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Rose and Spruce Church Newsletter

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Truth in Song Lent 2024

“A Fair and Glorious Gift”

“I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift of God. I would not for the world forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and smile through their troubles in song. Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am strongly persuaded that after theology there is no art than can be placed on a level with music; for besides theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart.....the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.”

--Martin Luther

The quote above is found near the front of our Ambassador Hymnal. This coming Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. I invite you all to come out on Wednesday evenings as we fellowship over soup and sandwiches, and as we take a look at songs and their stories throughout the Lenten Season. We will look at the truths of God's Word woven throughout hymns and songs of the past up to the present days. Jesus, the TRUTH, will be evident as we once again consider the most important events in all of history, Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection three days later.

I have always loved the Lenten season for it points us to the Cross. May a look at the wonderful art of music encourage and awaken us to trust in and grow in our faith in Jesus Christ. I look forward to seeing you as we take this journey together in the coming weeks. God's blessings to you all and thank you so much for your prayers for me and my family!

In Christ's love
Pastor Todd

“But may it never be that I should boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.” Galatians 6:14

Rose News

Ministries

Women

- **WMF Bible Studies** at Rose on *Monday, February 12*
 - Dorcas Group - 2:00 pm
 - Ruth Group - 7:00pm
 - Hostess: Deb Dvergsten
 - Bible Study Leader: Rhonda Rothenberger
- **Closer Than Your Next Breath Bible Study** at Rose on Mondays, February 5, 19, & 26 at 6:30 pm
- **WMF Program & Meeting** at Rose on Thursday, February 15. 7:00 pm
 - Hostess & Program: Marianne Erickson, Val Johnson & Debby Waage

Men

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 am
Free Lutheran Church of Roseau

Guy's CFB Wednesday, February 14, 21, & 28; 7:00-8:00 am at Rose;
All guys are welcome to come for CFB--coffee, food, & Bible

Worship

SERVICE TIME

10:30 AM



Coffee Fellowship Servers

Sunday, February 4 | 9:30am

Debby Waage, Chris Beito,
Orlan Dvergsten & Jeremy
Anderson families



Fellowship Meal Servers

Sunday, February 18

Debby Waage, Charles Starren,
Steve Kvien, Buddy Erickson &
Chris Beito families



Special Music Organizer

Jean Pederson



Ushers

*Stuart Nelson
Jerry Skoglund
Brent Olson

The Scene at Spruce

Worship

SERVICE TIME

9:00 AM



Fellowship Brunch Servers

Judy Bellefy



Church Cleaning

Scot Bellefy family



Birthdays

- 1: Harleigh Kramarczyk
- 7: James Helstad
- 7: Seth Erickson
- 8: Chad Nelson
- 13: Scot Bellefy

Ministries

Youth

Youth Group at Osweiler's on Sunday's at 6:30pm.

Women

Spruce Mission Aid & Bible Study

Wednesday, February 14, 2pm

Hostess: Connie Nelson

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*"Let all that you do
be done in love.."*

1 Corinthians 16:14

Meeting Minutes

Rose Free Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes January 21, 2024

President Buddy Erickson called the meeting to order after Church Service, at 11:45 AM. A Quorum of 10 was present. Deacon Ben Huener read from Romans and led the Congregation in prayer. The reading of the minutes of last year's annual meeting was moved by Annette Starren to dispense of the reading as the minutes are in the annual report. Second by Jon Johnson. Treasurer's report was presented by Sue Rudebusch, and questions were asked. Moved to accept by Douglas Erickson and seconded by Charles Starren. Pastor's Report given by Pastor Todd Erickson, reporting that he had had 7 Baptisms and 10 Funerals in the last half of the year. He thanked the Congregation for their wonderful support and prayers for his family. Reports of the Church Organization were called upon, and some of the Chairpersons gave a brief update. Motion made to accept the reports of the Organizations listed in the Annual Report by Stuart Nelson and seconded by John Gaukerud. No Unfinished business.

New Business:

An increase of 1 ½ % raise in Pastor Todd Erickson's salary was brought up from the Parish Board. Motion made by Jon Johnson and seconded by Steve Kvien. All Approved. New members were presented by the Deacons: Lorris and Louise Vatnsdal, Ashley Vatnsdal and Cody Schumann. Motion to accept Rachal Erickson. The entire congregation stood in approval of their joining the Congregation.

Election of Officers were presented as follows: President = Tim Fugleberg; Vice President = Mike Rudebusch; Treasurer = Sue Rudebusch; Secretary = Jean Pederson; Financial Secretary = Buddy Erickson; Deacon till 2026 = Kurt Osweiler; Deacon till 2025 = Cody Schumann (filling in Mike Rudebusch term); Trustee till 2026 = Jeremy Anderson; Christian Education 2026 = Ashley Vatnsdal; Moved to accept by Jon Johnson and second by Steve Kvien. As there was not further business to come to the Congregation, meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Submitted by Secretary Jean Pederson

Spruce Free Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes January 14, 2024

Quorum established. Meeting opened by President Scot Bellefy with devotions and prayer. Secretary's report read; motion by Greg Dahl, second by Mark Karol to approve; carried. Treasurer's report read; motion by Greg Dahl, second by Bruce Nelson to approve; carried. Pastor Todd gave his 2023 report. Mission Aid and Free Lutheran Youth reports read; motion by Connie Nelson, second by Greg Dahl to approve; carried.

Old Business: Mike Bedard is still working on storm windows with Marvin Windows. Scot Bellefy also has a company online that make storms so there are options, and we will see what Marvins come up with. FLY Convention from 2023 —transportation cost—Roth's paid \$100.00 and they want to donate that back to Youth Fund.

New Business: Discussion on Pastor Todd's raise of 1 ½% as presented by Parish Council. By unanimous vote the 1 ½% raise is approved. Treasurer Connie Nelson is getting quotes on church insurance to compare rates and companies. Scot Bellefy opened the election and asked for any other nominees. Motion by Greg Dahl, second by Mike Bedard to accept Nominating Committee ballot as follows: President: Scot Bellefy; Vice President: Daryle Dahl; Secretary: Joan Dahl; Treasurer: Connie Nelson. Three-year term: Deacon: Greg Dahl-1st (Ron Thramer-2nd; Bruce Nelson-3rd); Trustee: Mark Karol-1st (Mike Roth-2nd; Dennis Smedsmo-3rd); Christian Ed: Kellie Roth-2nd; Jen Cole-3rd; Connie Nelson-1st. One-year term: Bible Camp: Beth Karol. Amanda Guaricela resigned from Christian Ed and Connie Nelson agreed to be on to replace her.

2025 Nominating Committee: Deacons: Ron Thramer & Greg Dahl; Trustees: Mike Roth & Mark Karol; motion by Greg Dahl, second by Bruce Nelson to adjourn; carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Joan Dahl, Secretary

Upcoming Events

The Life I Now Live

A Theology for the Christian Life from the Catechism

Rev. Dr. Jason Gudim

Pastor of Faith Free Lutheran, Minneapolis



2024 Mid-Winter Bible Conference
February 2-3

Badger Creek Free Lutheran
202 Tamarack St., Badger, MN

Friday: 7 PM Session 1
Saturday: 9 AM Session 2
10:30 AM Session 3
with lunch to follow

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

Hosted by the Northwest Minnesota District of the AFLC

Upcoming Events

MISSION CONFERENCE

Feb. 9-11

Thief River Falls

"Embracing God's Intentionally Designed Mission"

Friday

7:00 p.m. Session 1

Saturday

8:30 a.m. Coffee
9:00 a.m. Morning Seminar
9:45 a.m. Refreshments
10:00 a.m. Morning Seminar
5:00 p.m. Choir Concert by the Free Lutheran Bible College Proclaim Choir
6:00 p.m. Potluck
7:00 p.m. Session 2

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Session 3 at OSLC
11:30 a.m. Session 3 at Reiner



Pastor Andy Coyle
Director of AFLC Home Missions

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Guy's CFB

Coffee, Food & Bible

Wednesdays (except 1st Wednesday of each month) at Rose

7:00-8:00 AM

beginning February 14th

All Guys Welcome!

Done in an hour to get you to work or school

The Galilee Ride*

Saturday February 17th



Snow or shine, snowmobile or car, join us at Nordhem in Karlstad for fun and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken for the Galilee Bible Camp.

Nordhem'll be open from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. We'll eat at noon. Attendees will buy their own meals.

There'll be games, door prizes, an award if any snowmobiles make it, and a short devotion at 12:30pm.



Nordhem is located at 206 Main Street South, Karlstad MN.

