

The Good News . . .

(Not quite everything you need to know about Silver Creek Community Church)

MY 250 WORDS WORTH . . .

If you have been listening to the stories being told here in our church you likely have heard the acronym NCD. You have heard that it is some sort of a thing we are going to take on as church in 2010. Another thing? As your pastor I hope it becomes more than just another thing we do, and I truly believe, that if we do it right, it will be a powerful experience for us.

NCD stands for "Natural Church Development" and is a process that helps us identify our strengths

and weaknesses, and then gives us the tools to leverage our strengths, and strengthen our weaknesses. I am asking each one of you to approach this with an open mind and heart, and a willingness to participate.

After all, you are the church. The church is people. What determines the health of a church? The health of the head, hands, and hearts of those people. How can we enhance the health of a church? By enhancing the health of our heads, hands and hearts. The results? Growing churches that fulfill their

God given purpose, that develop their own individuality, and that influence and transform society. This is more than just a thing we do, it is who we are as the church of Jesus Christ.



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Sunday Morning Menu . . .

February is kind of a "tweener" month - stuck between the holidays and the anticipation of spring. In our worship experience we will be moving from messages that deal with some complex social issues to messages that will take us through the Lenten season, and prepare us for Easter. Easter already!? Join us on Sunday's and let God's Word fill you.

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| Sunday, Feb. 7 | - | "The Word of God and Homosexuality" (Part II) |
| Sunday, Feb. 14 | - | "Those who lead us" (I Peter 2:13-17) |
| Wed. Feb. 17 | - | Ash Wednesday meal and service |
| Sunday, Feb. 21 | - | New Lenten Series: <u>A Long Road of Obedience</u> |
| | | "Is he for real?" (Mark 8:27-37) |
| Sunday, Feb. 28 | - | "Having it his way" (Mark 10:32-45) |

Witness In Winnebago!

You know we have a goal to send out a mission team this summer, and all the talk has centered on an opportunity in Kentucky. That has changed. Our church has been contacted by Pastor Matt Bosch, an RCA pastor working on the Winnebago Indian Reservation in Winnebago, NE. Matt has asked us for help in a large painting project for the Winnebago Reformed Church. There are many reasons why this opportunity makes good sense for our first such trip - closer to home, financially more feasible, very practical, a direct request from this church, and a ministry with a poor people group.

Pastor Tim and Wendy will be making a quick trip to Winnebago in early February to check things out, and then all the necessary information will be distributed to the church - dates, costs, project needs, where the group will stay and what they will be doing, etc. We are hoping for a mixed group of 10, teenagers to seniors, and people who are flexible, patient, hard working, fun loving and with a heart for the needs of others. Be praying about whether this is something you should do. God will lay it on your heart. All you have to do is respond.



Blessed By God To Serve Others!

Our mission statement (see above title) puts us in the company of some spiritual giants. In *Genesis 12* God told Abraham that he would be blessed in order to be a blessing. That is exactly why God has blessed us also! Whaddya know!? Our mission statement is Biblical and calls us to something tangible, something we can really do. With that in mind we have, at this time, two scheduled opportunities at Place of Hope in St. Cloud. The first is Tuesday, May 18 and the second is Wednesday, November 17.

Be ready to sign up and join the crew in buying, preparing and serving a delicious hot meal to those who are hungry and hurting. In 2010 we plan on growing up, growing out and growing bigger. This is part of "growing out!" Our coordinator for this ministry is Patti Van Dorp, and our hope is to have many different individuals participate. While we have the time, let us do good!

The Countdown To Easter!

The clock starts ticking down to Easter with Ash Wednesday, and we want to begin the Lenten season with something that helps us focus on the journey Jesus took to the cross and then his resurrection. We will do that with an Ash Wednesday meal followed by a worship service which includes the imposition of ashes.

The meal begins at 6:00 pm and is coordinated by Cheryl De Boer and Brenda Hagel. The service will follow at 7:00 pm. Take advantage of this opportunity to invite a neighbor, a classmate or co-worker. Many people are more open to an invitation that is centered around Lent. Pick them up, introduce them to your friends here at church, make them feel welcome and comfortable. Kick off your Lenten season right this year!



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Our Theme for 2010

Growing Up

Growing Out

Growing Bigger

Our Mission:
***Blessed by God
 to Serve others!***



Jews For Jesus

Do you know when Passover is? Passover is a Jewish holiday remembering the angel of death "passing over" the homes of the Israelites during their slavery in Egypt. Passover was the precursor to our sacrament of Communion. Back to the question - when is Passover? It's Tuesday, March 30. And to help us better understand the meaning and significance of Passover we will have the privilege of having Jews for Jesus present "Christ in the Passover" on Monday evening, March 15.

Christ in the Passover shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God. This demonstration is visual, so you will see a table set with traditional Passover items. The presentation uses Scripture as well as the visual items to walk through a Jewish Passover, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The words Jesus spoke in the upper room come alive as each item is explained. Many people say that Christ in the

Passover has deepened their personal communion experience. This will be a great experience for your entire family. Also a great opportunity to invite an interested neighbor or friend and help them connect the often "ancient" Jesus with the "contemporary" Jesus - the one who is alive and well and ready to save.

