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Rose and Spruce Church Newsletter

PARISH NEWSLETTER

The Christ-Centered Heart

*“...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.
And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power,
together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of
Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled
to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19*

I was reading the back of an old bulletin from the last century written by Pastor Einar Unseth. Let me share with you the main part of his brief article below.

God's Word speaks time after time of man's heart. When God speaks of the heart, He is referring to that inner part of us in which we make our response to God. Our Creator designed and made our hearts to be His dwelling place. Christ takes up His dwelling in our hearts when we place our faith in Him. Paul's prayer for the members of the Church at Ephesus is that Christ may dwell in their hearts by faith. God desires that Christ dwell in our hearts—that they be Christ-centered hearts. How shall we characterize such a heart?

There are articles out there about our physical heart. When you read them you find out that there are several ways the Christ-centered heart resembles a healthy physical heart.

The Christ-centered heart is one that receives. Our physical hearts receive blood from the body. In the same way, a Christ-centered heart continually receives love, grace, cleansing, and power from God. Daily we need to be receiving the cleansing blood of Christ by faith.

The Christ-centered heart is one that also gives. After the blood has been brought to our physical hearts, it is carried away to the various parts of our body through the pumping of this vital organ. This blood has now been supplied with needed oxygen. A Christ-centered heart is likewise a giving heart. Having received needed blessings from Christ, it willingly and joyfully conveys Christ's love and joy to others.

Finally, the Christ-centered heart is one that is active. The physical heart beats a staggering 100,000 times each day. A Christ-centered heart, too, must remain active if strong spiritual life is to be maintained. There must be a daily drawing near to God in repentance and faith plus a daily time of prayer and Bible reading.

A Christ-centered heart receives, gives out, and remains active for God. The throbbing of such a heart will be filled with all the fullness of God.

In Christ,
Pastor Todd

Rose News

Ministries

Women

- **WMF Bible Studies** at Rose on *Monday, April 8*
 - Dorcas Group - 2:00 pm
 - Ruth Group - 7:00pm
 - Hostess: Marianne Erickson
 - Bible Study Leader: Susan Rudebusch
- **WMF Program & Meeting** at Rose on Thursday, April 18. 7:00 pm
 - Hostess & Program: Debbie Erickson, Gracia Nelson & Hilda Wiskow

Men

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 am
at Roseau Community Church

Guy's CFB Wednesdays, April 10, 17 & 24; 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, April 7, 9:30am

Stuart Halvorson, Jason Braaten, Keith Peppel & Robert Mekash families



Fellowship Meal Servers

Sunday, April 21

Douglas Erickson, Mike Hass, Bob Przekwas & Karolyn Eastman families



Special Music Organizers

Bev Holm & Barb Johnson



Ushers

*John Gaukerud
Keith Peppel
Carl Gaukerud

The Scene at Spruce

Worship

SERVICE TIME

9:00 AM



Fellowship Brunch Servers

Jen Cole & Tanya Dahl



Church Cleaning

Karen Beito & Tim Cole families



Birthdays

- 1: Martha Olafson
- 1: Brenda Dahl
- 1: Jarod Dahl
- 1: Jon Dahl
- 11: Ian Nelson
- 15: Matthew Cole
- 15: McKenzie Cole
- 18: Mark Karol
- 26: Cari Olson
- 26: Dan Drown

Ministries

Youth

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

Women

Spruce Mission Aid & Bible Study

Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 pm

Hostess: Karen Beito

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Meeting Minutes

Rose Free Lutheran Church Council Unapproved Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2024

President Tim Fugleberg opened the meeting with prayer.

Those present were Sue and Mike Rudebusch, Tim Fugleberg, Pastor Todd Erickson, Jeremy Anderson, Cody Schumann, Kurt Osweiler and Jean Pederson.

Secretary's Report was read and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report was given by Sue Rudebusch. Kurt Osweiler moved to accept and 2nd by Cody Schumann

Old Business:

A discussion on the Windows at the church was held and more information will be looked into.

Galilee Bible Camp Girls Dorm and the bathrooms will be taken care of.

Microphone that Pastor Todd uses is being fixed.

New Business:

A letter for the Roseau Post Prom Committee was received. Motion by Tim Fugleberg to give them \$50.00, 2nd by Mike Rudebusch.

Roseau County Sheriff for Child Safety received and \$100.00 was moved by Kurt Osweiler and 2nd by Cody Schumann.

The Lutheran Ambassador will receive \$100.00 donation. Motion made by Mike Rudebusch & 2nd by Kurt Osweiler.

A motion by Mike Rudebusch & 2nd by Kurt Osweiler to donate \$200.00 for Church Night at the Fair.

Tim Fugleberg gave an update on the Ameriprise Account.

Pastor's Report:

So far this year Pastor Todd has had 8 funerals. Bible Camp Corporation met last week. Pastor Todd will be Co-Dean with his son for Pre-Teen Camp. Bible Camp Sunday will be again in June for Spruce & Rose. WMF will have their Meeting on April 13th ; and Men Alive will have Pastor Todd as the speaker. Confirmation will have 5 with 2 of them at Spruce. May 2nd will be National Day of Prayer and one of our Church members will read on the Roseau Court House steps. Pastor Todd will be speaking at Baccalaureate this year, as he has a graduate. Pastor Todd let the Council know that Pastor Jim Johnson proposed a LEM meeting for Rose sometime in the fall on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Pederson
Council Secretary

“How Should We Then Live”

M E N A L I V E R E T R E A T

April 6, 2024 | Galilee Bible Camp | Lake Bronson

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Pastor Todd Erickson

SESSIONS AT 9AM & 10:30 AM

Potluck to follow.

**Bring snacks to share during
break & a side for dinner**

**We need encouragement
to face the issues of
today. More so, we need
to prepare those coming
behind us to face a culture
antagonistic to the
message of Jesus Christ.**

Free-will offering to offset costs and for the Bible Camp Corporation

A scenic photograph of a sunset over a mountain range. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange glow. In the foreground, a dark, rocky mountain peak is visible, topped with a simple wooden cross. The background shows layers of misty, rolling hills.

NW MN DISTRICT WMF SPRING RALLY

Saturday, April 13

at Rose

Registration begins at 9 am

Cost \$15; includes noon meal

A photograph of a diverse group of young people, likely students, smiling and looking towards the right. They are dressed in casual attire like hoodies and t-shirts. The image is slightly faded to allow text to be overlaid.

FLBC CAMPUSDAYS APRIL 12-13, 2024

To register (early registration deadline 4/4)
& view a schedule visit:

<https://flbc.edu/event/campusdays2024/>