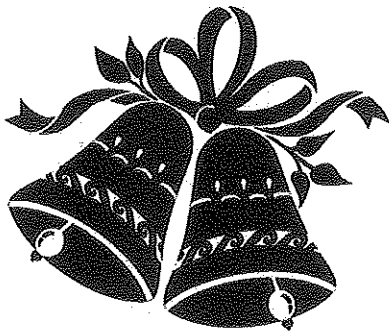
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February Church News



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THE FORESEE UPDATE

2021 Financial Update

GREG WILCOXON,
TREASURER

The year 2021, like 2020, has been met with many obstacles because of the pandemic. As the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors attempts to work out a budget a year ahead, we trust through faith and prayer that God will provide a way and meet our needs.

With that being said, I am very happy to report that our year end for 2021 surpassed our 2020 revenues and our 2021 budget amount of \$500,000.00. Our 2021 year ended with revenues totaling \$601,405.00. Praise God!

We did receive approximately \$47,000.00 in legacy monies which are included in the revenue total; however, we still were ahead of our budget. Our expenses tracked very well with our budget. On some line items even lower than budget. Our payroll and travel were up as our Regional Pastors continue to serve you. We are truly Blessed having them.

First, we want to thank God for His continued Blessings upon our Conference. The Board of Directors and the Finance Committee would like to thank our Pastors, not only for their financial contributions but also for the spiritual leadership in our CCCC churches. We also want to thank our churches for your prayers, continued financial support, and faithful Kingdom ministry in these challenging days.

Our Conference continues to be blessed each and every day. I am reminded of Romans 8:28- "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."

I received this in an email recently, and I wanted to share what God is doing in the CCCC with you. Thank you for the contribution that the church has made to the conference. We may not think what we do makes a difference, but we never know just how much God uses our contributions. Pastor Joel

Announcements

DIACONATE: Will meet February 15 at 9 a.m.

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on February 16, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in fellowship hall with social distancing.

COMMUNION: Will be February 27, 2022

PECATONICA FOOD PANTRY: day. Pick an item and deposit it in the box and then check off that day. Let's fill up the whole calendar.

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Monthly Budget \$6,932.75

	December	January-December
General Fund	Income \$7,139.00	\$65,491.05
	Expense \$ 8,544.47	\$75,680.26

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

January 11th, 2022 Diaconate meeting.

Chairman Karleen Meerchant called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Leading us in prayer.

Members present were Jackie Cunningham, Bev Weerda, Char Remer, Karleen Merchant, Jean Mennenga and Pastor Joel.

Jean read the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting. Char made the motion to accept the minutes as read except Pastor Joel did not speak at Pinecrest on November 28 because of the procedure he had on November 23th. Jackie 2nd the motion. The motion was approved. Bev presented the treasurer's report showing a balance of \$866.88. Jean made a motion to accept the report as read, seconded by Char. The motion was approved.

Pastor Joel's report included 6 home visits, 4 letters sent to visitors, and 6 additional contacts. He also reported taking 4 teens bowling at Lake Side on January 1st. The teens enjoyed the outing and Pastor Joel hopes to continue having an outing every other month. A Revival Weekend will be held March 11, 12, and 13 with the Avenue Trio featuring the Kasey Kemp Family. A donation box will be put out for this event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thanked people who volunteered for the Advent readings. The Poppen families thanked the church for their help in the Mark Poppen Memorial gathering. January 9th we had a vegetable soup lunch and undocked the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Rena Lupps memorial service will be held on January 15th at 11:00 A.M. The annual meeting will be held January 23rd with a potluck. Pastor Joel ask about hosting a Sing-a-Long on the January 30th. After a discussion, we decided to host a Sing-a-Long when the weather was warmer. We continue to encourage to invite family, friends, and neighbors to church and Sunday School.

The motion for adjournment was made at 9:50 A.M. By Char, seconded by Bev.

Our next meeting will be February 15th at 9:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Mennenga

Seward Congregational Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
December 22, 2021

Present: Tari Woods, Effie Hoppe, Matt Cowman, Scott Whitney, Brenda Van Hauen and Pastor Joel.
Absent: Maury Daubs, Dick Remer

The meeting was called to order by Tari at 6:31pm and Tari led us in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the November meeting were approved.

Financial Report was given and approved. Motion by Matt, second by Tari.

Pastor's report: see submitted report

Old Business:

Repairs—Midwest Seamless Gutters will be replacing gutters in January
Internet-Switching the live service feed to YouTube instead of Facebook
Finances/Safety Review-Tabled in Maury's Absence

New Business:

Aaroband Presentation-Aaron Fulrath gave a presentation on his internet service.
Certified Insurance-Matt needs to provide insurance information for plowing.
Budget Proposal-Reviewed budget for 2022

Next meeting will be on January 19, 2022.

Motion to adjourn was made by Matt, and seconded by Scott. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Cowman

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 	15 Diaconate 9:00 a.m.	16 Trustee's 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
20	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27 Communion	28					