

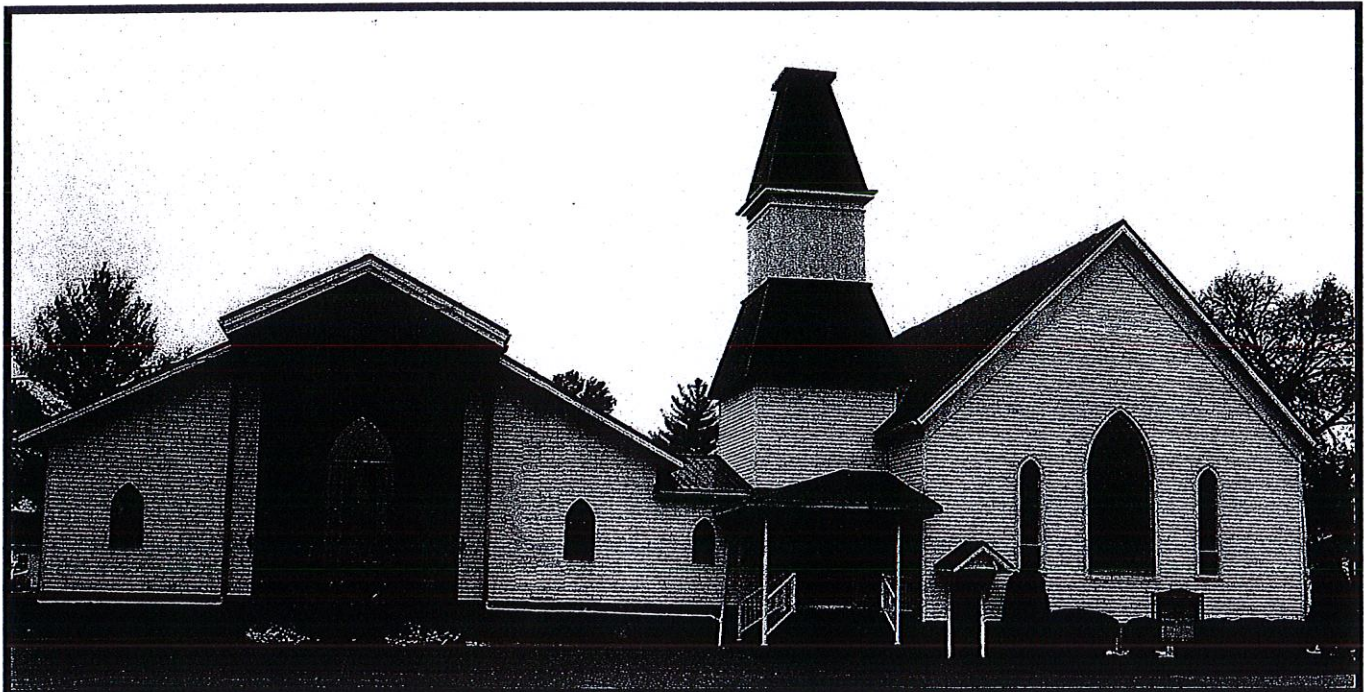
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*The  
Chimes*

*July Church News*





*"If the son sets you free, you will be free indeed!" John 8:36*

*May this day be a symbol of peace, prosperity, and happiness in your lives. God bless America and the people who live here!! Let us remember our heroes who advocated the freedom we all enjoy today, July 4<sup>th</sup> 2024!!*

*Pastor Joel Hicke*

## Announcements

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

**DIACONTE:** TBA.

**PEOPLE MOVER :** The Winnebago county fair will be August 14-17. We will be running the people mover from 12-8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 12-4 pm on Sunday. Contact Maury Daubs if you are interested.

**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**

#### May

#### January -May

General Fund	Income	\$4,071.00
	Expense	\$ 8,164.01

\$28,234.00
\$42491.27

July

### BIRTHDAYS

### ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 15, 2024  
Seward Congregational Church**

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

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

**The opening** prayer was led by Pastor Joel.

**Minutes** were read from the March 31<sup>st</sup> and the April 12<sup>th</sup> meetings. Maury made a motion to approve the minutes; Brenda seconded; motion carried.

**Finance reports** were given by Effie, Brenda, Tari, and Maury. (see reports) Char made a motion to approve those reports; Nancy seconded; motion carried. There was mention of Dan Hazzard coming and talking to the Board of Trustees.

**Pastor's** report was given.

**Old Business**

Sharon will be given a \$100 check for each month that she mows rather than deducting it from her rent.

The lawn on the north side of the parsonage has been seeded.

Matt talked to me about beginning work on the parsonage deck soon.

**New Business**

The proceeds from the Ladies' Tea were donated to Women's Fellowship.

We need mulch for around the parsonage.

We will use the offering envelopes that we have before we purchase any more.

The refrigerator in the church kitchen needed a part that was ordered on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, and the repair was done on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

A new battery was ordered for one of the exit lights.

We will be needing an insurance inspection soon according to Church Mutual. When the battery alarms are checked we need to also check the fire extinguishers.

For employees and volunteers, for insurance purposes and according to Church Mutual and Winnebago County, we need to have background checks done.

There is \$500 in the Scott Fund that we can use for church camps. Abby and Evelyn will be going to Emmaus Camp on Ridge Road near Oregon, IL. The camp is \$250 for a five-day camp, and we voted to give scholarships of \$200 each to the girls for camp. That leaves \$100 still available.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have a community breakfast beginning at 7:30 with our worship service beginning at 9:00 am.

The Winnebago County Fair will be August 14-17. A request has been made for the People Mover for 12:00-8:00 pm Wednesday through Saturday and 12:00-4:00pm on Sunday. Since they want a driver and a conductor, we would need two 6-person carts.

**A motion to adjourn** was made by Brenda; seconded by Effie; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joel Hicke

## June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	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	27
28	29	30	31			

# God creates the world.

Genesis 1:1—2:25

In the beginning, before anything was anything, God made the heavens and the earth. He just said, “Let there be light,” and there was light! Then God made the sky and the land and the oceans. God made the plants and the sun, moon and stars. He liked what He made. It was very good!

Then God said, “Let the sky be filled with birds that fly.” And it was. He said, “Let the waters be filled with all sorts of creatures.” Then there were fish, dolphins, jellyfish, and many other creatures in the water. Next, God made every kind of animal. When God saw all the creatures that He made, He said that they were very good.

Then God did something even more special! He took some dirt and formed it into a man. Then God breathed into the man and he became alive. Next, God made a woman. They were the first people—people like you and me. They were named Adam and Eve. God loved Adam and Eve. Everything God made was very good.

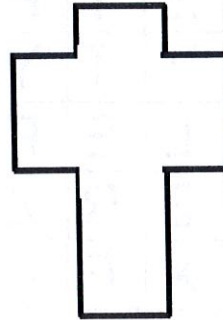
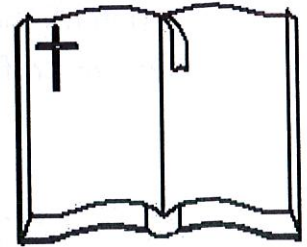
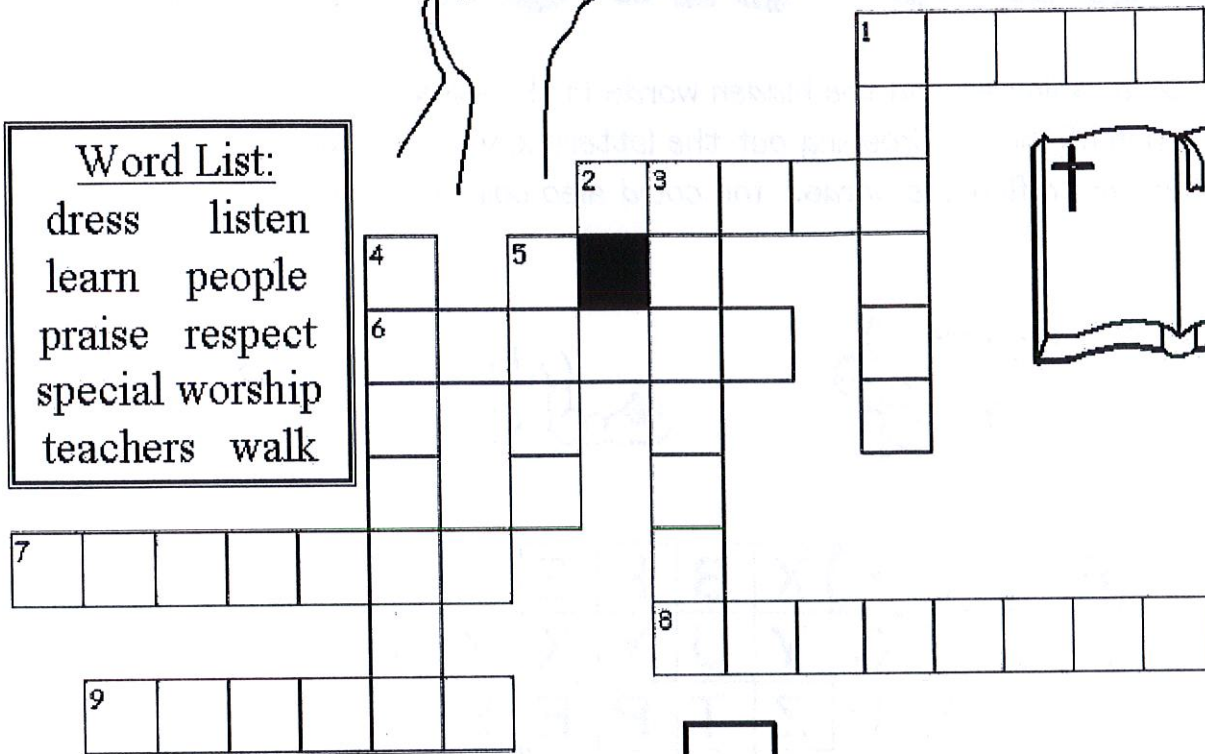
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# Church and Respect Crossword

**Word List:**  
 dress listen  
 learn people  
 praise respect  
 special worship  
 teachers walk



## Across

- At church we meet with others to worship and also to study or \_\_\_\_ about God.
- The way we \_\_\_\_ can show respect on the outside of us.
- When we \_\_\_\_ God we are telling him how much appreciate and love him.
- When we sing and pray to God this is the way we do this for God.
- These people care about you and spend time preparing a lesson for you to learn.
- The church isn't about where we meet but about the \_\_\_\_ we meet with there.

## Down

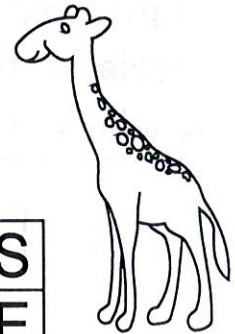
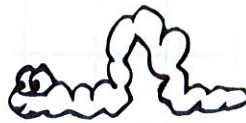
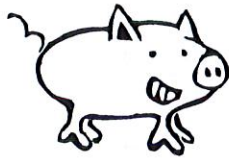
- It's important to do this to hear what the people at church are trying to teach you.
- Treating others the way we would like to be treated can be called this.
- Church is a \_\_\_\_ place to worship God together no matter where it is.
- Instead of running and being loud it's better if you \_\_\_\_ and speak nicely to others.





# GODS CREATION

Draw a line around the hidden words in the square--God created each of these. (Crossing out the letters x, y, z will make it a bit easier to find the words.) You could also color in the pictures.



F	I	S	H	X	B	E	E	T	L	E	S
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Z	L	I	O	N	S	Z	G	Y	Z	X	P
Y	X	Z	W	Z	Y	X	S	Z	X	Y	X
G	R	A	S	S	X	Y	Z	Y	X	Z	Y

