

APRIL 2025 - ISSUE 4

Rose and Spruce Church Newsletter

PARISH NEWSLETTER

I Believe

“He who believes in Me has everlasting life.” John 6:47

Years ago I read a story that gave me a better understanding of what it means to truly believe in Jesus Christ. Here it is....

A missionary in Africa experienced great difficulty in trying to translate the Gospel of John into the local dialect. He faced the problem of finding a word for believe. He continued to do his best, but he always had to leave a blank space when he came to that particular word.

Then one day a runner came panting into the camp, having traveled a great distance with a very important message. After blurting out his story, he fell completely exhausted into a nearby hammock. He muttered a brief phrase that seemed to express both 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. “Oh, he is saying, ‘I’m at the end of myself, therefore I am resting all of my weight here!’” The missionary exclaimed, “Praise God! That is the very expression I need for the word believe!” And so he was able to complete his translation.

What a great picture of true belief! To be at the end of ourselves and to rest in Jesus and what He has done for us can truly give us comfort and life; life now and for eternity.

As we come upon this Easter season may we truly believe in Jesus, His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. Have a blessed month of April and a blessed Resurrection Day! He is Risen Indeed!

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Todd

Rose News

Ministries

Women

- **WMF Bible Study Meeting & lunch:**
April 10 at 2:00 pm at Rose. Bible Study: *Seeing the Light of God in the Face of Christ* Lesson 4.
Hostess/Program: Ann Estabrooks & Gracia Nelson
- **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 Roseau Community Church on Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 am

Guy's CFB Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23, and 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, April 6, 9:30am

Stuart Halvorson, Keith Peppel, Marty Johnson & Roger Estabrooks families



Fellowship Meal Servers

There will be no fellowship dinner on Easter Sunday, April 20. Instead you are invited to come to the **Easter Breakfast served from 8-10 am** (Youth Fundraiser for FLY transportation).



Special Music Organizers

Bev Holm & Barb Johnson



Ushers

*John Gaukerud
Keith Peppel
Carl Gaukerud

The Scene at Spruce

Worship

SERVICE TIME

9:00 AM



Fellowship Brunch Servers

Jen Cole & Tanya Dahl



Church Cleaning*

Karen Beito & Tim Cole families

*Our hired cleaning person, Sue Sues, 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: Martha Olafson
1: Brenda Dahl
1: Jarod Dahl
1: Jon Dahl
9: Lynn Kershner

11: Ian Nelson
15: Matthew Cole
15: McKenzie Cole
18: Mark Karol
26: Dan Drown

Ministries

Youth

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

Women

March Spruce Mission Aid

Wednesday, April 9, 2:00 pm

Hostess: Karen Beito

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News & Events

2025 Lenten Schedule Face to Face with Jesus

Wednesday, April 2	Pastor Alex Amiot	Rose	Malchus—John 18:3-11; Luke 22:47-51
Wednesday, April 9	Pastor David Niemela	Spruce	Barabbas—Matthew 27:15-26
Thursday, April 17	Pastor Todd Erickson	Rose	Maunder Thursday Service: Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus— John 19:38-42

5:30 - 6:30 PM Soup & Sandwiches **Served April 2 & 9**
7:00 pm Lenten Services

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 4, at Rose

- Abram Huener
- Addy Lussier
- Grant Olson
- Brenna Pearson
- Brody Wiskow



IT'S GAME TIME!

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, Noon-2 pm
at Rose

- NOON LUNCH-HOTDOGS PROVIDED
- BRING A SIDE OR SNACK TO SHARE
- BRING A FAVORITE GAME

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Mark Your Calendar

- April 4-5: FLBC Campus Days
- April 5: Men Alive Retreat at Galilee Bible Camp
- April 12: District WMF Rally at Westaker
- Jun. 11-14, AFLC Annual Conference at the Association Retreat Center (ARC)
- Jun. 17-22, Galilee Teen Camp
- Jun. 22-26, Galilee Pre-Teen Camp
- Jun. 30-Jul. 5, FLY Convention in Colorado
- Jul. 9-12, Galilee Family Camp



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Men Alive Retreat

April 5, 2025 | Sessions at 9 & 10:30 am

Three Estates

Christian Life in God's Word

Galilee Bible Camp  on Lake Bronson

Special Guest: Pastor Sam Wellumson
Pastor of Christ the King of East Grand Forks

Free will offering: NWMN District AFLC

Bring snacks to share for breaktime
or side dishes for ham dinner

For more information, call 218-782-2310

News & Events



NW MN District WMF Spring Rally 2025

Saturday, April 12, 2025

Westaker Free Lutheran Church, Newfolden

Theme: The Light Shines in the Darkness

John 1:4-5 "In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it."

Registration and coffee fellowship: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Sessions: 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Missionary speaker: Michael Rokenbrodt

Bible Study leader: Pastor Kevin Hall

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



Michael Rokenbrodt is a seasonal missionary, working with Ambassador Institute in Uganda for half the year and coming home to the United States to assist youth camps. Originally a teacher, Michael loved investing in his students but felt restless. By invitation of his good friend Micah

Berger, he traveled to Uganda and has felt called back ever since. He was commissioned as an AFLC missionary in 2018.

Kevin Hall has been serving as pastor of Westaker since June 2020. Kevin



grew up in Hoople, North Dakota, and graduated from NDSU in 2006 with a degree in Agriculture Economics. In 2009, Kevin married Amy. After farming for about a decade, Kevin and Amy felt a call to seminary, so he and his family left the farm and moved to Plymouth, Minnesota, where Kevin attended the Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. Kevin and Amy have three children. Kevin enjoys reading, snowmobiling, bicycling, board games, and talking farming with whoever he can.