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# *Rose and Spruce Church Newsletter*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

## “A Fly On the Window”

*“I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.” Psalm 40:1-2*

As I sit writing this, I look up to the door window in my office and see many dead flies stuck on the fly trap. I hear them buzzing above me as though I’m a dead carcass in the field amidst the grass and manure. Those flies are stuck and will no longer fly free; instead, they end up dying in their stickiness.

I know this sounds rather gross and not a topic to begin a newsletter article with, but It has gotten me thinking. . . it is easy to get stuck in things that seem impossible to get out of—vices, bad habits, wrong desires, even things that feel good for a while. We get caught in the mud and mire and begin to think there is no hope or way out of our predicament. We try self-help and think we can repair our situation with our own strength. Just do it, right?

I am so thankful that the stickiness of sin and this world are no match for the saving GRACE of God. We can cry to Him and He hears our cry, and if we will allow Him, He will lift us out of the slimy pit, the mud and the mire and set our feet upon a rock and give us a firm place to stand. Will we let our life rest in God’s hand? Will we put all our weight upon Jesus and believe in Him? Will we let Him pull up our dead weight and breathe new life into our heart?

Psalm 40:3 says, “He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord” (i.e. truly BELIEVE). That’s what God can truly do for you and me—take us from the seemingly impossible stickiness and help us to fly again to live as a new creation among the mud and mire of this world. Oh, perfect holiness will not come until eternity, but we can live in true belief.

I recently read a story of a missionary in Africa who was having great difficulty in translating the Gospel of John into the local dialect. The main problem was finding a word for “believe.” He tried his best, but had to leave it blank when he came to that word. Then one day a runner came into camp totally exhausted. He had traveled a long distance with a very important message. After blurting out his message, he collapsed into a nearby hammock. He muttered a brief phrase that seemed to express his great weariness and his contentment at finding such a delightful place of relaxation. The missionary, never having heard these words before, asked a bystander what the runner had said. “O, he is saying, ‘I’m at the end of myself, therefore I am resting all my weight here!’ The missionary exclaimed, ‘Praise God! That is the very expression I need for the word believe!’” Thus, he was able to complete his translation.

My friend, “Believe!” Rest all you are upon Jesus. Live in and for Jesus! God reaches down and lifts us off the stickiness so we can fly and gives us a solid foundation no matter what may come.

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Todd

# Rose News

## Ministries

### Women

- **WMF Bible Studies** at Rose on *Monday, October 14*
  - Dorcas Group - 2:00 pm
  - Ruth Group - 7:00 pm
    - Hostess: Debby Waage
    - Bible Study Leader: Julie Fugleberg
- **WMF Program & Meeting** at Rose on Thursday, October 17, 7:00 pm  
Hostess & Program: Arlette, Deaun, & Carmen Solom
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** at Rose, 9:30 am *God of Freedom*;  
*Contact: Debbie Erickson*
- **Monday Evening Bible Study** at Rose, 7:00 pm *John LifeChange Bible Study*; Contact: Joyce Erickson

### Men

**Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast** at Roseau Community Church, Wednesday, October 2, 7:00 am

**Guy's CFB** Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23 & 30 ; 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, October 6, 9:30am

Mike Rudebusch, Steve Kvien,  
Tim Fugleberg & Marty Johnson  
families



### Fellowship Meal Servers

Sunday, October 13\*\*

Mike Rudebusch, Stu Halvorson,  
Ashley Sorrels & Jerome Ziska families  
**\*\*Note Potluck change to 2nd Sunday**



### Special Music Organizers

Deb Dvergsten



### Ushers

\*Tim Fugleberg  
Tim Wysocki  
Mike Baglien

# *The Scene at Spruce*

## *Worship*

SERVICE TIME  
9:00 AM



## Fellowship Brunch Servers

Pam Thramer & Brittany Heppner Families



## Church Cleaning

Mike Bedard & Dan Drown families



## Birthdays

14: Janet Foster  
14: Pam Thramer  
23: Brittany Heppner  
28: Joseph (Rocky) Neville

## *Ministries*

### Youth

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

### Women

#### **October Spruce Mission Aid**

Wednesday, October 9, 2:00 pm

Hostess: Joan Dahl

#### **Monday Evening Bible Study** at

Rose, 7:00 pm John LifeChange Bible  
Study; Contact: Joyce Erickson

### Men

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Church Wednesday, October 2,

7:00 am

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**Peacemakers who sow  
in peace reap a  
harvest of  
righteousness.**

James 3:18



# *Meeting Minutes*

## Rose Free Lutheran Church Council Unapproved Meeting Minutes September 24, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Tim Fugleberg, 7 PM

Those present: Tim Fugleberg, Pastor Todd Erickson, Keith Peppel, Ben Heuner, Jon Johnson, Orlan Dvergsten, Kurt Osweiler, Cody Schumann, Jean Pederson.

Pastor Todd Erickson read from Hebrew 6:16 and prayer.

Meeting was turned over to Orlan Dvergsten for a report of what he thinks of the Stained Glass Windows. He reported that they did not need re-leading, just to be cleaned and re-paint 7 caulking. After a discussion it was approved by the Council that Orlan and Jon Johnson would do some further inspection of the outside of the windows.

Secretary's Report was read and placed on file. Treasurer's Report will come next month, as Sue Rudebusch was not available.

Old Business:

Intern: At a Parish Meeting it was agreed that it would be brought before the Congregation. A Proposal will be put together and read to the Congregation on September 30th and then again on October 6th, and a Congregation Meeting after the Church Service. This meeting is to see if the Congregation would like to have an Intern, and if we should start the procedure of getting one.

New Business:

Child and Youth Safety Policy: It was recommended by the AFLC that churches should consider making a child and youth safety policy.

Property Insurance Premium: The Premium has gone up for the coming year to \$8,500.00 and the deductible also went up. It starts on October 1, 2024. It was decided to pay for this year and to look into finding information on other Policies in the coming year.

Pastor's Report:

The Ministerial Group will be meeting and discussing Release Time, no action to be taken before January 2025. Confirmation class has 13 from Roseau, 1 from Oiland. Of the group 4 are in the First Year Class and the rest in the Second Year Class. Next year is also looking good with about 9 coming up.

Next week is AFLC Pastors Conference from Oct 1 to Oct 3. October 13, Paul & Becky Able will be here at Rose in the evening. October 20th is the District Annual Meeting at 4 PM and Supper and 6:30 PM Service, in Thief River Falls. President of the AFLC will be there. Pastor has special meeting coming up on October 20th through 23rd, in Fargo, and then on October 27th through 30th in Newfalden.

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer, and adjourned.

Secretary, Jean Pederson

# News & Events

**NW MN District WMF Fall Rally 2024**  
**Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Alma Free Lutheran Church, rural Argyle



**Theme:** Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again rejoice! Philippians 4:4

**Registration & coffee fellowship:** 8:30-9:30am

**Sessions:** 9:30am and 12:30pm

(Registration fee: \$15.00. Noon meal and coffee breaks provided.)

**CHILDCARE PROVIDED!**



**Speaker and Bible Study leader:** Paul and Becky Abel, missionaries in southern Brazil presently in the U.S. sharing about their ministry and raising support.

## Rose Fall Festival Service October 13, 2024

Rose Fall Festival is sponsored by the Rose WMF (Women's Missionary Federation) and will replace the fall supper this year. Please join us for a special Worship Service followed by a fellowship meal and ice cream sundae and root beer float social to celebrate God's goodness and give back to Him for all of His blessings.

With your generous giving for the Fall Festival in previous years, the WMF has been able to continue supporting various world and national missions and ministries (e.g. AFLC World & Home Missions, Christian Education, WMF General Fund, Miriam Home in Brazil, AFLC Bible College & Seminary). We invite you to join us again this year to fulfill our Lord's great commission to "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." (Mark 16:16)

Not only has the WMF given to ministries abroad, but we've supported many local ministries (e.g. North Region Pregnancy Care Center, Galilee Bible Camp, LSS Violence Intervention Center, Roseau Area Food Shelf, & VBS). In addition, the WMF ministered to the ill, shut-in, and elderly with flowers, quilts, and gifts, provided speakers & singers for special events, and kept our kitchen supplied for the ministries of Rose.

It is our (WMF's) desire to continue our giving as we know the need is great for all areas of ministry. So, we come to our 2024 Fall Festival and again ask for your monetary donations. We have a GREAT group of women and men that support our WMF. You have given so generously to the WMF so that we, in turn, can give to others to glorify God and further the work of His Kingdom!

If you are unable to attend our Fall Festival, you may drop off your donation at the church or mail to: Rose Free Lutheran Church WMF, 30804 County Road 15, Roseau, MN 56751.

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11

# Parish Service

Sunday, October 13

7:00 pm at Rose

Featuring Missionaries  
to Brazil

Paul & Becky Abel

## Northwest MN District of the AFLC District Annual Meeting



Sunday, October 20

Abundant Life Free Lutheran Church  
1602 Pennington Ave S, Thief River Falls



Featured Speaker: Pastor Micah  
Hjemstad, AFLC President

4:00 p.m. District  
Business Meeting

5:30 p.m. Supper

6:30 p.m. Worship  
Service

*Come for fellowship, worship, and to support  
our district wide ministries.*

## Congregational Meetings

Sunday, October 6

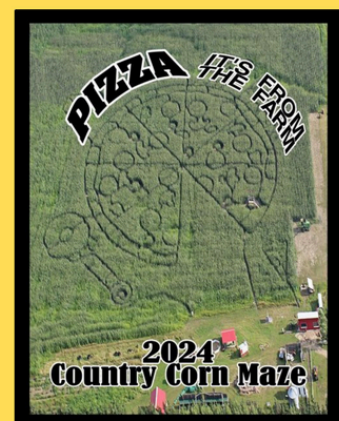
Following services at

Rose and Spruce

## Proverbs Parish Bible Study

Wednesdays, October 9, 16 & 23

7:14 pm at Rose



## Country Corn Maze Family Day

Sunday, October 6

2:00 - 5:00 pm

\$5 for Adults

Rose Christian Ed pays for kids!

INVITE A FRIEND!