

CHIMNEY ROCK LUTHERAN CHURCH -- JANUARY NEWS

Birds of a Feather

Here is a story I heard. In a certain land, hunters would hunt birds with a net. The birds were likely quail. These birds liked to stick together, which was handy for hunters. They made a survival plan. When the net descended on them they would all fly straight up, carrying the net with them to be discarded some distance away. Great! One day, one bird stepped on another bird. Minor, but the stepped on bird made a big deal of it and started a fight which stirred up the rest until everyone was mad. So came the hunter. He threw the net and the birds, so angry, could not get their act together and they were all taken home with the hunter to be mighty tasty. May 2022 be a year when we fly, not fry, together. Happy New Year.

~Pastor Tobiason~

Thank you to . . .

- ❖ Dan and Jacob Solfest for getting the Christmas trees in place.
- ❖ Barb McGee for heading up Christmas decorating and to Mary Hermanson, Monica Dejno, and Barb Sylla for assisting.
- ❖ Jennifer and Jocelyn Perry for planning the Sunday School program.
- ❖ Sunday School children for sharing the Christmas message at their program on December 19.

Annual Meeting Scheduled for January 30

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately after 9:30am worship on January 30. At present, a potluck is planned but this depends on COVID. All reports to be included in the annual report should be audited and submitted to Barb for copying on or before Sunday, January 23. **Auditing Committee** members are Leslie Coburn and Mary Hermanson. Cheryl Solfest and Mary Hermanson are auditors for **Women of the ELCA**. **Nominating Committee** members are Randy Olson, Bev Paulsen, Cheryl Solfest, Mary Olson (outgoing trustee) and Barb McGee (outgoing deacon).

Sympathy

With sympathy and sadness, we're letting you know that Cristal Kingsbury's mother, Karen Suckow Odom, recently passed away from cancer. Karen was in hospice, and Cristal was her caregiver for two months. What a testament of love and devotion! Please keep Cristal and Jason and their family in your prayers during this difficult time in their lives.

Masking

When the CDC lifted the mask recommendations, we did too. At a recent council meeting it was decided to continue to follow the CDC recommendations if/when masks are again required. For the time-being, we will distance. If you are vaccinated and feel more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so. If you are not vaccinated, we ask that you follow the health protocol and wear masks (kids too). Masks are available in the narthex if you don't have your own.

Notice of Youth Gathering in 2022

The triennial ELCA National Youth Gathering will be held close to home this year—in Minneapolis—from July 24-28, 2022. The theme is "Boundless—God Beyond Measure," and registration is now open to high school youth. More information can be found on the ELCA website (elca.org).

Memorials Gratefully Acknowledged

- ❖ Joel Jr. "Butch" Twerberg memorials to the Memorial Fund given by Koko Chitko, John & Sharon Rud, and Susan Solli
- ❖ Joel Jr. "Butch" Twerberg memorials to the Improvement Fund given by Irene Smedberg Martin and other Smedberg Family members
- ❖ Dale, Roxie and Terry Erickson memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Jerald Erickson
- ❖ Joel Sr. and Rebecca Twerberg memorial to the Improvement Fund given by Orrin Twerberg
- ❖ Gordon "Gordie" Twerberg memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Debra Twerberg
- ❖ Joel Jr. "Butch" Twerberg memorial to the General Fund given by David & Pam Emerson
- ❖ Claire & Shane Twerberg memorial to the General Fund given by Linda Twerberg
- ❖ Joel Jr. "Butch" Twerberg memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Larry & Sharon Helgeson and other Family & Friends

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.

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.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

2nd--M/M Brad Olson

5th--Monty Loomis

6th--Aubree Kensmoe, Brayden Mueller, Connie Solfest

7th--George W. Jacobson, Keith Rustad

9th--Alexis Bohlinger

10th--Isael Rosales Jacobson

12th--Kyle Koval

14th--Zoey George, Thor Hermanson

16th--Dalton Solfest

17th--Lori Gullicksrud, Vanessa Gullicksrud

20th--April Olson

22nd--Emily Hovey

23rd--Becky Franck

25th--Ethan Bautch

26th--Alan Barneson, Levi Loesel

27th--Bob Kensmoe

30th--Kate Kensmoe, Joan Halverson

31st--Jason Bautch

Chimney Rock Congregational Council Minutes – December 16, 2021

Call to Order—The Congregational Council of Chimney Rock Church was called to order at 6:05pm on Thursday, December 16, 2021, by Council President Mary Olson.

Members present—Jon Flury, Barb McGee, Forrest Nutter, Mary Olson, Barb Sylla, and Pastor Paul Tobiason. Cristal Kingsbury, Brad Olson, and Don Solfest were absent.

Pastor's Report—Pastor gave devotions from 1 Corinthians chapter 13 and led the group in prayer.

Secretary's Report—Minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting were read by Barb S. Forrest made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Barb M. and carried.

Treasurer's Report—The financial report through November 30, 2021 was distributed. Mary motioned to accept and Barb S. seconded the motion, which carried.

Old Business

1. The Sunday School Christmas program will be held at 9:30am on Sunday, December 19, followed by a brunch.
2. Furnace—Ben Aiona changed one filter and cleaned the burners.
3. Gravestone Cleaning Project—will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.
4. Digital Keyboard—Mary had made calls to two music stores in Eau Claire. Barb M. and Barb S. will investigate this further early January.
5. Microphone/sound system—Barb M. and Barb S. will also visit Elite Audio early January.

New Business

1. Dan and Jacob Solfest got the trees in place and Barb M. and three others did the Christmas decorating after worship on November 28.
2. Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at 4pm on December 24.
3. Coffee—there's a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone who wishes to participate. Since there is no Sunday School January 2nd, it will begin January 9th.
4. Bell tower louvers—Orrin Twerberg donated money in memory of his parents and further discussion will take place in January.
5. Pastor Tobiason mentioned the triennial ELCA National Youth Gathering to be held in Minneapolis from July 24-28, 2022. He would like to see some of our high school youth attend.
6. Annual Meeting—January 30, 2022 was the date set for the meeting, which will be held immediately after worship, followed by a potluck (depending on COVID). The Nominating Committee will need to meet earlier in the month, and auditing needs to be completed by January 23 to allow for copying of the report.
7. Barb M. motioned to give Dan Solfest a thank you gift of \$250 for his custodial work, shoveling, and plowing. Forrest seconded the motion, which carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, at 6pm.

Adjournment—Barb S. motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Forrest seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Sylla, Council Secretary

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