

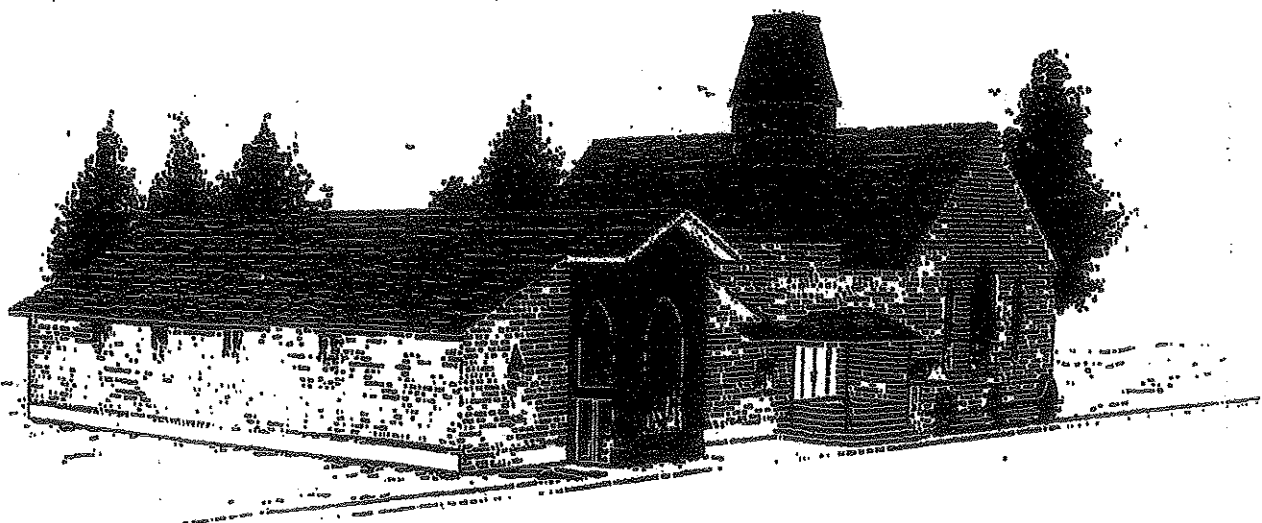
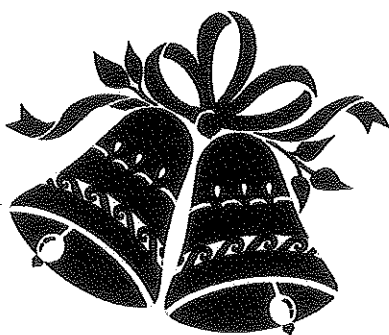
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*April Church News*



**SEWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
SEWARD, ILLINOIS

## Announcements

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Women's fellowship will meet on April 16 12 at 9 a.m.

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

**LOVE GROWS IN WARM HEARTS:** Saturday April 20, 2024 from 11-1. Join us for coffee, Tea, Light Bites, and heartwarming conversation. To reserve your spot for the presentation on garden and flower tips please RSVP for yourself or to reserve a table for friends and family to Nancy Kirby 815-988-6441 or Tari Woods 815-222-3037 by April 13, 2024

**DIACONTE:** TBA.

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

<b>MONTHLY SUMMARY</b>		<b>Monthly Budget \$6,731.92</b>
	<b>February</b>	<b>January -February</b>
General Fund	Income \$6,250.00	\$11,195.00
	Expense \$ 7,560.69	\$21,285.02

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 4- Richard Remer  
    Laura West (Remer)  
12-Julie Fry  
14-Keith Long  
17- Allen Asche  
19-Colton Asche

April 8 Richard & Tari Woods  
20-Mark & Barb Klinger

**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**February 22, 2024**  
**Seward Congregational Church**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Peggy Whitney.

Present were Peggy Whitney, Nancy Kirby, Matt Cowman, Char Remer, Effie Hoppe, Brenda Van Hauen, and Pastor Joel Hicke. Absent was Maury Daubs.

Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Joel.

The job duties of the Trustees was reviewed.

The minutes from the January meeting were read; Matt moved to accept the report; Effie seconded; the motion carried.

Finance reports were given by Effie and Brenda; Char moved to accept their reports; Matt seconded; the reports were approved. The investment report by Maury was presented.

The charges for use of the church were discussed. This is in the Operations Manual in Theresa's office. Pastor Joel will advise folks of these charges when a family wishes to have a funeral at the church.

#### **Old Business**

The sign has been fixed.

Light of Life Ministries will pay the phone bill at the parsonage.

A new phone has been purchased for the pastor.

Jessica is okay with the current cleaning equipment here at the church. The purchase of the Shark vacuum will be considered at a later date.

Maury bought a new microphone for the church. It has not been used yet. Discussion is tabled until March.

There was discussion about the deck at the parsonage. We need to get three bids (Dennis Miller, Grant, and TopNotch). The bid that we have had is for \$6277. Composite decking was discussed. We will discuss further in March.

The fridge in the church kitchen is not working correctly. Effie called a repair person. He said that the tech is different for a commercial fridge like ours compared to a fridge in our home. It needed to be cleaned. His information needs to be added to the vendor list.

### **New Business**

There was discussion about the repairs needed on the organ. See the letter from Aaron Bogue. We decided to have a church meeting following the Sunday morning service on February 25 concerning these repairs.

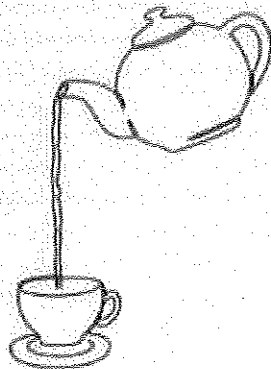
There were questions about the investment choices for a CD that matured on Dec 4, 2023. Maury will check on the possible investment for Eli Lilly, Novo Nordisk, and Merck. Or would it be better to leave it in another CD?

The next meeting will be March 21, 2024.

Motion to adjourn was made by Brenda; seconded by Effie; and approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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# LOVE GROWS IN WARM HEARTS



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*Seward Congregational church*

*Blossom into our event for free, donations happily embraced*

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*by April 13th, 2024*

# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Women's Fellowship 9 a.m.	17 Trustees 6:20 p.m.	18	19	20 Love Grows in Warm Hearts 11-1 p.m. gardening and flower tips.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				