

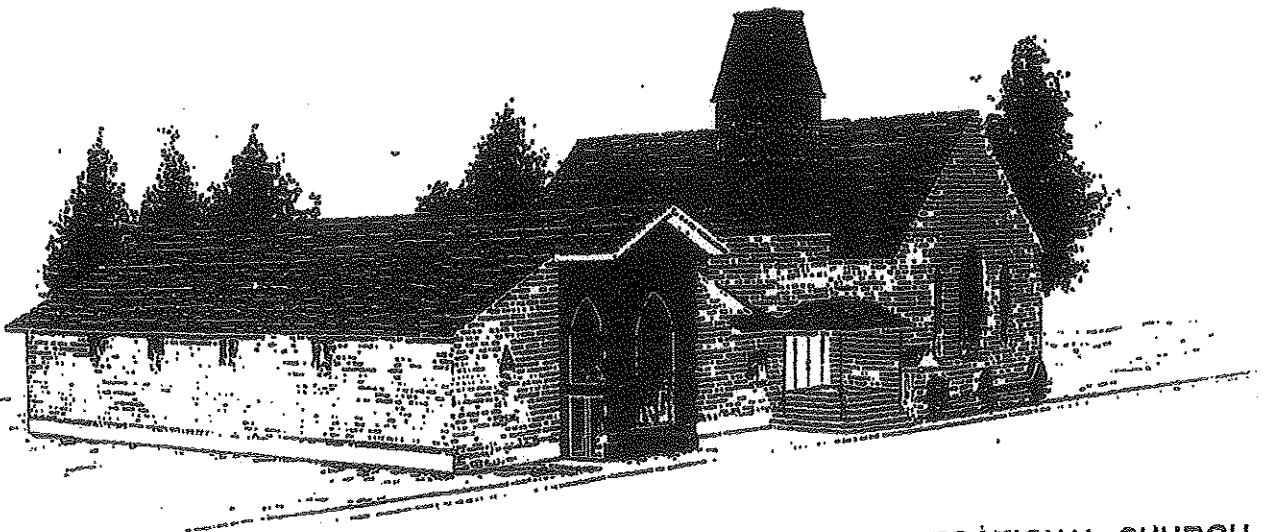
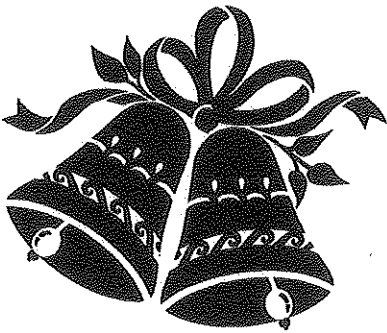
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May Church News



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SEWARD, ILLINOIS

Notes from Pastor Joel's Desk

First of all, I want to say “thank you” to all who were praying for me this last week while I was in the hospital!! It was a great comfort to me to know that God’s people were praying—in light of the episode that I had when my blood pressure tanked. Because of your prayers, I knew that God was with me, and I was not afraid. You all are very special people in the lives of your parsonage family!!

Secondly, I want to say that, while it was scary, I knew that if the Lord had wanted to take me home to be with Him, I was ready. Although, I did not want to leave this world quite yet. Obviously, He has something more for me to accomplish in this life. I will say that the RRT (Rapid Response Team) that came to my room took very good care of me during that time. And I am thankful for the way the team worked together so well.

Thirdly, I would like to ask, rhetorically of course, are you ready to meet God in eternity should something happen in your life that is not planned? I was planning to come home the day after surgery, but because of my blood pressure dropping so low, I needed to stay for another day. I was planning on being in the pulpit on Sunday, 4-24, but that plan was changed. The way to be ready for whatever may take place is to ask God into your heart and life, and then to live according to God’s Word and His plan for each of us. If we are not reading God’s Plan Book—the Bible—then how do we know that we are in the place He wants us to be? You see, when I get to heaven, I want to see all of my family—that includes church family and biological family—there to rejoice with me as we gather around the Throne and spend forever praising and worshiping our Wonderful Lord!!

As God has loved me, I love you all!! Thank You for being part of my life!

Pastor Joel

Announcements

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

DIACONATE: Will meet on May 3 at 10:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: The Women's Fellowship is having a breakfast outing at Nine East Coffee, in Freeport on Tuesday, May 17th. We will leave the church parking lot at 9am. If driving on your own, plan on being at Nine East by 9:30am.

The Women's Fellowship is having an outing on June 16th to the White Pines Dinner Theater. Arrival time is 11:20 at White Pines. There is a buffet luncheon, followed by a show with Jeff Gordon performing a combination of 60/70/80's rock 'n roll, with a little Elvis, a little Tom Jones, and a little Neil Diamond. Tickets are \$41.00 each, which includes meal, show and tip. Signup is on the bulletin board at church. Deadline for signup is May 15th. All are welcome, including spouses and friends.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: The last day of Sunday School will be May 15 and this will also be promotion Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Will change to 9 a.m. on **June 5, 2022**

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY

March

General Fund Income \$5,991.55
Expense \$ 8,424.85

Monthly Budget \$6,932.75

January-March

\$21,656.55
24,434.51

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)

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Nicole (Merchant) Bohnenkamp	2	3 Diaconate 10:30 a.m.	4	5	6	7
8 Ollis Family Here	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Women's Fellowship at Nine East Coffee Leave at 9 a.m.	18 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Promotion Sunday Last day for Sunday School	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Communion	30	31				