

The Spotlight

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Getting to Know Our Church Family



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Nicole was raised in Lincoln, NE and attended Creighton University. Bob was raised in Rochester and attended RCTC and Winona State.

Nicole came to Rochester in 2004 and met Bob on Labor Day 2006 at Applebee's. They were married in October 2008.

Nicole works as a registered nurse at the Mayo Clinic. Nicole specifically works as a telephonic diabetes educator for MMSI. Bob works in the family staircase/iron works business called Custom Iron. Bob helps his father manage the company and works as a draftsman.

We love to travel, camp, play cards, and fish. Nicole is an avid reader and is enjoying training the couples' one year-old Labrador retriever named Holly. Our favorite vacation was a trip to Zion National Park.

We like the fact that Salem Road is a close, welcoming community of believers.

Nicole was baptized in 1994 in a Methodist church and she considers herself a young believer with much to learn. Bob grew up at Salem Road and has always considered himself a Christian.

Why I am a Christian - by Pastor Mark

Over the years I've thought about why I'm a Christian. . .

- is it because I'm afraid of hell?
- is it because Christians are nice people and I want to be a nice person?
- is it because I've tried it and I like it?
- is it because it makes more sense than the other world religions?
- is it because Christianity has a lot of cool people I'd like to know?

-is it because I'm lonely and want some friends?

-is it because I know I'm a sinner and need forgiveness?

-is it because my relationships are breaking and I need help with mending them?

-is it because my spouse is a Christian and I want to make him/her happy?

-is it because. . .you fill in the blank.

As I've pondered the question "why am I a
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Why I am a Christian (continued from p.1)

Christian" there has been a hint of 'yes' to all the above, however, as I've grown in my knowledge of God and faith in Christ I've come to believe the only reason I'm a Christian is because of Easter!

Easter- that grand event on the Christian calendar that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth from the dead. But Easter is more than a day of remembrance of an historical event that took place "long, long ago, in a different age, a different time, among a different people." It is an incredible truth that every person throughout the common era must accept or reject.

The Apostle Paul began his letter to the Christians in Rome with this succinct statement of his apostleship, authority, and ministry. He wrote in Romans 1:1-6:

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God-- the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Notice the uniqueness of this man from Nazareth. As to his human nature - a descendant of King David. As to his divine nature - declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection

from the dead. Who is this man from Nazareth? Jesus Christ our Lord. Or it could be stated, Jesus Christ our God.

In Rome, Caesar was God and Christians are to suffer greatly because they would not acknowledge that, for there is only one God, one Lord, and it is Jesus Christ.

How do we know? What makes us so sure? Because he was *declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.*

The only reason I'm a Christian is because a man named Jesus, from an obscure Galilean town, who went about doing marvelous things and preaching good news was the real deal! He wasn't just another miracle worker wandering the roads of Judea. There were many famous prophets before him who did nearly everything he did. He wasn't just another great preacher beckoning to people, "follow me." There were many persuasive teachers in Israel with a multitude of disciples.

He was, however, the only man who hung on a Roman cross willingly, who died at the moment he wanted specifically, and rose from the dead certainly. All the other religious leaders and self-proclaimed messiahs are dead, buried and turning to dust. But the patriarch David prophesied a thousand years before the event that "the Messiah would rise from the dead, that God would not abandon him to the grave, nor his body undergo decay." God raised Jesus to life, and this is a fact of history, validated by eye-witness accounts and millions of changed lives of which I am one!

Women's Spring Fling 2010



We hope all SRCC women will join us on Sunday, April 18, for "Springtime in the Country". The evening will start at 5 p.m. with dinner and then we'll enjoy hearing from Margie Haack, whose talk is

called "*Cast Iron Rises Again: 90 Days with Margie's Favorite Cooking Partner*". Intrigued? We hope so! Look for your invitation in your church mailbox. Extra invitations will be available on the back table for you to invite a friend or two. There will be a sign up sheet by the mailboxes this Sunday and then at the back of the church the rest of the Sunday's. Please mark down the number coming (if bringing friends) or if you are not coming. Then we are able to have a better idea of how many to plan for. If there are no marks, a member of the Women's Ministry Team will contact you to see if you'll be able to join us!

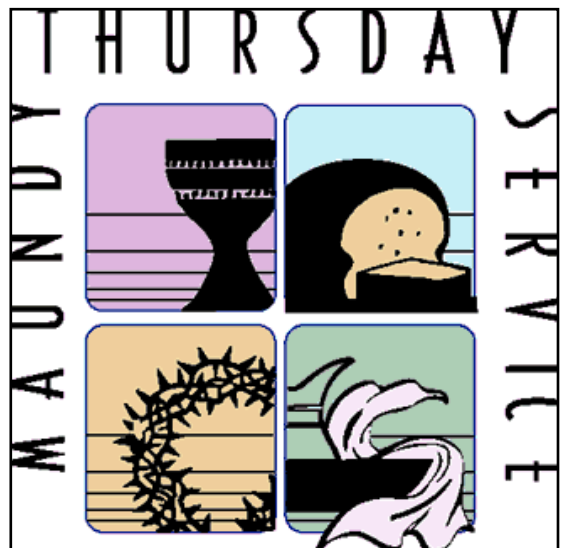
Northwest Conference Annual Meeting

The Northwest Conference Annual Meeting will be held on April 23-24 at Crossroads Church in Woodbury, MN. With a theme of "Mission Friends: The Journey Continues," we'll look to the future of ministry in our region and explore the opportunities that lie ahead.

Friday evening will feature a Worship Celebration Service at 7:30 p.m. Phil Print, pastor of Crossroads Church, is the featured speaker. We will also welcome eight new churches to the conference, introduce the 17 2010 ordinands, and take a special offering for the Alaska Project 2010.

On Saturday morning, Dr. Sam Rima, Director, Doctor of Ministry Program at Bethel Theological Seminary; Faculty, Center for Transformational Leadership, will share a message entitled "The Dark Side of Leadership" during the NWC Leadership Forum.

Contact the church office by April 5 if you would like to be a delegate. We would like to have two delegates. Meetings start at 3 p.m. on Friday and end by noon on Saturday.



Community Events

April 9 - *Laugh for Life* Fundraiser for New Life Family Services at AOG Church Entertainment by Bob Stromberg, with opening act by Kristen Spielman. See Seth Robinson for free, but required tickets for dinner and the show. More details at www.nlfs.org

April 9 - 6:30-10:00 p.m. Biblical World-view Conference at John Marshall HS No admission fee, but you must register and print out a ticket at www.worldviewweekendrally.com

Have fun, get fit and help a family in need. Participate in the Tour de Habitat on April 10th, a stationary bike competition to raise money to build Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity's 60th home. Register as a team or as an individual www.firstgiving.com/RAHH. More information at www.rah.org or 252-0849.

April 23-24 - Devoted Hearts for Women *The Treasured Truth* at Autumn Ridge Church Tickets: \$39 through 3-31 (\$44 after) www.devotedheartsrochester.com

Seasons Hospice Volunteer Training April 26, 28 and 30, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (All Three Days) Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 11th Ave & 12th St NW, Rochester

Hospice volunteers provide a special kind of caring for those experiencing end-of-life transitions. Volunteer training topics include hospice philosophy and goals, understanding disease conditions, communication and listening skills, bereavement care, stress management, life review and other related topics. Training is free and includes lunch and materials. For information/registration: 285-1930, Ext. 201 or jelkins@seasonshospice.org.

April 30 - 7:30 p.m. & May 2 - 6:00 p.m. Autumn Ridge Church and Rochester Covenant present Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at Autumn Ridge Church. Full orchestra and 100 voice choir Tickets are not required. Free-will offering will be taken.

Community Opportunities - Friendship Place

Volunteers are needed for the summer program from 1pm-3pm during the week of either July 5-9 or July 12-16. The dates will depend to a large part on the availability of volunteers. If you would like to be a part of this, we would love to have your help.

Sewing on Mondays - The kids at Friendship Place love learning to sew. More adults are needed to help teach

kids sewing skills, one on one. Another way to help is by donating child friendly fabric or fiberfill for pillows or stuffed animals. Volunteers are also needed to help sort and organize the fabric and sewing supplies.

Contact Greg Stewart at 280-9500 or Linda Richardson at 753-2280 if you can help out with any of these opportunities.

Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m. Easter Brunch - Everyone is invited to stay for a delicious meal by our Fellowship & Service Ministry Team. Sign up in the back by March 28.

Sticks and Scones

You are invited to Melinda Evinger's on Saturday, April 10 from 10-12. Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other handwork. RSVP to Melinda.

First Sunday FIKA

Please join us from 8:50 - 9:20 a.m. on April 11 this month for some good baking, along with good visiting.

Bible Quizzing Results

March Results

In Little League, *Bought at a Price*, Ashton and Taylor Hanson's team, finished third. Individually, Ashton Hanson placed second, and Taylor Hanson placed third.

In A/B League, Grace Boyum placed fourth individually, and Kohl Hanson placed fifth.

Results for the Year

In Little League, *Bought at a Price*, Ashton and Taylor Hanson's team, finished first for the season. Individually, Taylor Hanson finished first, and Ashton Hanson finished fourth.

In A/B League, *New Batch of Dough* (Kohl Hanson, and Grace and Seth Boyum) finished second for the season. Individually, Grace Boyum finished fifth.

Congratulations to all our quizzers who've worked hard this year memorizing God's Word.



- 5 - Jim Svelmoe
- 6 - Loren Lorang
- 7 - Linda Mosbo
- 8 - Bobbi Miller
- 11 - Joshua Novinger
- 12 - Ron Peterson
- 12 - Sheryl Peterson
- 12 - Tom Brass
- 16 - Margaret Huebner
- 17 - Tiffany Luong
- 19 - Judy Boyum
- 22 - Luke Johnson
- 24 - Paige Robinson
- 24 - Lela Rietmann
- 27 - Timothy Luong

April Anniversaries

- 15 - Tom & Connie Reinhart
- 30 - Doug & Alice Zerbe

Set Up

- 4 - J. Johnson
- 11 - Iott
- 18 - D. Capps
- 25 - Lewis

Ushers

- Reimer
- Hanson
- Therneau
- Engstler

Greeters

- 4 - Roberts
- 11 - Heikes
- 18 - Bredeson
- 25 - Svelmoe
- Pratten

Nursery

- Gustafson
- Evinger
- Ouverson
- Lucas