

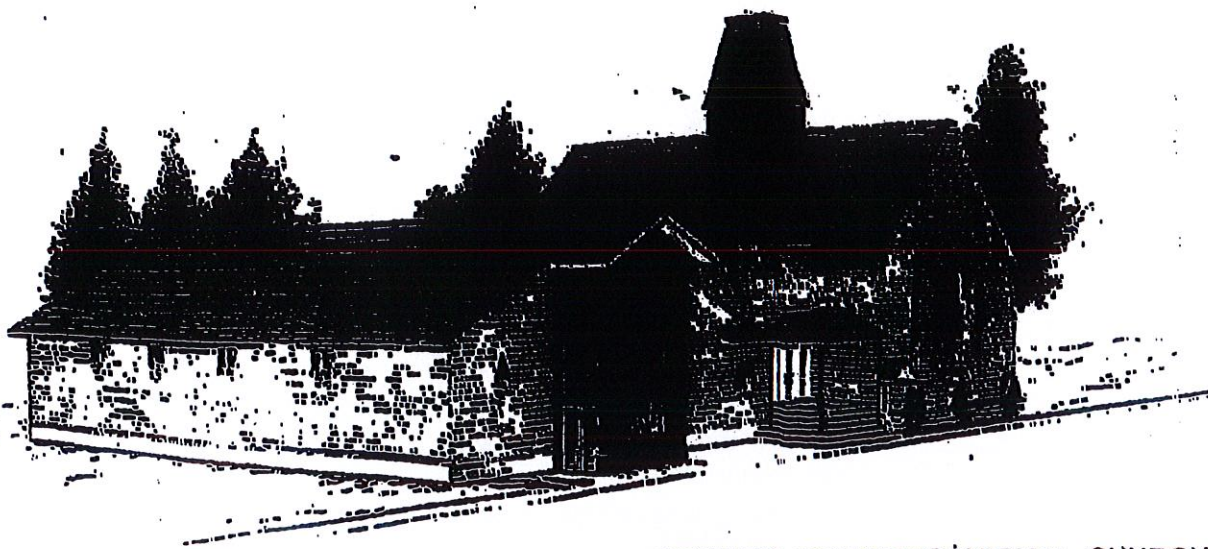
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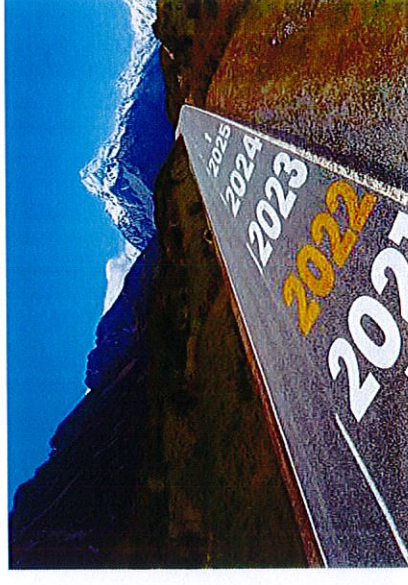
Thank you everyone for the goodies, the cards, and the gifts that you have given to your parsonage family!! We love and appreciate all of you. I wanted to share this Christmas message with you. I'm not sure who the author is, and I think this is very special!

Merry Christmas



My dear precious Jesus,
I did not mean
to take your place,
I only bring toys and things
and you bring love and grace.
People give me lists of wishes
and hope that they came true;
But you hear
prayers of the heart
and promise your will to do.
Children try to be good
and not to cry
when I am coming to town;
But you love them
unconditionally
and that love will abound.
I leave only a bag of toys
and temporary joy for a season;
But you leave a heart of love,
full of purpose and reasons.
I have a lot of believers
and what one might call fame;
But I never healed the blind
or tried to help the lame.
I have rosy cheeks
and a voice full of laughter;
But no nail—scarred hands
or a promise of the hereafter.

You may find several of me
in town or at a mall;
But there is only one
omnipotent you,
to answer a sinner's call.
And so, my dear precious Jesus,
I kneel here to pray;
To worship and adore you
on this, your holy birthday.



May the New Year bring the Joy
of the Lord into our lives as we
travel this road together in
service to Him and to our
community.

Thank You from your parsonage
family! Happy New Year!!

Joel, Cathy, & Domynic

Announcements

TRUSTEE'S: Will meet on January 17, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Rose Room

UNDECKING THE HALLS: January 7 following the worship service.

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE: Annual reports are due to Theresa on Friday January 26. The Annual Meeting is Sunday February 4, 2024

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Monthly Budget \$7,026.50

January-November

November

General Fund	Income	\$57,566.15
	Expense	\$ 70,080.59

3,720.00
5,095.79

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

6-Don King
7- Brenda VanHauen
8-Ken Asche
11- Delores Poppen
12-Mike Weerda
27-Wendell Poppen
28-Ron Craven

Seward Congregational Church

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M.

Present were Peggy Whitney, Dick Remer, Brenda VanHauen, Effie Hoppe, Matt Cowman

Absent were Maury Daubs, Pastor Joel

Dick gave the opening Prayer.

Peg read the minutes from the October meeting. Matt made a motion to accept the minutes, Dick seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

Effie and Brenda gave the financial reports. Dick made a motion to accept the reports as given. Matt seconded.

Maury left a report going over expenses for the Pancake Breakfast.

Work has been completed for the Parsonage drain line replacement. We are waiting for the bills to be received to be able to submit the claim to the insurance company.

The new budgets for 2023 were discussed and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be December 20th, 2023. Brenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Effie Hoppe

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Un-Deck the Halls Sunday School Resumes	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Trustee's 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Report Due for Annual Meeting	27
28 Communion	29	30	31			