

# *Rose and Spruce Church Newsletter*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

## “I Quit!”

***“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!” Galatians 6:7-10***

One of the overriding messages of God’s Word is encouragement for the true believer to “never give up,” to “persevere”, to “patiently endure.” There are a number of times in this life that we may feel like giving up, or we even let those words slip out of our mouths. Disappointment and/or discouragement takes over in our minds and hearts making it seem as though the endeavor is no longer worth it.

This very thing can also work its way into our lives as we are doing the truly good things that God wants us to do. We lose sight of Jesus and the goal of knowing Him and making Him known. We get tired and weary and worn out forgetting to ask God for strength, purpose and help. Yet where does our help and strength and purpose come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.(Psalm 121:2)

Be strong and courageous...for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10).

Fix your eyes on Jesus my dear friends and do not give up for we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Todd

# Rose News

## Ministries

### Women

- **WMF Bible Studies** at Rose on *Monday, September 9*
  - Dorcas Group - 2:00 pm
  - Ruth Group - 7:00 pm
    - Hostess: Bev Holm
    - Bible Study Leader: Gracia Nelson
- **WMF Program & Meeting** at Rose on Thursday, September 19, 7:00 pm  
Hostess & Program: Jean Pederson, Sharleen O'Connell & Tanya Wiskow
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** at Rose starting September 11, 9:30 am  
*God of Freedom*, 10-week study of Exodus 19-40. Contact Debbie Erickson 218-469-0035
- **Monday Evening Bible Study** at Rose starting September 16, 7:00 pm  
*John LifeChange* Bible Study; Contact Joyce by August 31 to order a book

### Men

**Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast** at First Baptist Church  
*Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 am*  
**Guy's CFB** Wednesdays,  
September 11, 18, 25 ; 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, September 1, 9:30am

Hilda Wiskow, Carol Holland,  
Aaron Magnusson & Marge  
Olson families



## Fellowship Meal Servers

Sunday, September 15

Jon Johnson, Keith Peppel, Louise  
Vatnsdal, Ashley Vatnsdal & Marge  
Olson families



## Special Music Organizers

Thora Halvorson



## Ushers

\*Duane Kukowski  
Ben Blakeslee  
Blaine Brateng

# *The Scene at Spruce*

## *Worship*

SERVICE TIME

9:00 AM



## Fellowship Brunch Servers

Judy Bellefy Family



## Church Cleaning

Scot Bellefy family



## Birthdays

6: Steve Waterworth  
23: Debron Dahl  
23: Mike Bedard  
24: Ethan Neville  
26: Bruce Nelson  
28: Tara Neville

## *Ministries*

### Youth

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

### Women

#### **September Spruce Mission Aid: Pie Baking for Fall Sale**

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Hostess: Martha Olafson

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**SPRUCE FALL SALE**  
**Friday, September 13,**  
**7:00 pm**



# *Meeting Minutes*

## Rose Free Lutheran Church Council Unapproved Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2024

Meeting Called to Order by President Tim Fugleberg. Pastor Tod Erickson opened with a devotion on God's Will by Paul David Tripp and prayer. Those present were Sue and Mike Rudebusch, Jeremy Anderson, Kurt Osweiler, Cody Schumann, Jon Johnson, Pastor Todd Erickson, and Tim Fugleberg. Secretary's report was read and placed on file. Treasurer's report was read by Sue Rudebusch. Kurt Osweiler moved to accept and 2nd by Jeremy Anderson.

### Old Business:

**FLBC Scholarship:** It was discussed that we will keep the \$2,000/semester scholarship as is, but also to establish a scholarship fund that can be given to throughout the year. Amounts would be approved by the council a few times a year, but the intent would be that all dollars that come in would go out to the current student(s). If larger amounts were to be given, the council would discuss if some should be retained for future semesters.

**Intern:** Tim will reach out to James Molstre to let him know that Rose has had discussions about potentially having another intern. He will also check with Spruce to gauge their interest. Our next Parish meeting is November.

**FLY Convention:** Fly will be next June 30th through July 5th. Early registration must be done by November 21st for the lowest cost registration. Kurt will be connecting to the parents of kids who will be old enough to go.

**Insurance:** Tim reported that the church deductible is increasing effective October 1st.

**Christian Education:** Joyce submitted a quarterly financial summary. No summer team came for VBS, so expenses were lower.

**Survey:** Pastor Todd and Joyce have been working on a survey to be sent out to the congregation. It was read and discussed.

**Ambassador Publications:** Pastor Todd received a communication from the AFLC publishing regarding reprinting of materials. Kurt Osweiler moved and Mike Rudebusch 2nd to send \$100 to help with the printing costs.

**Pastor's Report:** There will be a confirmation meeting coming up with this year's confirmation students. The young explorers lock in was held and had 12 attend. The group will range between 10-20 this year. Release time is still being discussed amongst the Roseau Ministerial. Pastor Todd discussed that he is considering a once/month Wednesday evening service. Missionaries Paul and Becky Abel will be at the church the evening of October 13th. Shirley Kupper's funeral will be Saturday August 31st. Meeting Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

President Tim Fugleberg on behalf of Secretary Jean Pederson

# News & Events

SPRUCE

## Fall Sale

Friday, September 13

7:00 PM

Spruce Free Lutheran Church

*Fun | auction | fellowship | food*



### Pre-Sale Preparations:

Wednesday, September 11

2:00 pm - Ladies: pie-making at Spruce

5:00 pm - Men: jerky-making at Smedsmo's

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

## Parish Bible Study Resumes

**Wednesday,  
September 4th  
7:14 pm  
at Rose**

## *Spruce Sunday School*

**begins  
Sunday  
September 29th  
following the  
worship  
service**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY & ROSE CHURCH PICTURE DAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 | 10:30 AM\*\*

\*\*INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY PICTURES &  
SS REGISTRATION BEGIN AT 9:30 AM

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICE  
FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
ICE CREAM BAR  
BOUNCY HOUSE  
ACTIVITY STATIONS

NEW THIS YEAR:  
PUPPET/DRAMA SUNDAY  
SCHOOL CLASS OPEN TO  
JR/SR HIGH AND ADULTS OF  
ALL AGES

YOU MAY REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[HTTPS://ROSECHURCH.MYANSWERS.COM/SS/](https://rosechurch.myanswers.com/ss/)

The Rose Christian Education Committee is hoping to add an adult Sunday School class this school year; if you are willing to lead it, please contact the Church Office - 218-463-1243.