

THE FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ROSEAU

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Upcoming Events at FLCR

Thursday, September 21

10:30 am **Gleaners Meeting & Potluck**

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am **Pray it Forward**

9:30 am **Sunday School**

10:30 am **Worship Service**

Scripture Lessons: 1 Kings 17:8-24; Romans 9:1-13, John 11:14-29

Reader: Mike Grahn

Wednesday, September 27

6:15 pm **Council Strategic Planning Meeting**

Other Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 17

5:00-7:00 pm **Turkey & Meatball Supper**

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church

Mondays, September 11 to December 4

6:30 pm **GriefShare Support Group**

At Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church

Tuesdays, September 2023 to May 2024

2:00-3:00 pm **Moms in Prayer**

at Tami Osweiler Home

Friday/Saturday, September 22-23

10:00 am to 7:00 pm **Malung Scandinavian Festival**

At Malung Community Center

Worship Service

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship: Psalm 145:1-2

I will exalt you, my God and King, and praise your name forever and ever. I will praise you every day; yes, I will praise you forever.

Hymn: "Nothing But the Blood" – Screen

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Confession of Sins – Hymnal Page 2

Scripture Lessons (Please stand if able):

Old Testament	1 Kings 17:1-7	(Page 504)
Second Lesson	Romans 8:18-39	(Page 1610)
Gospel	Luke 10:38-42	(Page 1480)

Confession of Faith – Apostles' Creed – Hymnal Page 4

Offering & Offertory

Prayer Requests

Hymn: "I'd Rather Have Jesus" – Hymnal #535

Message: "Disciples: What Does a Christ Follower Look Like?"

Hymn: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go" – Hymnal #500

Lord's Prayer – Hymnal Page 5

Benediction & Three-Fold Amen

Closing Hymn: "The Family of God" (chorus once) – Screen

**** All: Please stay & join us for our Fellowship Meal! ****

**** Members: Special Business Meeting following Meal ****

What Does a Christ Follower Look Like?

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ Therefore **go** and **make** disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and **teaching** them to **obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,** ²³ **gentleness** and **self-control**.

John 1:14 (NIV) ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace** and **truth**.

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) ¹⁵ ...speaking the **truth in love**, we will **grow** to become in every respect the **mature** body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

James 1:22 (NIV) ²² Do not merely **listen** to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do** what it says.

1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV) ⁸ Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to **share** with you not only the **gospel** of God but our **lives** as well.

Because Jesus loves lost people, and so should we.

The most loving thing we could ever do for someone is to help them trust and follow Jesus.

Disciple Making

1. Helping others trust Jesus for salvation
2. Helping others follow Jesus in baptism
3. Helping others obey Jesus in daily life

Why?

This little question forces us to think at a deeper level than its buddies, Who, What, When, Where, & How.

That's because they usually refer to things we can see: a person, a place, or a thing. Even 'When' is somewhat visual if we think about a clock or a time of day. 'How' generally refers to a process or a method that we can visualize someone following.

But 'Why' isn't like the others. 'Why' points to something we can't see: our **internal motives**. It forces us to look at who we are on the inside, how we think, how we feel, & the reasons we make the choices we make. And our choices, more often than not, most accurately & deeply define who we are and who we will become.

We are His 'Plan A' to reach the lost with the Good News of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus alone. And **there is no 'Plan B'**.

Jesus was 100% graceful and 100% truthful 100% of the time.

We too often confuse "Minnesota Nice" with being genuinely Christlike.

Our growth as disciples was never meant to be a solo sport. We need to be part of a team. We need to help each other. We need to be truthful with each other. We need to be vulnerable with each other. We're in this together.

Randy Alcorn:

"If we accurately demonstrate **grace and truth**, some will be **drawn** to us and others will be **offended** by us—just as they were by Jesus."

"Ephesians 4:15 tells us to **speak** the truth in love, not to **withhold** the truth in love. Our job is not simply to help each other **feel** good, but to help each other **be** good."