

## CHIMNEY ROCK LUTHERAN CHURCH -- JULY NEWS

### Monica Dejno Writes . . .

How strong is your Faith when life and or Satan throws challenges your way? Does your faith stand strong or does it crumble and you curse God for all that is wrong. This last Sunday our first reading was from the book of Job. God was per say bragging to Satan about how faithful Job was to God. Satan told God that the only reason that Job was so faithful to Him is because Job had everything he ever wanted and he was living the good life. Satan challenged God by saying if Job lost all that he had, would Job still believe and be a faithful follower of God. God allowed Satan to test Job by taking away all that Job had, including his children. However, God told Satan that Job's life could not be touched. Even Job's friends didn't console Job. They insisted that Job must have sinned greatly and that he should re-evaluate his life and turn to God and repent. It seemed so obvious to Job's friends that Job had done some terrible things if God was punishing him like he was. As if Job hadn't endured enough already as a last chance for Satan to tempt Job from being faithful to God, Job became afflicted with sores all over his body and more persistence from his friends that Job needed to stop his sinful ways and repent to God. Job would continue to plead his innocence. Job did lament through all that he suffered, but never once did he curse God. He questioned God and wanted answers, but never became unfaithful. In the end Job persevered, overcoming Satan's temptations to curse God and become unfaithful. In return for his persistent faith God blessed Job by giving him everything he had previously and more. Is your faith as strong as Job's? Do you curse God at every challenge you face. I encourage everyone to read the book of Job. I personally have found that in my darkest moments and when life's challenges are hitting me from every angle that reading the book of Job has been very beneficial. We should always remember that:

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (John 3: 16-17)*

God's Peace and Blessings to ALL!  
Monica A Dejno

### Remember to Remove Cemetery flowers

Please remove in-ground artificial flowers and decorations from the cemetery by July 1. Flowers in urns/stands may remain until October 1.

### Community Worship Service to be Held July 7

On Sunday, July 7, Chimney Rock will attend the annual community worship service at the Pleasantville Ballpark. The worship will be followed by their annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July softball tournament games and is hosted by the Pleasantville Lions Club. There will be a sing-a-long from 10 to 10:30am led by Jeanette Tobiason, Kris Husby, Gabe Koxlien, Crystal Johnson, Valerie and Terry Lorenz. The worship service, led by SAM Scott Brown, will begin at 10:30am. Come and join family, friends, and neighbors for a music-filled morning, community worship, the announcement of the Pleasantville Citizen of the Year, and fantastic charcoaled chicken and other great food served by the Pleasantville Lions Club. **Please remember and remind others: there will be no service at Chimney Rock on July 7.**

### Save the Date for "Heart for Luther Park"

Luther Park's Annual Fundraising Event will be held Sunday, August 4, 2024. The day will begin with worship, followed by a chicken dinner, pie and ice cream, silent auction, live auction, and children's activities. More information can be found at [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org), [info@lutherpark.org](mailto:info@lutherpark.org), or by calling 715-859-2215.

### Worship Assistants Needed

Please check the green sheet in the narthex and sign up to read, greet, or usher on open dates in June. Also, if you're musically talented, contact Pastor Sands or Monica and volunteer your talents.

### Thank You to . . .

Ione Jacobson for the flowers she donated for the outdoor planters by the church steps! They're so colorful and look great!

### We Acknowledge the Following Memorials . . .

- ❖ Dale, Roxie and Terry Erickson memorials to the Cemetery Fund given by Jerry Erickson.

### **We Offer Our Sympathy**

Please remember the following in your prayers during a difficult time for their families:

- ❖ Jeanne and Forrest Nutter. Jeanne's Montana brother, Tim Harris, passed away on May 30<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was held on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Sharon Helgeson and daughters Tana and Barb. Larry passed away on June 19<sup>th</sup>, and his funeral will be held here at Chimney Rock on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am.

### **Strum Is Senior Dining Site**

Trempealeau County ADRC began offering Senior Dining at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum in 2022. The meals are catered by Sweet Temptations, are now served both Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30am-12:30pm and the suggested donation is \$5 for those who qualify (60 years and older). Reservations are required by 9am a day prior by calling 715-695-3511. This is not only for senior citizens from Strum—anyone can attend if you meet the age requirement and call ahead.

### **The Strum Area Food Pantry Is Here to Serve**

The Strum Area Food Pantry is here to serve our community and provide individuals and families assistance in meeting their nutritional and person care needs. They always need non-perishable food items, personal care products, paper products, and well as monetary donations. Donations may be dropped off at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Strum. If you would like to arrange a specific date and time to drop off donations or would like more information, please call 651-398-8861. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to "Strum Area Food Pantry" and send to PO Box 98, Strum, WI 54770. Thank you for your continued support. The Pantry is open the first Saturday of each month from 9-11am and the third Wednesday from 5-7pm.

### **Please Inform Pastors of Illness & Hospitalizations**

If you hear that one of our members is hospitalized, please let Pastor Sands or Monica know. Because of HIPAA laws, hospitals no longer contact pastors when someone is admitted. Also, please contact them about illnesses—even when the member isn't hospitalized.

### **Membership**

If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please talk to Pastor David Sands or Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM) Monica Dejno. Their contact information is located on the calendar page and also in the weekly bulletins.

### **Church Offerings**

Please remember that our church needs your continued financial support. Jason has put a "donate" button on our church website ([www.chimneyrockchurch.org](http://www.chimneyrockchurch.org)) for those who wish to contribute electronically. E-Pay information is also included in this issue. Of course, checks are the preferred method of donation and should be made payable to Chimney Rock Lutheran Church. If you don't attend Sunday worship, your offering can be sent to one of the addresses listed below.

Chimney Rock Lutheran Church  
N43255 Church Rd.  
Strum, WI 54770

Daniel Solfest  
N43178 State Rd. 93  
Strum, WI 54770

### **E-Pay Available at Chimney Rock**

If anyone would like to send their contributions to the church electronically, please contact Treasurer Dan Solfest for the correct information. You will need the church's account name, account number, depository bank's name, and bank's Federal Reserve Bank routing number. You will also need to tell your bank the amount to send and frequency of remittance. Dan can be reached at 715.985.3242 or in church on Sundays. Thank you for your interest in supporting Chimney Rock Lutheran Church.

### **Newsletters**

For those who can't access the monthly newsletters electronically via email, our church website, or Facebook, please pick up a printed copy the last Sunday of each month for the next month's calendar and news. Newsletters will be mailed to those who don't have electronic access or aren't in church to pick up a copy. Any questions, please contact Barb Sylla at 715.985.3496 or [bbsylla8246@gmail.com](mailto:bbsylla8246@gmail.com). Information to be included in the newsletter should be submitted by the 20th of each month.

### **Our Vision Statement**

Be alive and well in ten years with healthy evangelism and vital family fellowship.

### **Our Mission Statement**

We, as a family of God, rooted in the strength and inspiration of God's Holy Spirit, are called forward facing challenges by the promises of God to reach out in love to our rural community, especially cherishing and welcoming children.

### **July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

6<sup>th</sup>--Matthew Kolve  
9<sup>th</sup>--M/M Tony Christianson  
11<sup>th</sup>--Andy George, Brian Jacobson, M/M Dan Gullicksrud  
12<sup>th</sup>--Brendan McGee  
15<sup>th</sup>--Nancy Dubiel  
17<sup>th</sup>--Mary Steffenson  
18<sup>th</sup>--M/M Nick Onstad, Kaine Severson  
19<sup>th</sup>--Heidi Severson, M/M Robert Dingfelder  
21<sup>st</sup>--Kirk Nysven, Rita Hovey  
24<sup>th</sup>--Wayne Berg  
25<sup>th</sup>--Helen Nysven  
26<sup>th</sup>--Dan Solfest  
28<sup>th</sup>--M/M Travis Perry, M/M Don Solfest  
30<sup>th</sup>--Josh Conrad

### **Council Members**

Trustee	Randy Olson	715.985.3309 715.797.2988
Trustee	Richard Gunderson	715.797.3721
Trustee	Don Solfest	715.287.4562 715.797.3014
Deacon	Bev Paulsen	715.287.3323
Deacon	Barb McGee	715.695.3448
Deacon	Jerry Erickson	715.530.2079
Memorial Secretary	Forrest Nutter	715.695.3487 715.533.1720
Treasurer	Dan Solfest	715.985.3242
Secretary	Barb Sylla	715.985.3496 715.530.0338

**No Council Meeting was held in June.**

**The next meeting is scheduled immediately after  
worship on July 14.**