

CHIMNEY ROCK LUTHERAN CHURCH -- SEPTEMBER NEWS

Pastor's Message

I have so enjoyed summer worship of 5-20 people. I try to get to church by 9. We begin to gather. We talk and talk and laugh. 9:30 creeps into my account awareness. Don rings the bell exactly on time. I scramble and we begin. I love leading worship and especially preaching, in that I have preached on the assigned passages for maybe 50 years, yet they are as fresh and challenging as if for the first time and are alive with the spirit of God. Then it is over and we keep talking, even in the parking lot. Our time is so special and I am excited about the summer playing and when the Covid fear is over.

~Pastor Tobiason~

Masking

When the CDC lifted the mask recommendations, we did too. At our last 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.

Sunday School to Begin

After a year and a half of no Sunday School, we look forward to having it this year. An exact date hasn't yet been decided, but it will possibly begin late September or early October. Jennifer Perry will be contacting students and parents. For more information, email Jennifer Perry at chimneyrockss@tcc.coop or call her at 715-985-4664.

Who's Eligible to Begin Confirmation?

Please contact Pastor Tobiason if you're a 7th grader this year and will begin your first year of Confirmation classes. So far, we are aware of one student.

Do You Have Input, Comments, Ideas?

At our Special Congregational Meeting on June 13, one of the topics discussed was money Chimney Rock Church received from the estate of Bertha Olson Kuehn. Notes from that meeting were included in the July newsletter. If you have comments or ideas, please share them with council members whose names and phone numbers are listed in this publication.

Cemetery News

Early reminder: The Cemetery Association asks that all summer flowers and decorations be removed from the cemetery by October 1st. Thank you.

Memorials Gratefully Acknowledged

- ❖ Debbie Smedberg memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Bob and Barb Sylla
- ❖ Dale, Roxie & Terry Erickson memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Jerald Erickson
- ❖ Roxanne "Roxie" Severson memorials to the General Fund given by David & Denise Waugh, Jeffrey Solie, Steve & Debbie Lawler, Kristjana Cook, Dean & Elizabeth Bartholomew, Kara Heller, Ron & Sharon Holden, Rex & Barbara Howard, Virginia Howard, Mike & Eldora Ives, Sandra Seaman, Patrick Seaman, Rick Grams, Eunice Hawkenson, Keith & Patsy Hawkenson & Family, Kerry & Deb Hawkenson & Family, Sherry Everson, Don & Cheryl Solfest, Susan Solli, MaryAnn Zily, and Family & Friends
- ❖ Roxanne "Roxie" Severson memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Bob and Barb Sylla
- ❖ Lylah Olson and Other Voldsness family members memorial to the Cemetery Association given by Duke & Mary Berg

Community News

Trinity Lutheran Church of Norden will have its Fall Festival on Sunday, September 12th. Worship is at 8:30am, and the Charcoal Chicken Dinner (drive through available) will be served from 11am until gone. Also included: Raffle (1/4 Black Angus Beef, meat, \$200 cash, Stihl leaf blower, \$150 KT gift card, \$100 cash, \$100 Menards gift card, \$50 Mondovi Family Restaurant gift card); Quilt Raffle, Tractor Parade, Root Beer Barrel Game, Youth Food Stand, Silent Auction, Basket Bonanza, and 50/50 Raffle.

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.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1st--Sara Kensmoe, Ryan Wogh
- 2nd--M/M Andy (Butch) Dejno
- 3rd--Donna Olson
- 4th--Chase McGee
- 5th--Kathleen Johnson
- 6th--M/M Thor Hermanson
- 8th--Kevin Edison
- 9th--Ann Johnson
- 10th--Dawn Woychik
- 11th--Austin Matchey
- 12th--Tess Nysven
- 15th--Justin Bohlinger
- 16th--Carson Bisek
- 23rd--Kim Jacobson
- 24th--Heidi Christianson, M/M Dalton Solfest
- 25th--Brooklynn Olson, Mackenzie Olson
- 26th--M/M Levi Loesel
- 28th--Carson Coburn, Broc Coburn
- 29th--Bill Hermanson
- 30th--Evan Lee, M/M Keith Edison

Chimney Rock Congregational Council Minutes – August 11, 2021

Call to Order—The Congregational Council of Chimney Rock Church was called to order at 6:04pm on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, by Council President Mary Olson.

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

Pastor's Report Pastor gave devotions from Hebrews 12 and led the group in prayer. He had Roxie Severson's funeral on August 6 and will do Katie Solfest's wedding on December 31. He will turn 80 on June 9th of 2022 and although he has no plans to "retire" again, he recommended that we begin planning ahead for when he does. His knee is improving, he's doing therapy, and he's glad he had the surgery. He also shared thank you notes from Carson and Broc Coburn.

Secretary's Report—Minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting were read by Barb S. There was no council meeting in July. Don made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mary and carried.

Treasurer's Report—Don distributed the financial report through July 31, 2021. Barb S. made a motion to accept and Forrest seconded the motion, which carried. LP gas will cost \$1.499 under the contract heating agreement with Premier Co-op. Premier replaced the old tank this summer with a new one.

Old Business

1. Chicken Dinner—If the decision is made at our Annual Meeting to have a fundraiser in April of 2022, we may not have enough workers in each area. A drive-through dinner would allow for fewer workers, especially in the kitchen and dining room.
2. Masks—When the CDC lifted the mask recommendations, we did too. 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 (this applies to kids, too). Masks are available in the narthex if you don't have your own.
3. Money from Bertha Olson Kuehn Estate—none of the council members present have received any more suggestions or ideas on how to use this money.

New Business

1. Mary will call Jennifer Perry to discuss Sunday School plans for this fall. Masks will be required for those who are unvaccinated.
2. The furnace will be checked before the heating season begins.
3. We will check if there are students eligible (7th graders) to begin confirmation classes.
4. Pastor suggested a tombstone cleaning project.
5. We briefly discussed looking into a digital keyboard for the future.
6. Wednesday evenings, from September 8th through December, Mary will not be available for council meetings. We decided to change the meetings to the second Thursday of each month instead of the second Wednesday.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, at 6pm.*

Adjournment—Don motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm. Jon seconded the motion, which carried. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Sylla, Secretary

*A day after the meeting we realized there was a conflict on the second Thursday of each month, so the meeting date will be changed to the third Thursday, which is September 16.

