

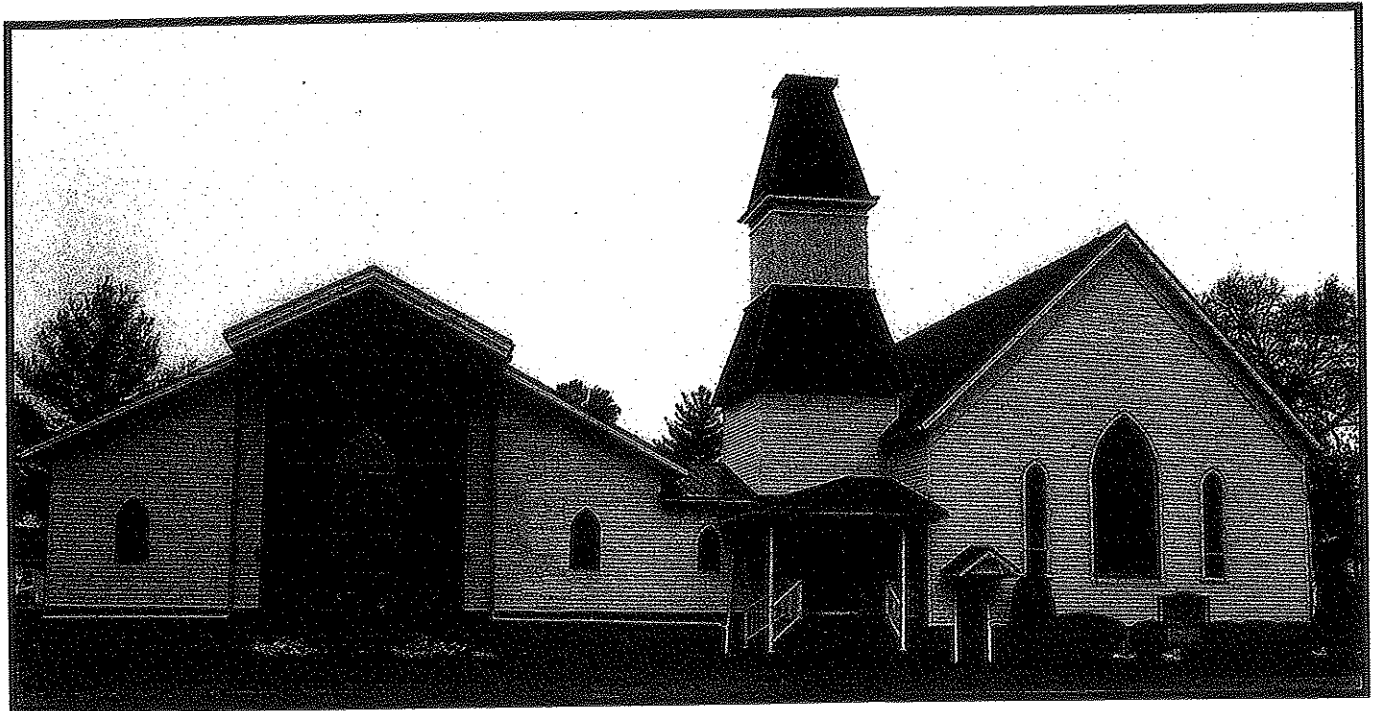
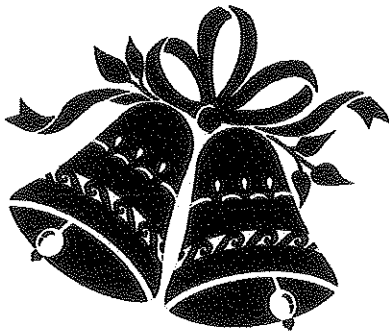
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*The  
Chimes*

*September Church News*



## My Savior First of All

1. When my life-work is completed and I cross the eventing tide, When the  
 2. Oh, the soul-thrilling joy I see when I view His kin- and face, And the  
 3. Oh, the dear ones in His arms, how they look on me in tears, And our  
 4. Think the good in the world of us, as we take our good-bye with His will

Heigh- and, His arms near-ning I shall see: How my full heart will praise Him for the  
 ter- ter of His kin- and face, how I see in the sweet waves of His sea, how they will  
 par- ting at the in-ter-est call: In the glad ring of a gem I shall

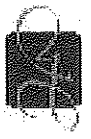
lead me where no help will e- ver fail: In the glad ring of a gem I shall

reach the o- ther side. And His smile will be the light to wel- come me  
 near- er love, and grace. That per- pends for me a room- room in the sky,  
 sing my well- come home. But I long to meet my So- ver-ain first of all  
 with- out de- lay. But I long to meet my So- ver-ain first of all

I shall know Him, I shall know Him, And redeemed by His side, I shall stand;  
 Him, I shall know Him, I shall know Him, For the truth of the truth in His hand.

I shall know Him, I shall know Him, For the truth of the truth in His hand.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915  
 Tune: John R. Sawyer, 1837-1894



1 SHALL KNOW HIM  
<http://www.hymnary.org/hymn/58119/1/528>

This song was one of my Mom's favorite songs and Fanny J Crosby has long been a favorite hymn writer and poet in the Church.—Pastor Joel

### Hymn Story

Fanny J Crosby (1820-1915) was a prolific poet who wrote the lyrics to more than 8,000 gospel hymns. She wrote on many subjects and themes of heaven and the Lord's return seemed to be her favorites. She showed unusual poetic talent early in life and at the age of eight she started writing poetry. This great hymn-writer was blind, due to an eye infection (according to her autobiography) at the age of six weeks. (Some modern folks believe that she may have been born blind.) Her father died when she was six months old and she was raised by her mother and maternal grandmother. She became a believer in Jesus in 1950 and many of her songs were inspired by enthusiastic Methodist singing.

Once a well-intentioned Scotch minister remarked to her, "I think it's a great pity that the Master, when He showered so many gifts upon you, did not give you sight."

Her rebuke came quickly, "Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition to my Creator, it would have been that I should be born blind?"

"Why?" asked the surprised clergyman.

"Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 18, 2024  
Seward Congregation Church

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Peggy Whitney. Present were Char Remer, Brenda Van Hauen, Effie Hoppe, Maury Daubs, and Pastor Joel Hicke. Absent were Matt Cowman and Nancy Kirby.

The opening prayer was offered by Pastor Joel.

The minutes from June were read by Joel. Char made a motion to accept the minutes, Brenda seconded, and the motion carried.

Finance reports were given by Effie, Brenda, and Maury. Char made a motion to accept the reports, Peggy seconded, and the motion carried.

The Pastor's report was given. Pastor Joel asked for two vacation days on August 24 and 25. They will be taking Domynic back to college. Maury made a motion for Pastor to have those two days, Effie seconded, and the motion carried.

#### Old Business

Church Mutual sent a report from their inspection stating that we needed two sensors: one for temperature control for the fridge in the kitchen and one for water in the basement in case of flooding. Maury had Andy from Frontier check some things in the Crow's Nest trying to improve our livestreaming. Andy installed a new junction box in the basement for some loose wires. Maury also got a small antenna to put on the computer in the Crow's Nest to improve our upload speeds for streaming. Maury is looking into the possibility of procuring a 16-channel sound board to replace the 32-channel board since we only use nine of those channels. This would make a lot more room in the Crow's Nest for the sound techs.

#### New Business

The steps to the north door of the church need to be repaired. Char will be looking into this. The big tree in the back yard of the parsonage had a huge branch down from the last storm which broke part of the fence. We need to get that branch removed and the fence repaired.

Effie made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, Brenda seconded, and the motion carried. The next meeting will be August 21, 2024. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Hicke

Dear Seward Congregational Church,

Rosie and I had the pleasure of receiving a scholarship to attend an overnight camp at Camp Emmaus at the beginning of August. The details from the Camp Emmaus website state the following: This camp is for kids who have completed kindergarten through second grade, bringing an adult with them to experience overnight camp for the first time. The Campers will spend time making new friends as they experience several activities, worship and connecting to the Bible at their level.

I'm here to tell you Camp Emmaus did just that! The day was packed full of activities! From getting to know other Campers, singing, craft time, Gaga Ball, prayers, hiking, exploring nature, mealtime, and campfires. If you don't know what Gaga Ball is you will have to ask Rosie. It was definitely a game the Campers LOVED to play. Although, I think everyone's (Campers included) favorite activity was Horizontal Half Hour!

We feel so blessed to have been able to attend Camp Emmaus. The day was about living together on God's green earth. The Campers set the tables for meals and helped clean up after each meal. We sang songs, roasted hotdogs, made s'mores, and listened to stories together. Campers swam in the pool and enjoyed an evening sitting around a campfire. We hiked paths and crossed bridges. Campers explored nature all while exploring within themselves. We all learned what they can accomplish with God walking beside us.

As a parent the thing I loved most was the wholesome experience of Camp Emmaus. Once we crossed over the gate into the camp it was like we stepped back in time. The playground was made of metal and wood. Craft time we used paper, markers, popsicle sticks and yarn. The Campers wrote letters to each other and the letters were given out at mail time. I never heard the words I'm bored or can I watch my tablet. Parents were actively being a part of the children's lives. Parents were not expected to take part in every activity, but we formed an unspoken community and pulled together to help make the experience a great one. For me it was being able to help kids explore new things but also grateful to watch my own daughter explore new things in a safe place without needing me.

Camp Emmaus has been in the area for a long time. The camp is located a few miles south of Mt. Morris. While at camp we met a family whose children were the 5th generation to attend Camp Emmaus. While for Rosie and I it was our 1st year. Camp Emmaus has several other camping experiences available. I was told the best way to be up to date on all the camp has to offer is to follow their Facebook page. While at Camp Emmaus, we gave thanks to God several times throughout our day, for all that he has given to us. My favorite was the Johnny Appleseed song-

Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

And so, I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need:

The sun, the rain and the Appleseed;

Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

Thank you Seward Congregational Church for the scholarship to attend Camp Emmaus.

Sincerely,

Rosie and Julie Gasior.

# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labor Day	3	4 Bible Study 7 p.m.	5	6	7 Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10 a.m.
8 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	9	10	11 Bible Study 7 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	16	17	18  Trustees 6:30 p.m	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	23	24	25 Bible Study 7 p.m.	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Communion	30					

Here at Seward Congregational Church, we enjoy seeing our youth fill our sanctuary. We also understand that sitting still for an hour can be challenging at a young age. That's why we provide kids' activity bags just outside the sanctuary, filled with crayons, coloring books, and interactive worksheets. Additionally, we offer printable worksheets called "My Church Notes" and "Sermon Notes for Kids" in the Chimes Newsletter. Our goal is to keep people of all ages engaged during church services. Patrons can print out the worksheets they prefer and use them during the Sunday morning sermon. - The Diaconates



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# My Church Notes

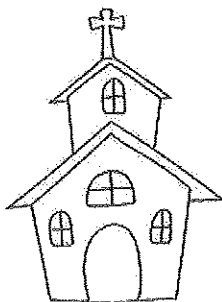


My Favorite Song Today:

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My church's name is:

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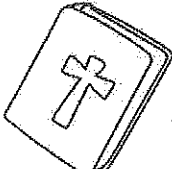
shared God's Word today.



The Bible Passage Today:

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 Today I learned:

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My drawing on today's sermon

 My God is 

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# Sermon Notes for Kids

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the main passage we are reading today?

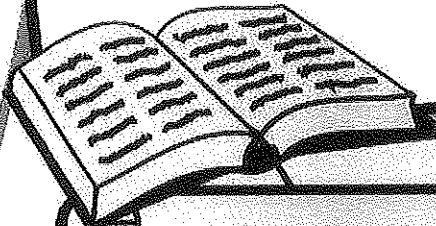
Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Verse: \_\_\_\_\_

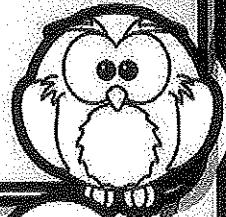
Reminders!!!

As you attend church service with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



How does today's message apply to your life?

Favorite Song today was:



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Our Father

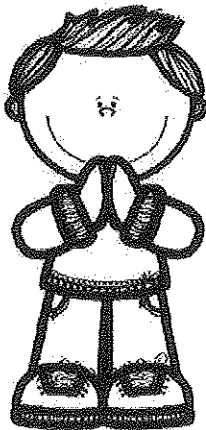
Directions: Fill in each blank with the missing word.  
Choose from the word bank below.



Our Father, who art in \_\_\_\_\_,  
Hallowed be thy \_\_\_\_\_;  
Thy \_\_\_\_\_ come; thy will be done  
on \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in heaven.

Give us this \_\_\_\_\_ our daily \_\_\_\_\_;  
and \_\_\_\_\_ us our trespasses as we  
forgive those who \_\_\_\_\_ against us;  
And lead us not into \_\_\_\_\_,  
but \_\_\_\_\_ us from evil.

Amen.



## WORD BANK

earth   day   temptation   heaven  
deliver   kingdom   forgive  
trespass   bread   name

# God Loves

L K X K G E B D Q F R O O V E R C O M E R M E E  
 N J A A K J Y G N I K N B R E H T A F W L V V T  
 B S B V M N I T S G I Y L U F H T I A F M M I Q  
 Z L T W H E S I A R P F O Y H T R O W N O S T T  
 T R E R L P O W E R F U L S U O E T H G I R C U  
 O G O S E Y T I N I R T B S S Y Y U E G U F E R  
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merciful  
 strength  
 compassionate  
 perfect  
 forever  
 son  
 grace  
 forgiver

blessed  
 refuge  
 protective  
 jesus  
 promises  
 christ  
 savior  
 creator

redeemer  
 worshiped  
 powerful  
 loving  
 faithful  
 won the battle  
 lord  
 almighty

comforter  
 victorious  
 holy  
 caring  
 trinity  
 overcomer  
 father  
 everlasting

peace  
 healer  
 righteous  
 patient  
 holy spirit  
 worthy of praise  
 king