

Rose and Spruce Church Newsletter

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Yes, Jesus Loves Me

*“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.
And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.” 1 John 3:16*

As a young child many of us learned the song “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know for the Bible tells me so.” The love of Jesus is true and when we know the Gospel, the True Story, we know of a love that is true and more amazing than we can even imagine. A True Love that is sacrificial and gives one’s life to take our place and the punishment we deserve. A True Love that goes beyond the love of friendship.

Years ago some children were asked, “What is love?” One little girl answered, “Love is when your mommy reads you a bedtime story. True Love is when she doesn’t skip any pages.”

In the Bible we are to LOVE God and LOVE our neighbor. Let’s be honest it’s hard to truly LOVE others. In fact, the only way to Truly Love is to know the LOVE of God and to know that Jesus Truly Loves you and me. At Church Night at the Fair this past July 21, 2024 the Christian singer/songwriter Jason Gray sang a song which puts it well. Please listen to it or at least read the lyrics I have copied below. It is entitled “Jesus Loves You (And I’m Trying).”

In Christ’s love, Pastor Todd

Jesus Loves You (And I’m Trying) Song by Jason Gray

... Here you come again, raising trouble in my comments section

I know I can always count on you

To be the final word on public health, religion, and elections

You even brought a YouTube clip for proof

... I want to bring the heat

I stop and take a beat

I type, then I delete

Until I find a way to say a kind thing without lying

Yes, Jesus loves you, and I'm trying

... They say that every family has to have that one obnoxious uncle

You have the distinction of being mine

Lame magic tricks and politics, big stories about how you're humble

When it's time to eat, you cut in line

... The first one back for more, the last one out the door

It's been that way since the divorce

So I'll laugh at the jokes you tell to keep yourself from crying

Yes, Jesus loves you, and I'm trying

... It's less about a feeling

More about deciding

And that's not always easy to do

Maybe love is most alive in me when it feels the most like dying

If I say I love the One who died for you

It might help if I believed it for me too

... It's like the song says, "It begins right here with the man in the mirror"

If I hope to love my neighbor well

'Cause I've lived long enough to learn the faults I find in others

Are the same things I don't like about myself

... My shame goes on parade

When I need someone to blame

But grace whispers my name

God, help me speak these words into the parts of me I'm hiding

Yes, Jesus love me

Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me

And I'm trying

Songwriters: Paul T. Duncan / Jason Jeffrey Gray

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Rose News

Ministries

Women

- **WMF Bible Studies** at Rose on *Monday, August 12*
 - Dorcas Group - 2:00 pm
 - Ruth Group - 7:00pm
 - Hostess: Gracia Nelson
 - Bible Study Leader: Susan Rudebusch
- **WMF Program & Meeting** at Rose on Thursday, August 15, 7:00 pm
Hostess & Program: Leanne Johnson, Carmen Przekwas & Annette Starren

Men

Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast at First United
Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 am.

Guy's CFB Wednesdays, August 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, August 4, 9:30am

Jon Johnson, Charles Starren,
Ben Huener & Brian DeMars
families



Fellowship Meal Servers

Sunday, August 18

Julie Fugleberg, Tim Fugleberg,
Kurt Osweiler, Ben Huener & Cody
Schumann families



Special Music Organizers

Val Johnson



Ushers

*Stuart Halvorson
Mike Hallie
Jon Hallie

The Scene at Spruce

Worship

SERVICE TIME

9:00 AM



Fellowship Brunch Servers

Martha Olafson & Joni Bedard Families



Church Cleaning

Ron Thramer & Daryle Dahl families



Birthdays

- 1: Kodi Nelson
- 8: Dennis Smedsmo
- 13: Mia Neville
- 14: Aaron Olafson
- 20: David Grahn
- 21: Georgia Drown
- 24: Karen Beito
- 24: Kellie Roth

Ministries

Youth

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

Women

August Spruce Mission Aid & Bible Study

Wednesday, August 14, 2:00 pm
Hostess: Barb Smedsmo

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VBS at Rose on Sunday, July 28-Thursday, August 1, 5:30 pm supper & 6-8 pm VBS



News & Events

Summer Picnic

AFLC FLY District
Youth Get together
August 11 from 3 - 7

For all FLY youth, their friends and advisors, pastors and families.

Our Saviour's will provide hot dogs, chips, bars, and water. If you wish to bring something to share, that would be great! Please bring your favorite outdoor games to share!

Florian Park
28219 380th St NW
Stephen, MN 56757
RSVP an approximate number by August 7 to Sarah Lefebvre at shallabal@hotmail.com or 218-686-2573



NW MN AFLC PARISH EDUCATION Expo

PRESENTER:
MARSHA JOHNSON

"TEACHING GOD'S WORD TO THE NEXT GENERATION"

ABOUT
Join us for an event centered around Biblical education resources for our Sunday school/kids club educators. Teaching youth can be challenging if you don't have the right resources. Marsha Johnston has a wealth of knowledge to share on practical and effective ways of teaching God's word. The main presentation will be followed with facilitated 'round table' discussions and time to share ideas, tips & other resources.

LOCATION
ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH
1602 PENNINGTON AVE
THIEF RIVIER FALLS, MN

ABOUT
✔ TEACHING MEMORABLE BIBLE LESSONS
✔ MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE TECHNIQUES

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
✔ TEACHING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
✔ HOW TO TEACH GOD'S WORD AT HOME

RESOURCE TABLE MATERIALS
✔ CHILDREN'S PROTECTION POLICIES
✔ EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL
✔ AMBASSADOR PUBLICATIONS CATALOG

Sunday, August 25, 2024
5PM - Supper
6-8PM Workshop

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Confirmation class will be offered during the 2024-25 school year (Wednesdays at 6:00 pm) for students going into 7th grade or older; adults, especially parents, are also encouraged to attend

An informational meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 29th, 6:00 pm** at Rose Materials will be handed out that night

Young Explorers Lock-In
Wednesday, August 21, 5:30 pm at Rose
(for Grades 3-6)