

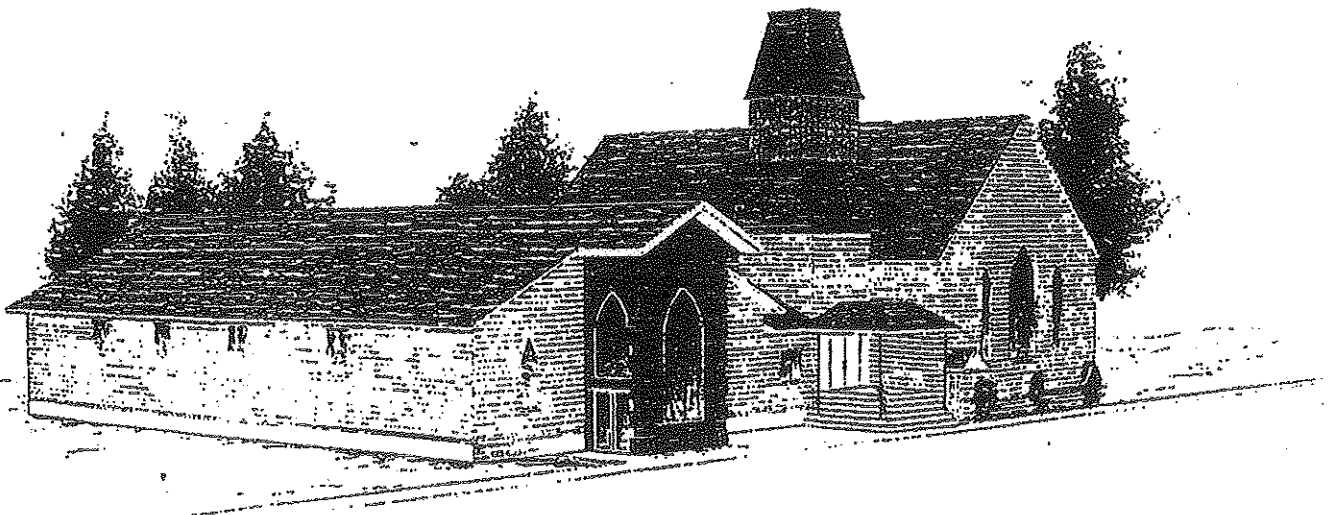
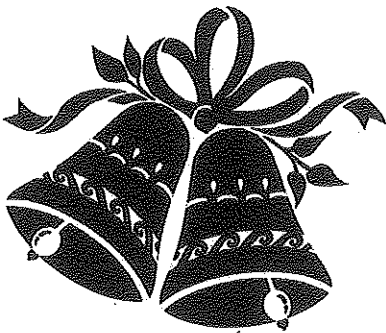
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October Church News



SEWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Jehovah Jireh—the God Who Provides

In Genesis Chapter 22 is the story of Abraham taking Isaac to the place where he was to sacrifice Isaac to the Lord. Have you ever thought about Abraham's faith in what he was about to do? When they had arrived to the place God brought them to, Abraham said to his servants, "Stay here while we go up on the mountain, and when we are done *we* will come back to you.

Just at the time Abraham raised his arm, holding the knife that was to be used in killing the sacrifice, God spoke his name and told him to stop! And look around. There in the thicket was a perfect lamb to be used in the sacrifice in place of his son!!

Ever noticed that sometimes when we have no clue how things are going to work out, God is never late with the solution? He always provides for everything that we need—just not in the time-frame that we thought that solution should come.

Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

There have been many times in my life when God has supplied what we needed at just the right moment—not necessarily my choice of timing!! LP gas for our heater in a house that we lived in years ago, gas that should have lasted for only a day or two lasted for a whole month!! After the move to Colorado, when I had the last twenty dollars in my wallet, God provided the job that I needed to care for my family. God's math is amazing when we trust him with our finances!! Food that was provided for us by many different sources when we were in need. He has even provided a way for us to help others when we didn't think that we could. Our God is an Awesome God.

Musings from Pastor Joel's desk.

Announcements

TRUSTEES: The trustees will be discussing potential expenses for next year's budget at our next meeting on October 19. If anyone is aware of needed expenses that will exceed \$500.00 could you please let me know. This would be helpful in our planning. Also, we will be forming a committee to add bylaws to our constitution and need volunteers to be on this committee. The bylaws would be voted on at the annual meeting. If you would be willing to help please let Peggy (815.980.7301) know. Thank you

DIACONATE: Will meet on October 4 at 10 a.m.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Will meet on October 18, at 9 a.m.

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on October 21, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in fellowship hall with social distancing

COMMUNION: Will be on October 23

Trick or Treat: We will be having a barbecue lunch after church on Sunday, Oct. 30th. Everyone brings a container of barbecue and we'll mix it all together. Also asking for cookie and bar donations for dessert. Buns, chips and drink will be provided. After lunch we will have trick or treating in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to bring candy/treats to share. Also you can dress in 'friendly' costumes. Feel free to invite family and friends.

ELECTION DAY: Women's Fellowship is going to have a barbecue lunch on Election Day, Nov. 8th from 11-1pm.

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY

August

General Fund Income \$5530.00
Expense \$ 5,557.22

Monthly Budget \$6,932.75

January-August

\$41,023.55
53,401.09

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

1—Dennis Freedlund
2—Karleen Merchant
5—Judy Beuth
6--Brody Hilton
11- Effie Hoppe
17-Barb Daubs;
23-Colin Viel
25- Peggy Whitney

Anniversaries

6-Chuck & Theresa Ackerman

Seward Congregational Church
Board of Trustees Meeting
August 17, 2022

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

Absent: none

The meeting was called to order by Peggy at 6:30pm and Joel also led us in prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the July's meeting were read by Matt. Motion to approve made by Dick, seconded by Brenda.

Financial Report was given by Effie and Brenda. Motion to approve by Matt, seconded by Dick. Maury also read his investments report/updates.

Pastor's report: See June and July reports. Also, provided a packet from the 4Cs that outline the updated church bi-laws.

Old Business:

Light Pole-New light pole to be installed by John Bolen/Lender Electric. Maury is making arrangements.

Dryer-new dryer needed for parsonage.

Willwood-two burial plots were donated a long time ago, need to decide what to do with them.

Windows-parsonage window screens need to be repaired or replaced.

Gate-the gate at the parsonage was repaired.

New Business:

Basement-Leaking again, need suggestions on how to stop the leaking.

Insurance-need to get new quotes because the premiums increased significantly

Sunday School-Bev and Tari have requested \$1,000 for Sunday School.

Next meeting will be on September 21, 2022 at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick, and seconded by Matt. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Cowman

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Diaconate 10 a.m.	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Women's Fellowship 9 a.m.	19 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
23 Communion	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Bible Sunday 31						