

## CHIMNEY ROCK LUTHERAN CHURCH -- MARCH NEWS

### Monica Dejno Writes . . .

I am going to keep this newsletter article simple. There is so much content to think about in what I am providing, that I simply want to allow all of you time to take this in and really think about. I will be honest that when I came across this I was taken back. I know all of these things but have never seen it written like this. I did **not** write this and I do not know who the author is, but definitely want to share this with all of you.

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

The Greatest man in history had no servants, yet they called him Master.  
He had no degree, yet they called him Teacher.  
He had no medicines, yet they called him Healer.  
He had no army, yet kings feared Him.  
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.  
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.  
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.  
His name is JESUS! Praise His name!

### Join Us for Coffee

Thank you to those who have served coffee after worship on Sunday mornings. When you sign up in the narthex, be prepared to bring food for approximately 25 people. Beverages and paper products will be provided. Remember that our Sunday School and Confirmation students work up an appetite during their classes and really appreciate these treats!

### Lent Begins on March 5

This year we decided to NOT be a part of the round robin of the Dairyland Conference. Lent begins on March 5, with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm, our only mid-week service. We'll also have a service at Chimney Rock at 6:30pm on Good Friday, April 18. Easter is April 20th. If you wish to attend mid-week services, several area churches will be offering those.

### Daylight Saving Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am on Sunday, March 9, so remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour. One way to remember this is: "Spring ahead—Fall back."

### We're Invited to Immanuel Lutheran's Prayer Breakfast

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum has its Annual Prayer Breakfast on March 12, 2025 at 9:30am. Guest Speakers are Tina & Lena, and the topic is The T & L Cleaners. Join Tina (Diane Anderson) and Lena (Karen Foust) for an unforgettable moment in time as they share their time and talent with us this year. Diane and Karen are sisters-in-law from Black River Falls, WI. Their great-grandparents came from Norway, and their families grew up with many Norwegian customs. After retiring, they accidentally started Tina & Lena skits after seeing a Looney Lutherans/Church Basement Ladies performance. They write their own skits, adlibbing along the way. They perform for church groups, birthday parties, and friends. Diane and Karen enjoy hearing the laughter as they perform. Please RSVP by March 5th to the church at 715-695-3511 or to Karen Franson by calling 715-695-3553 or emailing her at fransonkaren17@gmail.com.

### "Walking Together" Scheduled for March 22

This year's "Walking Together" Synod Event will be held on Saturday, March 22, from 8:30am-4pm at Bethany Lutheran Church located at 35 W. Messenger Street in Rice Lake. The theme is "Go! Make Disciples!" Fifteen workshops are planned on this theme, including workshops on Fresh Expressions, Lay Leadership, Cooperative Ministries, Equipping Witnesses, Community Church and more!

### Cemetery News Shared

Please remove all winter wreaths and decorations from the cemetery by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Synod Assembly Planned for April**

The Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Bethany Lutheran Church located at 35 W. Messenger Street in Rice Lake, Wisconsin. Our church can send two delegates—one male and one female. We'll include more information as it becomes available.

### **Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner Scheduled for April 27**

**Contact People**—Forrest Nutter (715.695.3487) Barb McGee (715.695.3448) Barb Sylla (715.985.3496)  
**Saturday, April 26, beginning at 9:30am**—we'll package buns, bars, and beans for the Sunday meal. Please bring bars by 10am. We're asking for 9 x 13 pans of bars that can easily be packaged (no cakes or refrigerator desserts, please). Please don't cut your bars; we'll do that on Saturday so they're all the same size.

**Sunday, April 27, at 9:30am—Worship Service.**

**Our Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner will be held from 10:30am till gone.** The menu will include ¼ charcoaled chicken, bag of chips, beans, dinner rolls, bars, and bottle of water at a cost of \$10 per meal.

**Monetary donations** would be appreciated to offset dinner expenses for food and supplies (chicken, charcoal, chips, buns, paper products, water, etc. need to be purchased). \$70 if you want to donate a case of chicken plus charcoal. Make checks payable to Chimney Rock Lutheran Church and place in the offering plate on Sunday or submit to Dan Solfest. Please note on your check/envelope that your donations are for "chicken dinner expenses." Because of your generosity in 2024, we cleared \$3,691.08!

**Workers Needed**—We had wonderful cooperation at our dinners the last three years, with about 50 people helping in one capacity or another each year. Let's make sure that this year is a success, too! Please volunteer or say "yes" when asked to help. Thank you!

**Parking**—Because our dinner is a drive-thru, we can't park in the usual places on April 27. Please park north or south of the church or alongside the newest cemetery, leaving Church Road open for customers who will drive in the church driveway and go north past the hill cemetery and exit on Solfest Road.

### **Thank You from Mavis**

Thanks to everyone that helped Mavis Erickson celebrate her birthday in church on February 2nd!

### **Luther Park Bible Camp Registration Open**

Confirmation parents, registration is now open if your students are interested in attending Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek this summer. We haven't received any printed materials, but you can go online ([lutherpark.org](http://lutherpark.org)) to get information and schedules, call 715-859-2215, or email the camp at [info@lutherpark.org](mailto:info@lutherpark.org). Our church pays \$100 towards the registration fee.

### **Worship Assistants Needed**

Please check the green sheet in the narthex and sign up to read, greet, or usher on open dates. Maybe you'd like to sign up for an entire month—or an occasional Sunday. Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated. We would appreciate volunteers from our young members too!

### **We Acknowledge the Following Memorials . . .**

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

### **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.

### **Please Support the Strum Food Pantry**

The Strum Food Pantry is seeing a large increase in the number of households we are providing with food. We are very appreciative of all the support we receive from churches and people in our surrounding area. All non-perishable items are great but other items we can use are paper products, cake mixes, Jell-O and instant pudding mixes, peanut butter and dish soap. Monetary support is also appreciated. We buy milk and egg vouchers from Feed My People so we can provide milk and eggs to the families also. If you choose to give a monetary donation, PLEASE make your check out to STRUM FOOD PANTRY and send to: Immanuel Lutheran Church, 109 Elm Street, Strum, WI 54770. We are located at Immanuel Lutheran Church and are open the first Saturday of the month from 9-11am and the third Wednesday of the month from 4:30-6:30pm (note change of time for Wednesday). THANK YOU in advance for your support of this Community Ministry.

### **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.

### **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.

### **March Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1 <sup>st</sup> --Alexis Bisek, Sandy Jacobson, Ron Severinski	
2 <sup>nd</sup> --Chris Severson	
4 <sup>th</sup> --Hank Buggert	
7 <sup>th</sup> --Randy Lenhertz/Donna Olson	
8 <sup>th</sup> --Jennifer Perry	
9 <sup>th</sup> --Dennis Dubiel	
10 <sup>th</sup> --Bethany Onstad	
11 <sup>th</sup> --Todd Severson	
17 <sup>th</sup> --Kevin Hovey	
20 <sup>th</sup> --Roselia Jacobson	26 <sup>th</sup> --Madisyn Conrad
21 <sup>st</sup> --Anna Hieb	28 <sup>th</sup> --M/M Adam Barneson
24 <sup>th</sup> --Drew Christianson	30 <sup>th</sup> --Robbie McGee
25 <sup>th</sup> --M/M Justin Bohlinger	31 <sup>st</sup> --Tony Knudtson

## Chimney Rock Congregational Council Minutes – February 10, 2025

**Call to Order**—Trustee Don Solfest called the February 10, 2025 meeting to order at 6:31pm. Others present were Jerry Erickson, Richard Gunderson, Forrest Nutter, Mary Olson, Pastor David Sands, Dan Solfest, and Barb Sylla. Monica Dejno and Barb McGee were absent.

**Devotions**—Pastor Sands read Luke 6:20-26 and led in discussion & prayer.

**Secretary's Report** was read by Barb. Forrest and Richard motioned to accept, and motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**—Dan distributed the report ending January 31, 2025. Jerry made a motion to accept, Mary seconded, and motion carried.

### Old Business:

- 1) No bid yet on repairing/painting small bell tower windows.
- 2) Community Resource lists on church website--it may be more practical to place a link to [co.trempealeau.wi.us](http://co.trempealeau.wi.us) rather than post information so that if/when information changes we won't have to update constantly.
- 3) Treasurer Dan Solfest has attempted to check on the Bertha Olson Kuehn CD held at First National Bank (formerly John O. Melby). When the Independence branch closed, Dan's permission information was misplaced by the bank and he's not allowed to access information on the CD. Mary Olson made a motion that Dan 1) once again be given access to this account, 2) transfer interest to Chimney Rock Lutheran Church General Fund, and 3) transfer the CD to Independence State Bank if necessary. Richard Gunderson seconded the motion; motion carried.
- 4) The Special Music Sunday by the Lorn & Royce Band is April 6, 2025.

### New Business:

- 1) The American Lutheran Home in Mondovi has an annual meeting on May 27, and Pastor Sands plans to attend. Our congregation can also send a delegate, and we will publish this information in bulletins and newsletters to see if anyone is interested.
- 2) Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner on April 27—Forrest has called Pilgrims directly again to order chicken. When asking for donations in bulletins and newsletters, it was decided to advertise that a case will cost \$70 (note: this price will also cover some charcoal).
- 3) Pastor Sands asked for ideas on a good way to contact parishioners when weather prevents us from having worship. It was decided to try to cancel by 8am, notify via texts to those with cell phones, then emails, and if time permits advertise on WEAU TV and WHTL radio.
- 4) 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary—Since the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was cancelled due to Covid in 2020, there was discussion about having a 155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this fall. This item had been referred to the council at the Annual Meeting in January. Five years ago, many things were accomplished: the new outdoor church sign, the new logo on bulletins and new banner (By His Grace—For His Glory), church trivets, and we also raised \$715 for a mission project to present farm animals (one cow, two goats, two pigs, twelve chickens) to support a family from Malawi, our companion synod. We'll continue to discuss the possibility of having a special worship service and meal, possibly in September this year.
- 5) Lent begins on March 5, with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm.

**The next council meeting** is scheduled for Monday, March 10, at 6:30pm.

**Adjournment**—Richard and Dan motioned to adjourn. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45pm.

Barb Sylla,  
Council Secretary

### 2025 Council Members

Trustee	Richard Gunderson	715.797.3721
Trustee	Don Solfest	715.287.4562 715.797.3014
Trustee	Forrest Nutter	715.695.3487
Deacon	Barb McGee	715.695.3448
Deacon	Jerry Erickson	715.530.2079
Deacon	Mary Olson	715.694.2239 651.587.6126
Treasurer	Dan Solfest	715.985.3242
Secretary	Barb Sylla	715.985.3496 715.530.0338