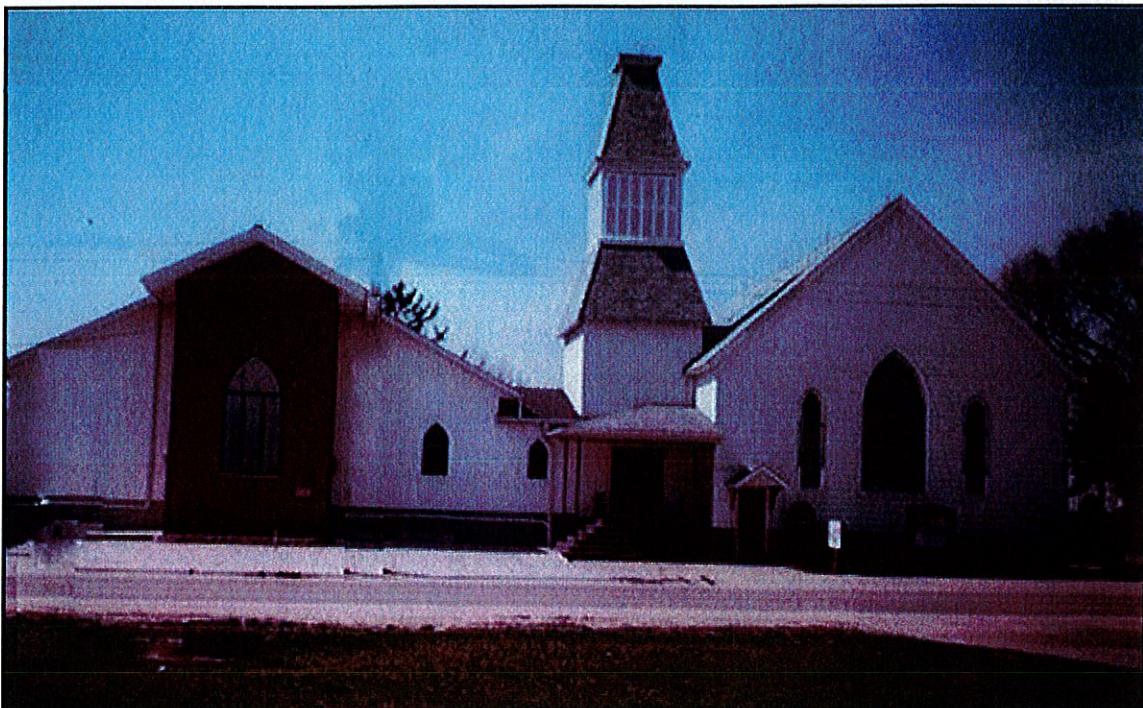


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The Chimes

July 2026 Church News



Seward Congregational Church Chimes July Announcements

DIACONATE: Will meet on July 1 at 10 a.m. **We have an open seat on the Diaconate. If anyone is interested please see one of the Diaconate members. Please take a minute to prayerfully consider volunteering.**

TRUSTEE'S: The Trustee's will meet on July 15, at 6:30 p.m.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: The Pastoral Search Committee would like to provide an update to the congregation. We have received and carefully reviewed two resumes from individuals interested in serving as pastor of our church. After thorough consideration, including an interview with one of the candidates, the committee is in unanimous agreement that neither individual is the right fit for our church at this time. As we have now been without a pastor for several months, we are asking the congregation to complete an updated survey. This will help us better understand your current thoughts, needs, and expectations as we continue the search for the right pastoral leader for our church's future. Thank you for your continued support and participation. Please continue to pray for our church as we trust that God has a plan for us and will guide us in His timing

PULPIT FILL: On July 5, Matt Rhoe, July 12, Joe Erb and Joe Erb Jr., July 19, Cecil Chambers, July 26 Dr Carroll Smith, we will have communion this Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school rally day is set for Sunday, September 13, 2026 @ 9:15.

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

May

January -May

General Fund	Income	\$6,877.50
	Expense	\$5,280.63

\$36,379.40
\$39,247.16

July

BIRTHDAYS

9 Whitney Shank, Julie Gasior
11-Shirley Myers
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

ANNIVERSARIES

6-Randy & Teresa Gobeli
26- Mike & Bev Weerda
27-Jerry & Brenda VanHauen

Seward Congregational Church Board of Trustees
May 20, 2026
Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Char Remer, Brenda VanHauen, Maury Daubs and Tari Woods

Char called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and opened up with prayer.

Tari read the April minutes and Brenda made a motion to approve them and Tari second the motion. Motion Carried.

Financial reports were provided by Brenda, Maury and Tari. Jean had submitted hers prior to the meeting. Char motioned to approve the financial reports and Brenda 2nd. Motion carried.

Old business:

Parsonage garage needs to get up to code as a safety issue. Maury is working on rectifying this issue.

Maury will work with Hudson regarding the purchase of the microphone.

Brenda will work on getting someone to get the flag fixed at the parsonage.

Lawn care - a motion by Tari and 2nd by Matt via text messaging was approved/motion carried to hire Hudson Insko to mow the parsonage lawn this summer.

Parking blocks - Matt Was not present at the meeting. However, Matt is working on the replacement of the parking blocks.

Pastoral search committee update- We have received two applicants and one did qualify for an interview, however, he was not best suited for our church and a declination letter was sent out. We are now working on posting online on multiple websites to get the communication out there that we are looking for a Pastor.

The Winnebago County fair has notified us and wanting us to still drive golf carts during a portion of the day at the fair, however, the time has decreased as well as the pay to our Church. Maury will reach out to our contact and provide more information to us at the next meeting.

Church Bell - Maury had confirmed that the Church Bell is not in immediate danger, however, he is still working with Jay Pitney to get the issue resolved.

New business -

Courtyard – There are boards that are in poor condition that will be looking at getting replaced.

Brenda made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 and Tari, 2nd the motion, motion carried meeting adjourned.

Next meeting date: June 17- 6:30

Respectfully submitted by:
Tari Woods

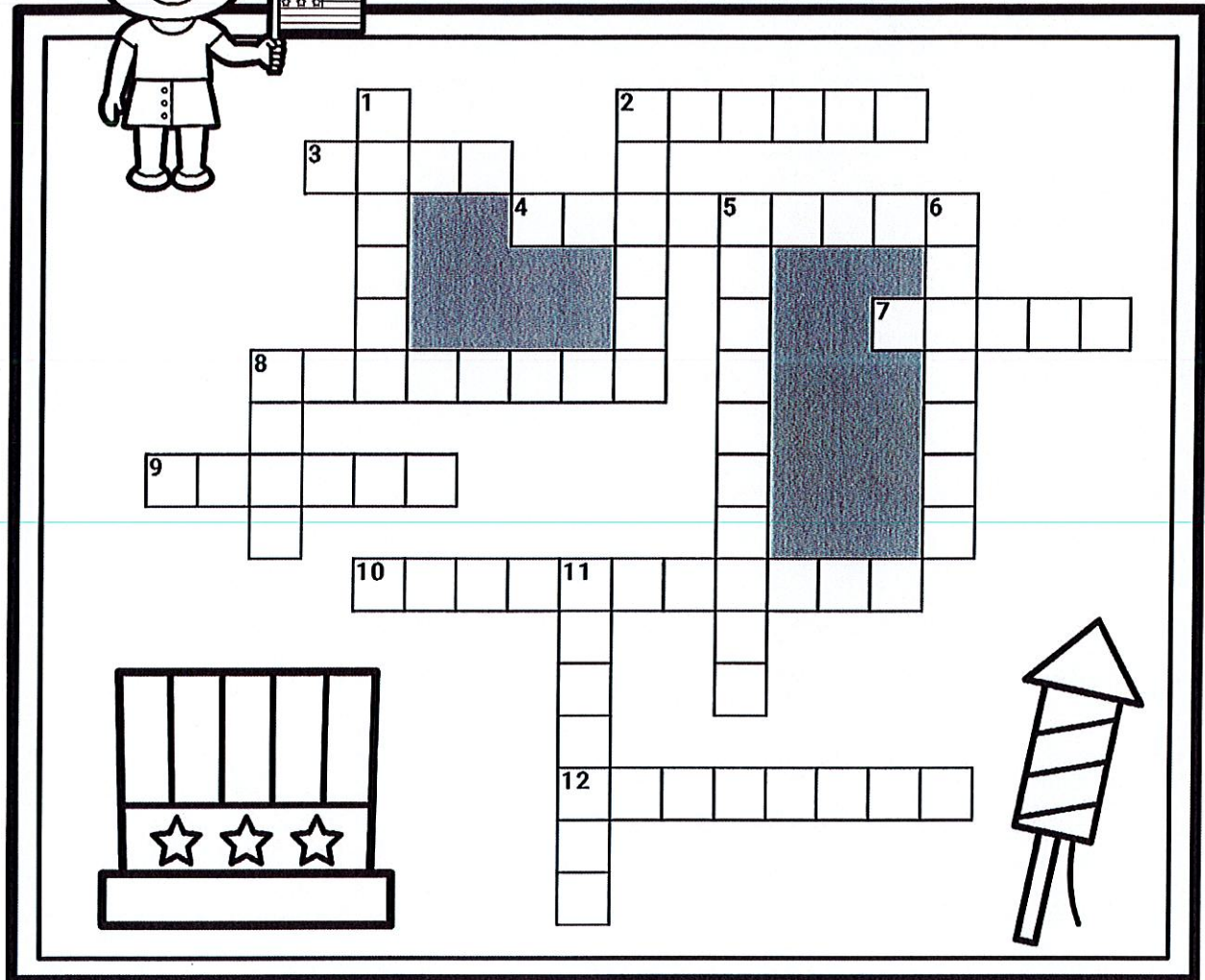
July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Diaconate 10:00 a.m.	2	3	4
5 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Fellowship following the service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting Fellowship following the service	13	14	15 Trustee's 6:30 p.m.	16	17	18
19 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Fellowship following the service	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Fellowship following the service	27	28	29	30	31	



FOURTH OF JULY

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

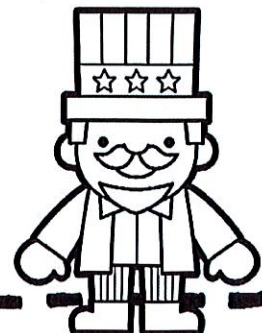


Across

2. A large outdoor meal with friends and family
3. The month when we celebrate Independence Day
4. A bright explosion in the sky during celebrations
7. Hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on this
8. Outdoor cooking on the Fourth of July
9. Independence Day is also called the ____ of July
10. This document declared America's independence
12. Sweet frozen treat perfect for hot July days

Down

1. The season when we celebrate Independence Day
2. People march in this during celebrations
5. The first president of the United States
6. Stars and ____ on the American flag
8. Red, white, and ____ are the colors of the American flag
11. The country that celebrates Independence Day



Name: _____

Date: _____



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Use the code above to solve the puzzle below:

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