

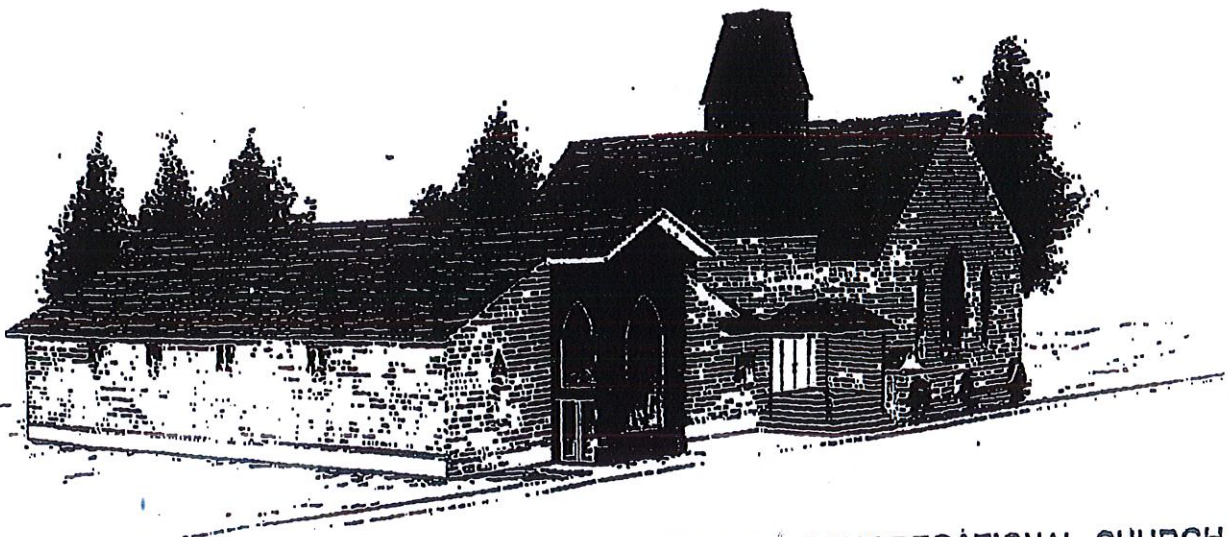
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July Church News



SEWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SEWARD, ILLINOIS

The coveted Dove Award, a musical recognition, was won in 1974 by a very moving, thought-provoking song written by Neil Enloe. He was 36 years old at the time.

This singer-songwriter from Woodriver, Illinois, became a Christian at age 15 and began his song-writing ventures at 18, the year he entered college.

His most famous song was born out of an allegiance both to Christ and to his country. He said of the writing of the song:

"I was a member of a singing group called The Couriers. We were based in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. During the early 1970s we were scheduled to sing for a cruise sponsored by a large group of Christian young people from New York and New Jersey. They had rented a cruise ship for the evening and we were to be the musical guests."

"There were 2,400 people on the ship. It had an auditorium that seated about 400 people. In order for all of them to hear our concert we had to sing six concerts, with only five-minute breaks between them."

"During one of the breaks, a member of the group and I went out on the deck to see the sights along the shore. It was getting dark. As I leaned on the ship's railing, with my back to the shore, the kids began to look at something which caused them to have a measure of excitement in their eyes. So, I turned and suddenly saw the Statue of Liberty in all of her glory."

"Because I was raised in the Midwest, suddenly everything patriotic in me rose to the surface. I had never seen the Statue of Liberty so closely. It was so very, very close. In my own mind and heart I realized, anew and afresh, the liberty I have as an American citizen."

"I turned to the gentleman with me and said, 'There must be a counterpart to my American freedom. It is liberty in

Christ. There is surely a monument to this freedom! There is no greater symbol to Christian liberty than the CROSS!' I also said, 'There should be a song somewhere in this.'"

After three months of writing and rewriting, Neil Enloe gave to the world the classic song, "Statue of Liberty."

"In New York Harbor stands a lady,
With a torch raised to the sky;
And all who see her know she stands for
Liberty for you and me.
I'm so proud to be called an American,
To be named with the brave and the free;
I will honor our flag and our trust in God,
And the Statue of Liberty.

On lonely Golgotha stood a cross,
With my Lord raised to the sky;
And all who kneel there live forever,
As all the saved can testify.
I'm so glad to be called a Christian,
To be named with the ransomed and whole;
As the statue liberates the citizen,
So the cross liberates the soul.

Oh the cross is my Statue of Liberty,
It was there that my soul was set free;
Unashamed I'll proclaim
that a rugged cross
Is my Statue of Liberty!"

"And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself..." - Colossians 1:20

From the Desk of Pastor Joel

Seward Congregational Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 18, 2022

Present: Pastor Joel, Peggy Whitney, Effie Hoppe, Matt Cowman, Brenda Van Hauen, Dick Remer.

Phone:Maury Daubs.

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Peggy at 6:37pm and Joel also led us in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the April's meeting were read by Matt approved. Motion by Dick, second by Effie.

Financial Report was given by Effie and Brenda and approved. Motion by Matt, second by Dick. Maury read his financial review of updated investments via Phone.

Pastor's report: Please attachment. Joel will post his days off on the calendar.

Old Business:

Maintenance-Still need to find someone to help.

Light Pole-Still waiting on quote from JP Electric. May need to find someone else.

Seamless Gutters-decided to take the tree down instead of replacing the gutters.

Tree Trimming-partially done. Still needs a little more done.

New Business:

Dryer-needs to be looked at, not working properly.

Pastor Seminar-Pastor Joel would like to drive instead of fly to the next seminar. Substitute gas money for plane ticket. Pastor Joel will not be at the July 20th trustee meeting.

Next meeting will be on June 22, 2022 at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Effie, and seconded by Dick. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Cowman

Announcements

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

DIACONATE: Will not meet in July.

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY

May

| | |
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| General Fund | Income \$5,81.00 |
| | Expense \$ 5,223.96 |

Monthly Budget \$6,932.75

January-April

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| \$27,137.55 |
| 33,307.10 |

July

BIRTHDAYS

9 Whitney Shank
14-Bryan Allen,
16-Bev Allen
20- Mark Klinger
21-Jennifer Lloyd (Woods)
23-Adam Hazzard
25-Duane Lovett, Scott Whitney,
Ashton Kendall
26-Jim Merchant

ANNIVERSARIES

26- Mike & Bev Weerda
27-Jerry & Brenda VanHauen

July 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Ray DeLaurier | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Joel Gone | 19 Joel Gone | 20 Trustee's 6:30 p.m. Joel Gone | 21 Joel Gone | 22 Joel Gone | 23 Joel Gone |
| 24 Gideons Joel Gone | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |