

CHIMNEY ROCK LUTHERAN CHURCH -- AUGUST NEWS

Getting Together

We got together and all went well. Everyone wore masks and socially distanced. It was so good to see those who came. It has been a long time apart. For me, it was a relief. Our service was brief. We did not sing. We did the Psalm quietly as with the Creed and Lord's Prayer. I provided a bit of music. We will do it in the same way for a while. If the stats decline, we may venture a little more. We want everyone to be safe. If you have some underlying condition, please wait until it is safe for you, which is likely when we get a vaccination which we hope will be soon. It goes without saying that we have been hurt by this situation because we feed on being together around the word. Remember though, that nothing in heaven or earth can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

~~~Pastor Tobiasson~~~

Worship Information for August

Worship is scheduled for 9:30am each Sunday. If there's any change, we'll do our best to let everyone know.

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) 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

Don Solfest
N44631 Edison Ln.
Eleva, WI 54738

E-Pay Available at Chimney Rock

If anyone would like to send their contributions to the church electronically, please contact Treasurer Don 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. Don can be reached evenings at 715.287.4562 or in church on Sundays. Thank you for your interest in supporting Chimney Rock Lutheran Church.

150th Anniversary Postponed

Due to uncertainties regarding COVID-19 and our ability to socially distance at this event, a decision was made at the council meeting on May 27, 2020 to postpone our 150th Anniversary celebration until 2021. More discussion will take place at our annual meeting in January of 2021.

Memorials Gratefully Acknowledged

- ❖ Marie Kugel memorial to Chimney Rock Cemetery Association given by Jackie Hawkenson
- ❖ Mark "Sparkie" Olson memorials to the General Fund given by Helen Nysven and Richard Asher
- ❖ Mark "Sparkie" Olson memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Roger Kensmoe
- ❖ Elroy Knudtston memorial to the General Fund given by Raymond Knudtson

Safety Measures for Attending Worship

For the sake of good . . .

DISTANCING

We will maintain a space of 6 feet between us and our neighbor from all sides. Distance will also happen as we sit in the pews. Beginning from the 2nd pew, we will leave two pews between us and the next pew. It would be 2nd pew, 5th pew, 8th pew, etc. We will sit 6 feet from each other in the pews except for those who live in the same household. Coming or going we will leave a space of 6 feet between us.

CONTACT

Passing the peace will be at a distance using signs of love. The offering plates will not be passed but will be placed at the back of the church. We will not use hymnals nor share communion. The church will be sanitized to some extent.

SINGING/SPEAKING

The virus is most effectively passed through the air. Anytime we speak or sing, we produce very small droplets that linger in the air for an amazing time. So singing will come later when we have conquered this evil.

MASKS

Wear a mask. If you have none, one will be provided.

If we determine that these expectations are not followed, we will wait to worship again for we do not want anyone to get sick. If we would be the cause of anyone being ill, it would be a great grief and a tragedy we would not get over.

Chimney Rock Church Council

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God's work. Our Hands.

On Sunday, September 13, congregations will observe **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**. This year our church — and our world — are living through the COVID-19 pandemic. Physical distancing has changed the way we worship and serve. **But the need is great, and God's church is at work.** This year, we encourage you to participate in acts of service in compliance with local health guidelines. Acts of service can happen online, or you can contribute to a project from your home or from a safe physical distance while wearing a mask. As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors — even if these acts of service look different this year. Get ready at [ELCA.org/DayOfService](https://www.elca.org/DayOfService).

Heart for Luther Park

The date has been changed from August 9 to September 27. This is Luther Park's annual art, craft and quilt auction (which usually includes a picnic lunch). LPBC is currently accepting donations and items for this event.

Membership

If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please talk to Pastor Paul. His contact information is located on the calendar page and also in the weekly bulletins.

Newsletters

For those who can't access the monthly newsletters electronically via email, our church website, or Facebook, please pick up a printed copy located in your mailbox in the narthex. Check your mailboxes 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 bbsylla@triwest.net. 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.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd--Randy Olson, M/M Codey Bisek
4th--Lucas Olson
5th--Leeta Lee
6th--Katie Solfest
7th--Soren Hovey
8th--Leslie Coburn
9th--Logan Bautch, Weston Bisek. Eden Ottum
11th--Mandy Olson
12th--Vanessa Loesel
16th--M/M Dennis Dubiel
19th--M/M Chuck Girtman
22nd--Susan Jacobson, M/M Robbie McGee
24th--Clayton Steffenson
28th--Randy Pederson
29th--Kevin Kolve, M/M Monty Loomis
30th--Ione Jacobson
31st--Jocelyn Perry, Rylan Olson

Community News

August 9	Instead of the usual huge meal in the dining room, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Independence will have a drive-through dinner including BBQ chicken, cheesy potatoes, corn on the cob and more.
September 13	Trinity of Norden Fall Festival, including a drive-through charcoal chicken dinner served from 11am till gone following the 9:30am outdoor worship service. Also included: raffle, silent auction on baskets, 50/50, and tractor parade.

