

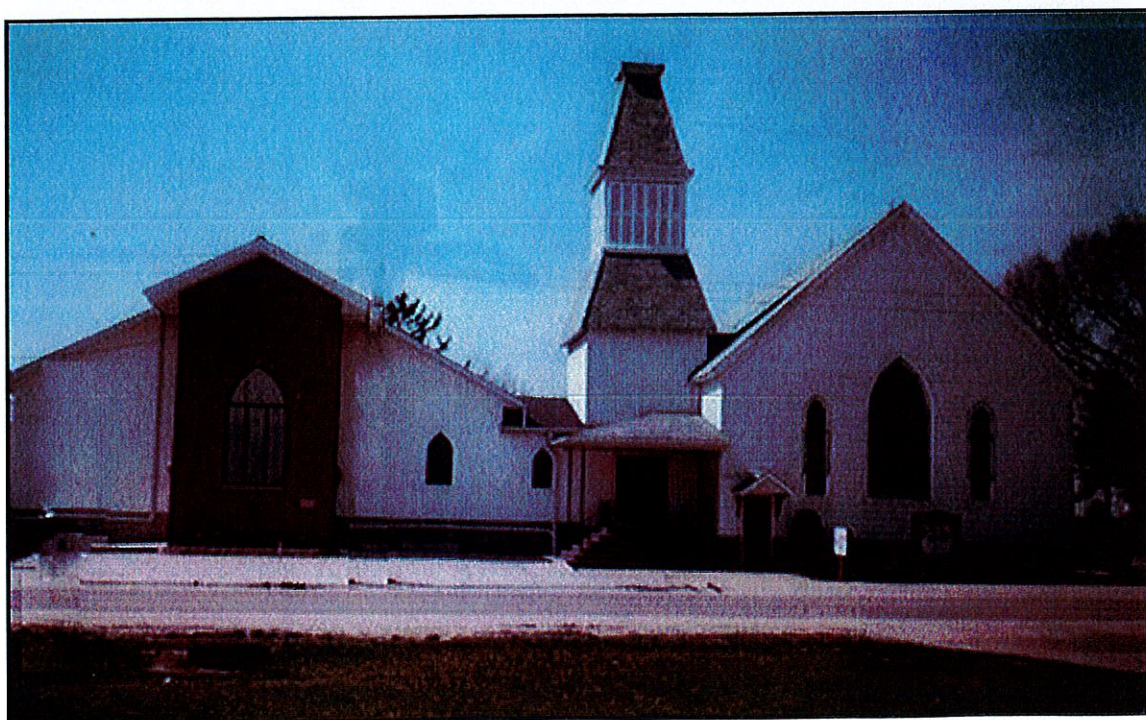
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The Chimes

August 2026 Church News



Seward Congregational Church Chimes
August Announcements

DIACONATE: Will meet on August 10 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 August 19, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY/FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: We will have a community/Family movie event on Sunday, August 9th at 3 p.m., sponsored by Jason Hoyt & Liberty Restoration Publishing. Bring your family, invite friends and join us as we rediscover the spiritual roots of American Liberty. The movie is The Great Awakening, which tells the true story of an unlikely friendship that resulted in a defining moment in American history. With the colonies on the brink of collapse, the Reverend George Whitefield unites an entire generation with the proclamation of liberty in Christ, during which Benjamin Franklin becomes one of Whitefield's closest friend and greatest supporters. Bring a bag of your favorite popcorn to share. This is a free event and open to the public.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE: The Pastoral Search Committee would like to provide a brief update to the congregation. We have recently begun searching on our third pastoral search website as we continue seeking the person God is calling to serve our church. Thus far, we have conducted two interviews, but we have not yet found the pastor who is the right fit for our congregation. We remain confident that, in His perfect timing, God will provide exactly the pastor our church needs. We appreciate your continued prayers, patience, and encouragement as we faithfully continue this important process. Please reach out to Teresa or Tari with any questions or suggestions. We would love to hear your thoughts. Thank you for keeping the committee and our future pastor in your prayers.

PULPIT FILL: On August 2, Rob Bell, August 9, Hudson Insko, August 16, Cecil Chambers, August 23 Dr. Carroll Smith, we will have communion this Sunday. August 30 Dr. Carroll Smith

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

June

January -June

General Fund	Income	\$6,595.00
	Expense	6,698.66

\$38,709.40
\$41,013.24

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

8- Bev Hilton
15- Jackie Cunningham
16-Tim Hilton,
17-Tari Woods
18- Lily Jean Ernst
25-Pam Keast, Cora Sue (Owen) Hirschuber
31- Austin Kendell

15-Scott & Peggy Whitney
21- Ron & Alice Craven

SEWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—MINUTES OF MEETING--JUNE 19,2026

Char called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm and opened with Prayer.

Present: Char Remer, Maury Daubs, Tari Woods, Jeanne Mennenga, Brenda Van Hauen, Nancy Kirby.

Tari read Minutes of Meeting from July. Discussion regarding Hudson Insko cost of mowing at Parsonage and Church grounds. \$40.00 per mow. Brenda motioned to approve. Tari second. Motion passed.

Financial Reports were given by Jean, Brenda & Maury. Tari motioned to accept the reports. Nancy second. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Parsonage update includes appliances have been installed, garage work is complete. In progress is repair/replacement of water lines due to rust damage. Blinds and (possibly) screens are needed to complete the project.

The purchase of a Microphone for the Sanctuary has been tabled for the time being.

The Flag has been raised. The light needs to be repaired or replaced.

Parking Blocks are being handled by Matt.

Winnebago County Fair People Movers is still under negotiation.

Search Committee Updated Board. Pastor Search listed on Indeed.com. resulted in 3 candidates. Two will be contacted for an interview. One from Texas, the other from Minnesota.

NEW BUSINESS: Carson Fender & Hudson Insko submitted a quote for mulching and spraying weeds -\$181.00. The Board will discuss this for later in summer or fall project.

Discussion regarding water leaking in basement. Board will search for someone that can repair. Problem has been ongoing for 16 years.

Rise is working with Maury on correcting lack of WIFI.

Church is still in need of Someone to handle Financial Investments with Maury.

Motion to adjourn by Tari. Second by Brenda. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05

Next Meeting: July 15, 2026

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Kirby, Secretary

July 1st, 2026 Diaconate minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:59am by Teresa Gobeli. Others present were Barb Daubs, Bev Hilton, Delores Poppen, Bev Weerda and Karleen Merchant.

Bev Hilton opened with prayer.

Karleen read the minutes of the May 6th meeting. Motion by Bev W. to approve, 2nd by Bev H. Motion carried.

Bev W. reported that there is \$540.70 in Diaconate Fund.

Old Business

Greeters are always needed and a signup sheet was passed around for July and August.

Karleen reported that the Chambers had visited Doris Spielman, Don King and the Cravens this week.

We have pulpit fill through August.

Two campers will be going to the Jr High camp in July, at Camp Emmaus.

Saturday, Sept 12th will be our Community Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. More details to come.

Vacation Bible school went very well. The attendance was lower than previous years, but the children were enthusiastic and the lessons, crafts, recess, music and refreshments all had great volunteers! Thank you to who taught, did crafts, were recess and music leaders and who donated cookies. A big thank you to all that brought children to learn about some Unlikely Bible Heroes.

Sunday, Sept 13th will be Rally Day for Sunday School at 9:15. Worship will return to 10:30 that day.

We still have a Diaconate open position.

New Business

We will check out dates to have a Family movie night, featuring The Great Awakening. Jason Hoyt has offered to show it. All agreed that we should find a date and time that works best for most people.

Bev W. will check with Daily Bread about reducing the number of devotionals sent. We will again send them a \$30.00 donation.

Other Business

Our church will not be driving the golf carts/people mover at the Winnebago County Fair this year.

Our baby bottle donations for Lifeline Coalition took in an amazing \$822.19! They are grateful for everyone's donations.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 10th at 10:00am. With no further business, Karleen motioned to adjourn. 2nd by Delores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

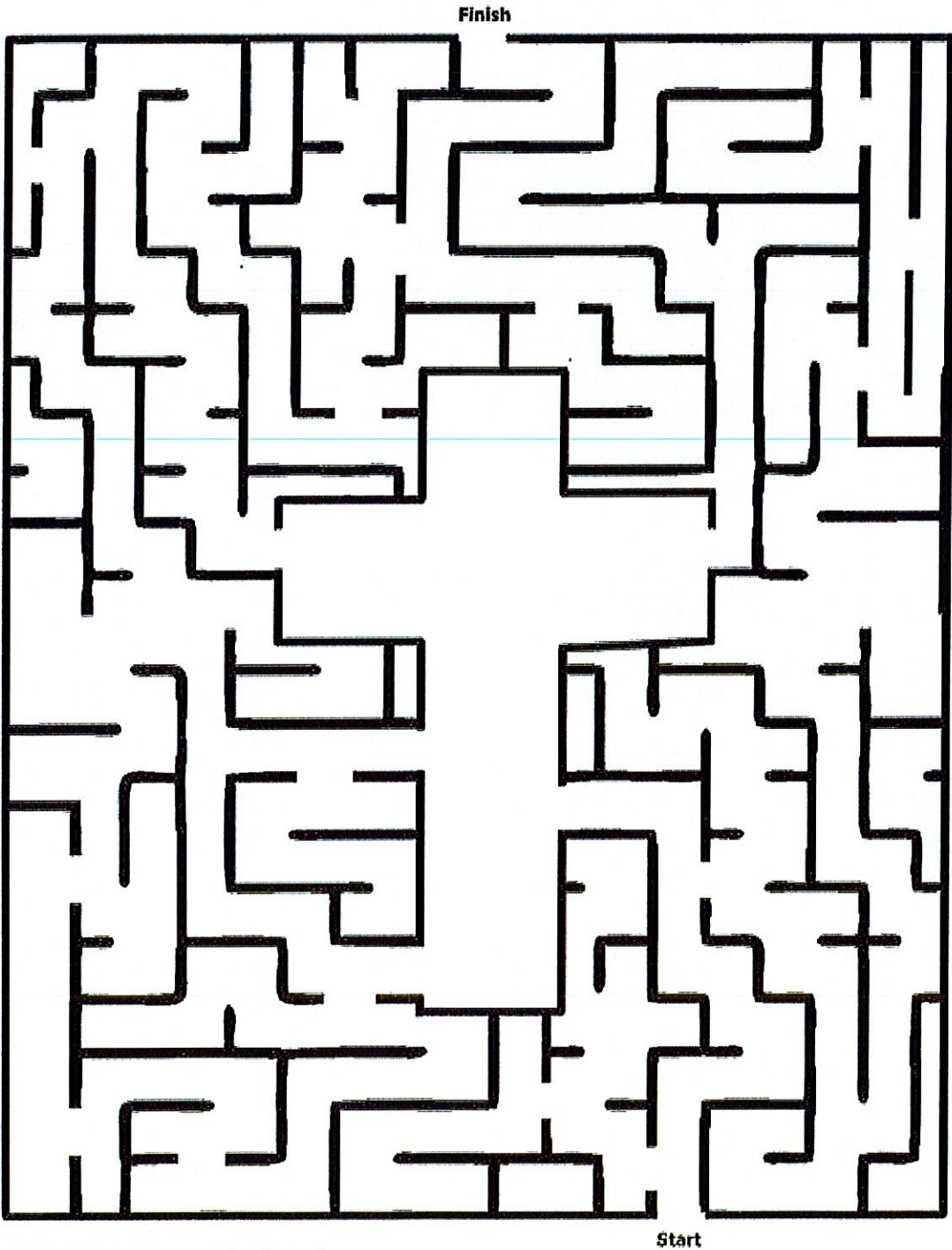
Respectfully submitted,

Karleen Merchant

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Fellowship following the service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Fellowship following the service 3 p.m. Community movie night	10 Diaconate 10 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15
16 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Fellowship following the service	17	18	19 Trustees 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
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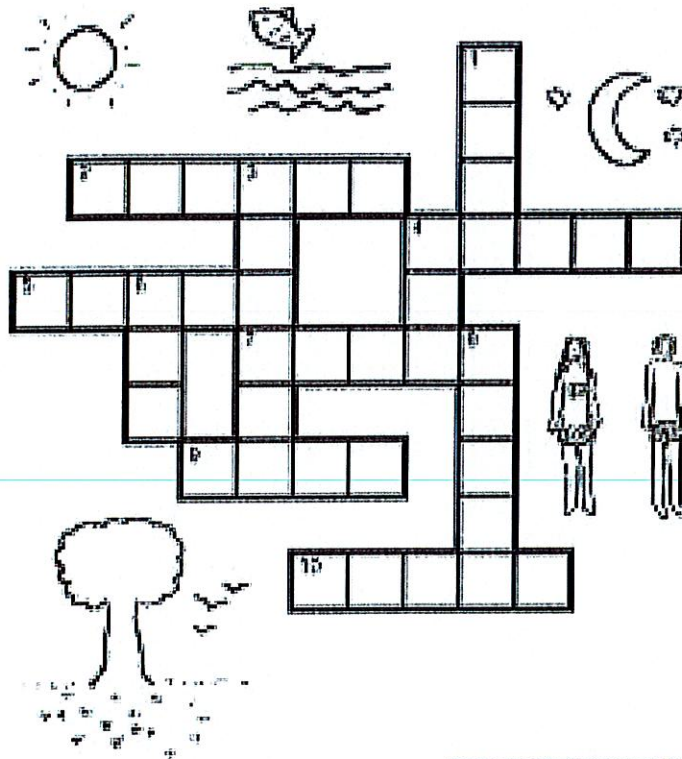
Cross Maze Activity Page



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Creation Activity Worksheet

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Across

- 2 God created the moon on this day (5)
- 4 The earth was finished on the creation (5)
- 5 God created them on the 5th day (5)
- 7 God created things on the 3rd day (5)
- 9 The name of the Garden the man and woman lived in (4)
- 10 God created this on the 1st day (5)

Down

- 1 The name of the man that God created (4)
- 3 God did this on the 7th day (4)
- 4 The name of the woman that God created (3)
- 6 God created the woman by taking this from the man (3)
- 8 God created land creatures on this day (5)

ANIMALS
BEGINNING
CREATION
EARTH
GARDEN
GOD
HEAVENS
LIGHT
MAN
PLANTS
SEA
STARS
WOMAN

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