

JUNE 2024 - ISSUE 6

# *Rose and Spruce* *Church Newsletter*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Sin and Grace

June is upon us and I would like to share with you two little devotionals. One deals with sin and temptation, the other reminds us of God's extraordinary love for each of us. May they encourage and challenge you as they have me.

**Adam, Eve, and Me** (Read Genesis 2:7-17; 3:6)

As Adam and Eve faced temptation for the first time, many things were true of them that are not true of us. They lived in a perfect environment and uncorrupted society. No family influence could be blamed for their choice to do what is wrong.

Adam and Eve stood in the morning of creation as creatures of great wonder. No sinful heritage, no ravaged surroundings could be blamed for their downfall.

There were also many sins that Adam and Eve couldn't commit. They couldn't commit adultery. They couldn't steal from anyone. They couldn't dishonor their father or mother. They couldn't bear false witness against their neighbor. They couldn't covet their neighbor's property.

But the essence of sin back at the dawn of creation was the same as it is today—defiance of God. At the one crucial point at which they were tempted, Adam and Eve did not take seriously what God had said.

In the temptations we face today, we too must decide if we will believe the Lord and do what He says is right. We too must realize that sin can devastate our relationship with Him. We too will need His forgiveness when we fall.

Lord, help us to stay far from sin and close to You. -Haddon W. Robinson

**What Are You Worth?** (Read Psalm 8)

Sometimes an enemy of God's truth becomes a truth-teller without intending to be.

Celsus, a 2nd-century Roman philosopher, sought to discredit biblical faith. He wrote in his book True Discourse, "The root of Christianity is its excessive valuation of the human soul, and the absurd idea that God takes an interest in man."

Even though Celsus opposed Christianity, he was telling the truth! It does seem absurd to a God-denier that the Almighty Creator would take such a deep personal interest in mere mortals. Yet that is the very **heart of the GOSPEL**. The Bible reveals that we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). And tied to every one of us is the price-tag of Calvary.

So when we look at it through Christ's eyes, we see that He values us even though we are sinners. Why else would the Savior die for us? There is no room for human pride here—every bit of our worth comes from God. Yet Scripture assures us that God cares for you, me, and all the earth's billions of people (Luke 12:6-7; John 3:16).

Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, "Christ ... loved me and gave Himself for me." His immeasurable sacrifice tells us that we are of great worth! --Our Daily Bread

Isn't it Good News to know Jesus Christ and what He did for you and me!

In Christ, Pastor Todd

# Rose News

## Ministries

### Women

- **WMF Bible Studies** at Rose on *Monday, June 10*
  - Dorcas Group - 2:00 pm
  - Ruth Group - 7:00pm
    - Hostess: Annette Starren
    - Bible Study Leader: Shirley Mitterling
- **WMF Program & Meeting** at Rose on Thursday, June 20. 7:00 pm
  - Hostess & Program: Julie Fugleberg, Shirley Mitterling & Ann Estabrooks

### Men

#### **Men's Fellowship Breakfast**

*Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 am*

at First United Lutheran Church

**Guy's CFB** Wednesdays, June 12,

19, & 26; 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, June 2, 9:30am

Roger Estabrooks, Pat O'Connell, Josh Wiskow & Skip Borneman families



### Fellowship Meal Servers

Sunday, June 16

Arlette, Deaun & Carmen Solom; Glenice Viken; & Skip Borneman families



### Special Music Organizers

Tami Osweiler



### Ushers

\*Ben Huener

Jeff Wittak

Joel Huener

# *The Scene at Spruce*

## *Worship*

SERVICE TIME

9:00 AM



## Fellowship Brunch Servers

Mary Ann Olafson



## Church Cleaning

Greg Dahl & Mike Dahl families



## Birthdays

- 1: Pastor Todd
- 1: Joni Bedard
- 4: Michaela Monson
- 8: Everett Heppner
- 7: Nicholas Roth

## *Ministries*

### **Youth**

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

### **Women**

**Spruce Mission Aid & Bible Study will not meet in June**

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*"Mercy, peace  
and love be  
yours in  
abundance."*

Jude 1:2





# *Meeting Minutes*

## Rose Free Lutheran Church Council (Unapproved) Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2024

Meeting Called to Order by President Tim Fugleberg.

Pastor Todd Erickson read 1st Samuel 7, v 10-17, and led prayer.

Those present were Tim Fugleberg, Pastor Todd Erickson, Sue & Mike Rudebusch, Kurt Osweiler and Jean Pederson.

Secretary's Report was read and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report was read by Sue Rudebusch. Mike Rudebusch moved to accept the report and 2nd by Kurt Osweiler.

Old Business:

Storage Shed: Tim reported that Spruce approved, along with Rose to purchase the prebuilt Storage Shed. Tim will call Buddy Erickson the Parish Treasurer to let him know the amount for the Shed, and when it will be delivered to the Parsonage.

Ameriprise Account: Tim Fugleberg explained the account and that some paper work will need to be done.

Building discussion: Tim received a letter from a Window Company that would come up to Rose and give a free inspection on the Stain Glass Windows.

New Business:

Old Fridge: The Council will leave it up to the WMF Ladies to do what they want with it.

New Fridge Water line: Mike Rudebusch will ask a plumber to look in to it.

Mike Rudebusch made a trip over to the Galilee Bible Camp to check on the girls' bathrooms, and will check with the Corporation of the Camp to see about more privacy for the bathrooms.

A discussion was had about the possibility of raising the amount of Scholarship Money that is given to those attending Bible School. It was tabled until the June and July meeting.

The Deacon's Fund donated \$200.00 to the Foundation Summer Team from the Bible School.

Pastor's Report: June 12 thru 15 in the Annual Conference in the Cities. June 18 thru 23rd will be Teen Camp at Galilee Bible Camp. Rose and Spruce will have Church Service on June 23rd at Galilee. June 23rd thru 27th will be Preteen Camp at Galilee Bible Camp. July 21st will be Church Night at the Fair. On July 22nd the Ambassador Team will be here.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

Jean Pederson  
Council Secretary

# News & Events



Rose Sunday School wrapped up the year by presenting a mini program during the worship service and singing at the nursing home and Oak Crest. They also sponsored a very successful family spring cleaning event. Thank you Tami Osweiler, Sunday School Families, Christian Ed Committee & Sunday School teachers!

## Galilee Bible Camps 2024

<https://galileebiblecampmn.org/summer-camps/>



Teen Camp\*

June 18-23

Preteen Camp\*

June 23-27

Family Camp\*\*

July 10-13

\*Early Registration Deadline-June 5

\*\*Note Date Change from May Calendar

**Bible Camp Sunday\*\*\***

**June 23, 10:45 am**

**Dinner afterwards**

**\*\*\*No Services at Spruce or Rose**

Lucy Wiskow is in need of a kitchen helper for the Teen week of the Galilee Bible camp, June 18-23 (also camp Sunday). If you can help for the week, or a few can help for a day or more, it would be much appreciated. If you can help, call Lucy at 218-781-2869.

# More News & Events

## Pray for the 2024 Ambassador Team



Zach Davis / Elsie Twedt / Esther Rabenberg / Gracia Rolf / Eli Hedstrom

## SAVE THE DATE: Monday, July 22 Ambassador Concert

Further details will be forthcoming

Host Homes will be needed for that night--contact the Church Office (218.463.1243; [rosefreelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:rosefreelutheranchurch@gmail.com)) if you are interested.



**VBS**

**Save the Date**

**Sunday, July 28 -  
Thursday, August 1**



**Consider One Another**

PRAY | WRITE | CALL | GO

Sonja Heyen - LifeCare Roseau Manor  
Kay Anderson - LifeCare Greenbush Manor  
Lauraine Olafson - Oak Crest