

FEBRUARY 2025 - ISSUE 2

# *Rose and Spruce Church Newsletter*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

## “God is Love”

1 John 4:8, 16

The month of February brings us days that make us hopeful and that remind us to love well. Ground Hogs Day (February 2) brings people from all over to Gobler’s Knob in the Pennsylvania Wilds to see if Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow. If he does it means six more weeks of winter, if not it means spring will come early. Oh how we put our hope in unique things when we have a sure hope in Jesus Christ and His Resurrection!

Of course Valentine’s Day (February 14) wells up within us thoughts of love, friendship and for some chocolate hearts and Hershey’s kisses. However, Valentines Day originates in commemorating the martyrdom of a clergyman named Valentine. He was supposedly martyred for breaking a Roman ban on performing Christian marriages. He would not bow to the Roman gods and is reported to have pointed people to the love of Jesus Christ. It is said that he gave a letter with a red heart to a young girl, the jailer’s daughter. This was to represent the blood Jesus shed on the cross and His deep, deep love for us. Though most don’t know this story, many know the story of Jesus’s love for us. This February may your hearts, dear friends, be warmed and once again filled with the true HOPE and LOVE God has for you!

In Christ’s love, Pastor Todd

For **G**od so loved the world that He gave His **O**ne and Only **S**on that whoever believes in Him shall not **P**erish but have **E**ternal **L**ife.

John 3:16

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 brother.

1 John 3:16

And now these three remain: FAITH, HOPE and LOVE.

But the greatest of these is LOVE.

1 Corinthians 13:13

# Rose News

## Ministries

### Women

- **WMF Bible Study-Meeting-lunch:**  
February 13 at 2:00 pm at Rose. Bible Study: *Seeing the Light of God in the Face of Christ* Lesson 2.  
Hostess/Program: Marianne Erickson, Sharleen O'Connell & Deb Dvergsten.
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- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**  
*Saved: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Acts* at 9:30 am at Rose;  
Contact: Debbie Erickson
- **Monday Evening Bible Study:** *John LifeChange* Bible Study Mondays at 7:00 pm at Rose; Contact: Joyce Erickson

### Men

**Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast** at Lighthouse Church (Formerly Roseau Free Lutheran) Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 am

**Guy's CFB** Wednesdays, February 12, 19, and 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, February 2, 9:30am

Debby Waage, Chris Beito,  
Orlan Dvergsten & Jeremy  
Anderson families



### Fellowship Meal Servers

Sunday, February 16

Debby Waage, Tim Wysocki, Steve  
Kvien, Buddy Erickson & Chris Beito  
families



### Special Music Organizer

Arlette, Deaun & Carmen Solom



### Ushers

\*Stuart Nelson  
Jerry Skoglund  
Brent Olson

# *The Scene at Spruce*

## *Worship*

SERVICE TIME

9:00 AM



## Fellowship Brunch Servers

Judy Bellefy



## Church Cleaning\*

Scot Bellefy family

\*Our hired cleaning person, Sue Suess, will be cleaning the church every other month. When it is your assigned month if there is something that you see that needs to be done, please take care of it or put it down on the list on the bulletin board in the kitchen.



## Birthdays

- 1: Harleigh Kramarczyk
- 7: James Helstad
- 7: Seth Erickson
- 8: Chad Nelson
- 13: Scot Bellefy

## *Ministries*

### **Youth**

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

### **Women**

#### **January Spruce Mission Aid**

Wednesday, February 12, 2:00 pm  
Hostess: Connie Nelson

### **Men**

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# Meeting Minutes

## Spruce Church Unapproved Annual Meeting Minutes January 12, 2025

Meeting opened by Pres. Scot Belley with prayer. Quorum established. Sec. and Treas. Report read and approved. Pastor Todd went over his annual report as printed in the yearly report.

### Old business:

Discussion on the increase of \$300 for Church insurance. It is the consensus of everyone that all insurance costs are going up and so it was unanimous to keep our policy as is, even with the increase. Interior storm windows from Marvins have been installed. Thank you to David and Kathy Grahn for donating the funds for this project.

### New Business:

FLY convention is June 30-July 1 2025. We have possibly 2 kids going this year. The Free Lutheran Youth account will continue to pay the full amount for camp and transportation costs to get there. Also discussion on Galilee Bible camp, in the past the Youth fund has given \$50 to each kid that goes. We as a church want to encourage more students to go and enjoy camp. Motion by Greg Dahl 2nd by Mark Karol to use Youth account to pay the full amount to kids that want to go. Motion carried. We will be having a Seminary Intern this year, beginning around June 1st. The cost of this is unknown and with that in mind, discussion was on where this money would come from. Motion by Mark Karol 2nd. Greg Dahl to allow the transfer of money from the building fund if it is needed. Motion carried. Parish Council met on Nov. 27th and discussed Pastor salary raise. Pastor Todd would like to have an extra week of vacation in lieu of a salary increase. Motion by Greg Dahl 2nd David Grahn to accept this proposal. Motion carried. Discussion on church cleaning... At the Nov. 27th Mission aid mtg it was decided to get someone to help with general cleaning such as vacuuming, bathrooms, dusting etc. Sue Suess has agreed to come and clean every other month with the option to change as we see fit. She is paid \$55 each time and this will be paid from Mission Aid. A cleaning list has been printed in the annual report—when it is your month just check to see if anything needs a little extra help. If you notice a bigger project or want help please jot it down on the list on the bulletin board downstairs. Election of officers. Motion by Greg Dahl 2nd Karen Beito to accept the nomination committee ballot. Motion carried.

### Spruce Church Officers

President: Scot Bellefy  
Vice President: Daryle Dahl  
Secretary: Joan Dahl  
Treasurer: Connie Nelson

### Deacons

Bruce Nelson (1st yr)  
Greg Dahl (2nd yr)  
Ron Thramer (3rd yr)

### Christian Ed. Committee

Brittany Heppner (1st yr)  
Connie Nelson (2nd yr)  
Kellie Roth (3rd yr)

### Trustees

Dennis Smedsmo (1st yr)  
Mark Karol (2nd yr)  
Mike Roth (3rd yr)

### Bible camp Representative

Beth Karol

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Dahl



# *Meeting Minutes*

## Rose Free Lutheran Church Unapproved Annual Meeting Minutes January 19, 2025

President Tim Fugleberg called the meeting to order, and gave a welcome to all that were there. It was established that there was a Quorum present, so official business could be done.

Kurt Osweiler gave a reading from Hebrew 10:10-23. Also gave an opening prayer.

Cody Schumann moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting and Keith Peppel second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Sue Rudebusch. Tim explained several expenditures that were in the Treasurer's Report. John Gaukerud moved to accept the report as read and seconded by Kurt Osweiler. Motion carried.

Pastor's Todd Erickson's Report was given by Pastor Todd. He thanked the congregation for all the things that they do for his family. He reported that there had been 4 Baptism, 24 Funerals, 102 Services of that 51 were at Rose, including 7 Lenten. There were 5 Confirmands. He wanted all of us to Believe, and to be involved in action and to challenge each other to live out their belief.

Charles Starren moved to accept the Reports of the Church Organization and Committees in the Annual Report. Keith Peppel seconded. Motion carried.

### Unfinished Business:

Tim explained that the insulation in the north side and front of the Church has been done and the windows are being done. One window is about done and glass has been ordered for three more.

### New Business:

When the Parish Council met to evaluate the Pastors service, it was decided that instead of a raise for Pastor Todd, he would receive an extra week of vacation. Tami Osweiler moved to accept and John Gaukerud second, motion carried.

Election of Officers: Charles Starren moved to accept and second by Cody Schumann. Motion carried.

President: Tim Fugleberg

Vice President: Mike Rudebusch

Secretary: Anna Mekash

Treasurer: Sue Rudebusch

Financial Secretary: Buddy Erickson

Deacon: Ben Huener 2027

Trustee: Jerry Skoglund 2027

Christian Ed: Tami Osweiler 2027

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jean Pederson, Secretary



# News & Events

## Introducing: Our Intern, Alexander Grimes



**ALEXANDER GRIMES**, 32, is a graduate of the University of Sioux Falls. He received his call to ministry in February 2020 and has followed that call ever since. Alexander is an Eagle Scout and has attended both Living Word Free Lutheran, and Abiding Savior Free Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD.

NW MN 2025 Mid-Winter Bible Conference

**SWORDS, SCROLLS, SANCTUARIES:**

HOW GOD'S PREVAILING WORD SHAPED THE EARLY CHURCH

Westaker Free Lutheran Church  
321 Minnesota Ave, Newfolden  
January 31-February 1

Presenter: Pastor Andrew Kneeland  
Phd. Candidate at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, focusing on Historical Theology

Friday, January 31st  
7 pm- **Swords:** The Word Upholds those Suffering

Saturday, February 1st  
9 am- **Scrolls:** The Word Forms a Confession of Faith in Response to Heresy  
10:45- **Sanctuaries:** The Word's Power in the Times of Ease  
Lunch to follow

**family movie**

pop & theater popcorn

All are invited! Free!

**Family Fun**

Sunday, February 2, 3:00 pm  
Rose Church Dining Room

## 2024 Contribution Statements:



As was the case last year, we will not be printing and sending contribution statements for everyone, but encourage you to utilize ChurchTrac via the QR Code above or this link: <https://rose.churchtrac.com>. However, we would be more than happy to print your giving statements at church at your request -- 218.463.1243 or [rosefreelutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:rosefreelutheranchurch@gmail.com)). Thank you!

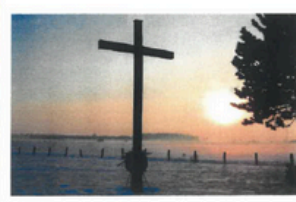
## The Galilee Run!

Snowmobile rally to benefit the Galilee Lutheran Bible Camp



Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> 12:30pm

Start your ride wherever, but meet us at the Brewhaha coffee shop for fun, fundraising and fellowship. We'll have door prizes, The Methuselah Award for the oldest sled, The Elisha Award for the brand with the most sleds there, a free-will offering to benefit the Bible Camp, and a short devotion. Come help the Camp and have a great time doing it.



Brehaha is at 111 E Minnesota Ave, Newfolden MN