

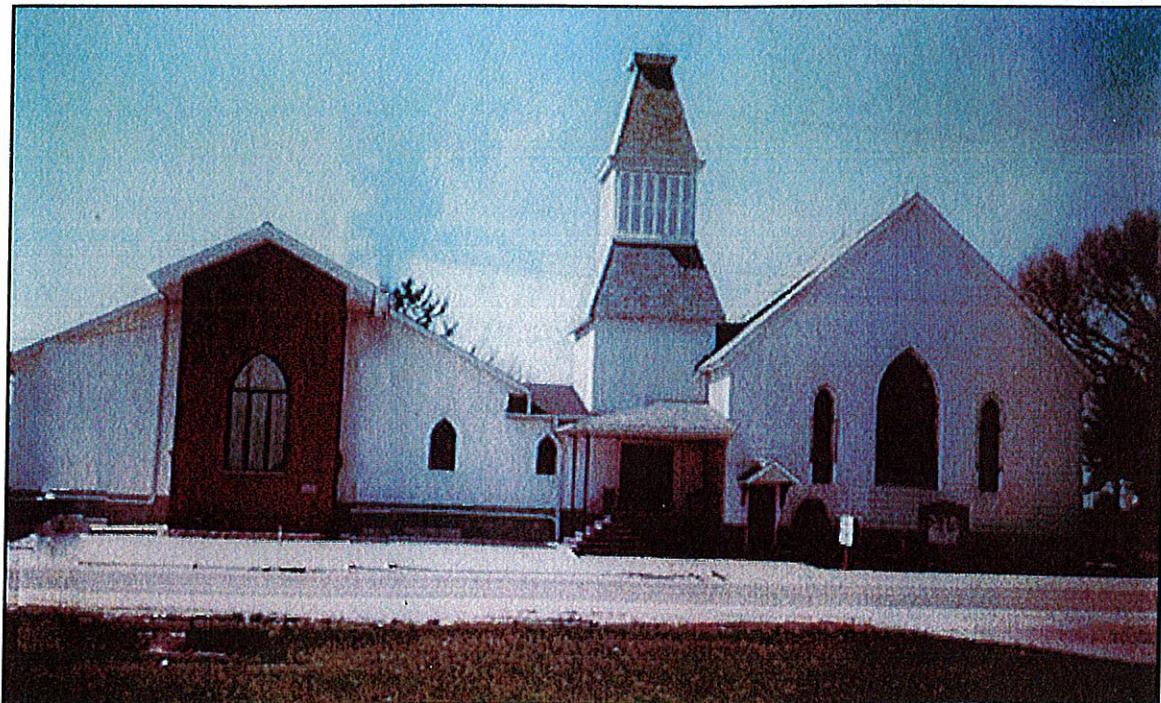
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March 2026 Church News



FEBRUARY 11, 2026 DIACONATE MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:29pm by Teresa Gobeli. Present in person were: Teresa, Bev Hilton, Bev Weerda and Delores Poppen. Barb Daub and Laura West were present via phone.

Teresa opened with prayer. January minutes were read by Delores. Motion by Bev H. to approve and second by Delores. Motion carried. Bev Weerda gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$744.39 in checking account. No change from last month.

OLD BUSINESS

Greeters are signed up through Feb. 15th. More needed.

Cecil and Joanne Chambers are visiting shut-ins. The list of who was visited/called in January was provided.

Unable to find Ken Hazzard food train list, so no update at this time.

Pulpit fill is complete through Palm Sunday: Feb 15-Jennifer Lloyd; Feb 22-Jonathan Lewis; Mar 1-Joe Erb; Mar 8-Cecil Chambers Mar 15-Ron Fry; Mar 22-Jason Hoyt; Mar 29-Pastor Scott Rehfeldt.

Received a thank you from Char Remer for Sunday School teacher gift.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a soup supper at our church on March 25th, before the Lenten Service. Soup supper will begin at 5:30pm. Pastor Gary Brown will speak. Bev. H, Teresa and Delores will provide soup. Bev W., Teresa and Karleen will provide dessert.

Bev H. will order palms for Palm Sunday. There will be an Easter breakfast potluck beginning at 8:00am on Easter morning, followed by Easter Worship at 9:00am. Easter lilies will be available to purchase for \$10; in memory or honor of family/friends.

There will not be communion on Feb. 22nd. Discussion on having Maundy Thursday Service; would need speaker and possibly serve communion.

Discussion to continue Community Breakfast with funds going to help those going to camp.

Officers will remain the same for 2026. Next meeting will be March 10th at 1:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:09pm; motion by Bev H, 2nd by Barb. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Weerda, acting secretary

**Seward Congregational Church Chimes
March Announcements**

DIACONATE: Will meet on March 10, at 1:30 p.m.

TRUSTEE'S: The Trustee's will meet on March 18, at 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Women's Fellowship is having a bake sale on Election Day, March 17th at the Seward Park District. Please bring baked goods to Seward Park District that morning. Women's Fellowship will meet Tuesday, March 24th at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES: Wednesday, March 4th @ Middle Creek 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten service. Wednesday, March 11th @ First Presbyterian 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten service. Wednesday, March 18th @ Winnebago Methodist 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten service. Wednesday, March 25th @ Seward Congregational 5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:30 pm Lenten service

SOUP SUPPER: There will be a soup supper at our church on March 25, before the Lenten service. Soup supper will be at 5:30 p.m. Gary Brown will speak.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Service will be at 6:30 p.m.

PULPIT FILL: On March 1 Joe Erb, March 8, Cecil Chambers, March 15, Ron Fry. March 22, Jason Hoyt, March 29 Pastor Scott Rehfeldt

The Board of Trustees is looking for a person to assume the role of Treasurer. This job is a paid position responsible for paying church invoices, managing payroll distribution, and handling required legal filings. Please get in touch with Char Remer (815-315-3455) if interested.

The Board of Trustees is looking for a church member to assist with the Financial Investment team. This person is responsible for reviewing church investments with Investment Agents and promoting financial stability for our members. Please get in touch with Maury Daubs at 815 262 8307 if interested.

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

MONTHLY SUMMARY

Monthly Budget \$6,856.25

January

General Fund	Income	\$5,862.00
	Expense	\$3,023.24

MARCH BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays	Anniversaries
1-Matt Cowman	7 Bryan & Bev Allen
4-Rosie Rust	
16- Aurora Joanne Hilton	
26- Maury Daubs	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship following the service	2	3	4 Lenten Service At MiddleCreek	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship following the service	9	10 Diaconate 1:30 p.m.	11 Lenten Service At 1 st Pres	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship following the service	16	17 Women's Fellowship election Day Bake Sale	18 Lenten Service at Winnebago UMC Trustee's 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship following the service	23	24 Women's Fellowship 9 a.m	25 Soup Supper 5:30 pm. Gary Brown will do the Worship Service	26 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 p.m.	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Fellowship following the service		30	31			

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

March Sunday School Lessons

March 1 What is Salvation? Romans 3:22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

March 8 The Birth of Moses Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

March 15 Moses Makes a Big Mistake Hebrews 11:27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

March 22 Moses and the Burning Bush Exodus 3:14 God replied to Moses, "I Am Who I Am. Say this to the people of Israel: I Am has sent me to you."

March 29 Pharaoh and the Plagues Exodus 6:6 'I am the Lord. I will free you from your oppression and will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt.'

The Sunday School is collecting offering, and we will be donating a portion of that to Rock House Kids as well as helping an organization in Australia.

The children will be singing on Easter Sunday. We look forward to the blessing of their music.

We are also reaching out to our Sunday school families to ask for Sunday school students to volunteer to light the candles before church service begins as well as ringing the bell.

