

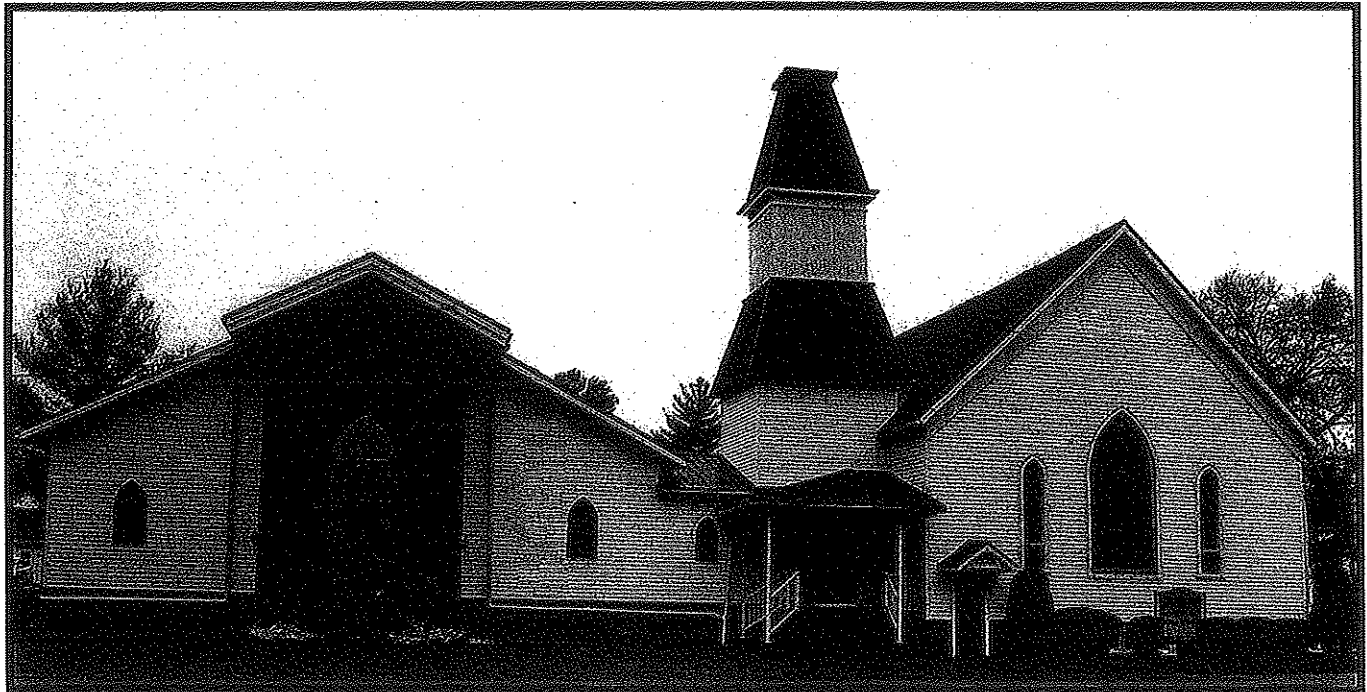
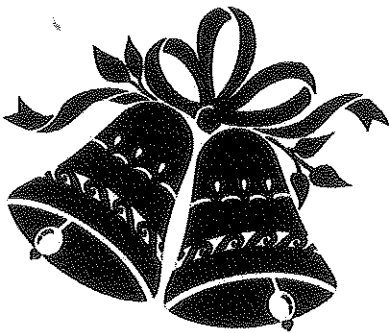
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*The  
Chimes*

*May Church News*



On Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, I attended a couple seminars at Eppleyanna Church where our Regional Pastor, Ray Delaurier, was the speaker. The first one was on Church Leadership and I wanted to share with you some of the things that he talked about. I am sharing the Power Point slides that he shared with us without commenting on them. Over the next months I will share more as space permits. Note: there are Scripture references for the statements that he made.

### Basic Qualifications

1. A church board leader must be a Christian.
  - A. Repented and believed the gospel (Mark 1:15)
  - B. Recognized they violated God's Law; separated (Romans 3:23; 6:23)
  - C. They know good works can't save them (Ephesians 2:8-9)
  - D. They know Jesus died for their sins (2 Corinthians 5:21)
  - E. They have experienced the New Birth (John 3:1-21)

2. A church board leader is a Committed Christ Follower

They have put themselves under the Lordship of Christ

*Romans 6:13: And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.*

*Luke 9:23: Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."*

It is imperative for those who lead a church to set an example for the congregation as a disciple trusting Jesus in all things in life, especially in His church.

3. A church board leader's source of Truth is Divine Revelation.
  - A. The Bible is the "go to" source for themselves and the church.
  - B. They believe Jesus (John 17:17)
  - C. They are humble leaders (John 13:15-17; 1 Peter 5:5-6)
  - D. They learn leadership technique from the Bible (Matthew 20:25-26)
  - E. Scripture has, and is transforming them into Christlikeness (Romans 12:2)

Their public and private behavior in godliness serves as an example to all.

4. The church board leader serves through the Power of the Holy Spirit

*Galatians 5:16-18: I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

The Spirit enables the leader to do what they think they can't do.

*Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

*From the desk of Pastor Joel*

## Announcements

**FELLOWSHIP BIRTHDAY:** Sunday, May 5th there will be a Fellowship Hour to honor Esther Fry as her 91st birthday is on May 13th.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Women's Fellowship Breakfast Outing will be Tuesday, May 14th at Stockholm Inn. Carpool will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am. After breakfast we will tour Carpenters Place.

**COMMUNITY BRIDAL SHOWER:** There will be a community wedding shower for Kirsten Kendall on Friday, May 31st at 6:30pm. All are invited.

**TRUSTEE'S:** Will meet on May 15, at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Rose Room

**DIACONTE:** TBA.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:** Mark your calendars for **June 2nd**. We will kickoff our summer schedule by starting with a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7:30-8:45 am, followed by worship. All are welcome at no charge. Freewill donations accepted.

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

### MONTHLY SUMMARY

Monthly Budget \$6,731.92

#### March

#### January -March

General Fund	Income	\$4,440.00
	Expense	\$ 7,006.99

\$15,635.00
\$28,292.01

### MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

#### Birthdays

#### Anniversaries

1-Carmel Hirschuber

1 Jeff & Jill Viel

Sam Hirschuber

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

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Seward Congregational Church  
March 15, 2023

**The meeting** was called to order at 10:01 am. Pastor Joel opened with a prayer.

**Present:** Peggy Whitney, Dick Remer, Effie Hoppe, Brenda Van Hauen, Joel Hicke.  
**Absent:** Maury Daubs.

**Minutes** from the January meeting were read by Joel. Dick made a motion to accept the report; Effie seconded; the motion carried.

**Finance** reports were given by Effie and Brenda. Dick made a motion to accept the reports; Peggy seconded; the motion carried.

**Old business:** there are some fluorescent lights in the conference room. We need to ask Matt about those.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Joel received information about attending the Nehemiah Summit in Woodbury, MN, April 24-26. This conference is about church growth, including building relationships. The cost is \$100 to register, and approximately \$235 for motel, plus gas expense. Effie made a motion for pastor to attend; Dick seconded; the motion carried. Pastor Joel also mentioned a problem with the light on the stove indicating a burner is on when it is not in use. It was suggested that he call Steve Cupps Appliance at 815-233-5920.

**New business:** The tree limb in the back yard of the parsonage needs to be taken down. We need to get a bid and time when someone could take care of this. Heavlin's Tree Service in Winnebago was suggested. Pastor Joel will call them at 815-721-3945. Peggy made a motion to have this done; Brenda seconded; the motion carried.

Peggy will talk to Matt about continuing to serve on the board of trustees.

The next meeting will be April 19, 2023, at 10:00 am.

**Motion to adjourn** was made by Dick; Effie seconded; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Hicke

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Cake Fellowship time Esther's Frys Birthday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Women's Fellowship at Stockholm Inn 8:30 a.m. Leave church	15 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19 Promotion Sunday Last day for Sunday School	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Communion	27	28	29	30	31 Bridal Shower for Kirsten Kendell 6:30 p.m.	