

**News from Around the District. . . .**

**June/July 2011**



**Remembering Pastor John Lingenfelder . . .**

*(Excerpts from John's obituary—used by permission of Kay Lingenfelder)*

The Lord Jesus Christ called John Michael Lingenfelder to join him in Glory on Sunday, May 22, 2011. Born on October 20, 1946 in Milwaukee, WI, John lived a full and blessed life to his final breath, whispering "Victory . . . Victory in Jesus" and then mouthing the words as his family sang it with him.

The son of a photographer and a homemaker, John lived in West Allis, WI until leaving home to study at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. While in the classroom, John pursued one of his loves, music, and found another, meeting his wife, Kay. John enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1969, serving during the Vietnam War. He and Kay were married at Keesler AFB, Mississippi on March 13, 1970 and their son, Christian, was born there the following year. He was honorably discharged from the USAF as a Staff Sergeant in 1973 and returned with the family to UW Madison for graduate school in music. John took a position as high school band director in Ellsworth, WI before completing his degree.

God began a new work in John's life during his time in Ellsworth—his wife, Kay, became a Christian in 1977, and after watching the Lord change her life, John gave his life to Christ that fall. In the fall of the next year, God blessed John and Kay with another child, their daughter Sarah Kay.

After seven years in Ellsworth, the Lord called John to leave the "security" of his job and life in western Wisconsin and join with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship by serving as high school band director at Faith Academy, a school for missionaries' children in Manila, Philippines. John and Kay served at Faith Academy from 1983 until 1990 when the Lord brought them back to the upper Midwest and called John to pastoral ministry. In the summer of 1991, John began a four-year Master of Divinity program at Bethel Seminary, and loved studying Biblical languages. During this time, he served as Minister for Senior Adults at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis where he began to love shepherding souls for Jesus, which defined the remaining years of his life. John also served churches in Grove City, MN, Eau Claire, WI, and as school administrator at the K-8 school at the Menomonie Alliance Church. It was after this time that John and Kay spent nine months helping care for their daughter, Sarah Kay, her husband, Joshua, and their children before the Lord took Sarah home on March 15, 2009. Later that year God brought John and Kay to the New Life Church in Clarkfield, MN where he ministered until his home-going.



The Lingenfelder family in November 2008. (Sarah Kay is in the back row on the left.)

Memorial gifts for John will be given to the "Arauco Rebuilding Project" to help support New Life Church's project to help rebuild a sister church's building destroyed by the earthquake in Chile in 2010. These gifts can be mailed to:

New Life Church  
PO Box 416  
Clarkfield, MN 56223

Those wishing to assist John's wife, Kay, financially can mail gifts to the "Friends of John Lingenfelder" account at F&M Bank, 940 Tenth Avenue, Clarkfield, MN 56223

# South Dakota Junior Bible Camp

The South Dakota Jr. Bible Camp was held June 6-10 at the Byron Bible Camp facility 15 miles north of Huron, SD. Almost forty kids, twenty youth workers (from Jr. high, Sr. high, and college), and six adults enjoyed a great week of activities which included eight chapel services, twelve delicious meals, zip-line, climbing wall, morning and evening devotions, soccer tournament, swimming, and a campfire complete with s'mores. Despite fewer workers this year, camp still ran very well as everyone pitched in and helped with extra duties.



Paul Redding from Northwood, ND, was the main speaker challenging the campers and staff to get a 5-fingered grip on God's Word, be strong and courageous, cleverly remember the Ten Commandments, and put on the armor of God (motorcycle edition). Paul also brought three of his own children to join in the camp activities. Jim McDonald, from Mahtomedi, MN, shared stories from his time on the mission fields of Indonesia and Turkey, and he encouraged his listeners to be open to God's call upon their lives to serve Him full time in some way. Turkish and Indonesian coins were treasured items given to those answering questions about his talks.

Josh Jetto from Huron, SD, led the South Dakota camp as the Program Director, while Paul Osborne from Sisseton, SD, coordinated the *doulies* in washing dishes, setting up for meals and chapel services, and doing general clean-up. Marty Reynhout from De Smet, SD, also helped as camp director.

## Congratulations

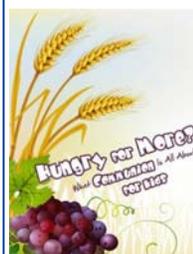
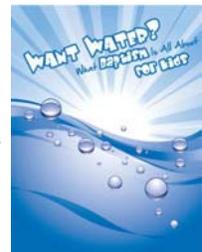
to Rev. Tim Fulkerson on the completion of his ordination requirements. A service of ordination was held on Sunday, June 12, at Faith Community Church in Elko/New Market, MN where Tim is pastor. Superintendent, Don Wiggins, officiated at the service.



**Tim and Amy Fulkerson with Hannah & Micah**

## Baptism and Communion Booklets for Children

Excellent, contemporary materials on baptism and communion for children have been developed by Rev. Dennis Barta, Director of Christian Education at Grace C&MA Church in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. These full-color, interactive booklets are not only being used at Grace Church but also in many churches in the Central District. In addition, they were promoted by Disciplemaking Ministries at Council in Kansas City. Grace Church has also produced a



witnessing tool kit for kids, along with a full-color tract.

Booklets are being sold in packs of 10 for \$30. The witnessing tool kits are sold in packs of 10 for \$10. Grace Church is also making these materials available to download at its Web site at no charge.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.gracecma.org/disciplezone-resources>



The C&MA Men of the Northwestern District are planning their second annual **Leadership Roundtable Retreat at Big Sandy Camp**. Dates are October 28 & 29. For more information email Keith Stacy at [cmamen@nwdcma.org](mailto:cmamen@nwdcma.org).

## Open Churches in the Northwestern District:

Living Rock Church, NYA, MN  
Whitefish Community Church, Pine River, MN  
New Hope Community, Sleepy Eye, MN  
Sand Lake Alliance, Spring Lake, MN  
Redevelopment church, Watertown, SD



Junior I and Junior High I	June 13-18
Wilderness Adventure 1 (on site)	June 24-26
Kids Camp (2nd & 3rd grade)	June 26-29
Family Camp	June 30-July 3
Junior High 2	July 4-9
Junior 2	July 11-16
Wilderness Adventure 2 (on site)	July 15-17
Junior High 3	July 18-23
Wilderness Adventure 3 (off site)	July 22-24
Senior High	July 25-30
Wilderness Adventure (Boundary Waters)	July 31-Aug. 6
Junior 3	August 8-13
Wakeboarding Camp	August 8-13

For complete information, brochures or to register go to:  
[www.bigsandycamp.com](http://www.bigsandycamp.com)

**New Property Dedication at BSC**  
 “*Bald Eagle*” is the name of the newly acquired property at Big Sandy Camp. A dedication was held on Saturday, June 4. The property will be used this summer for weekly camp speakers and has great future ministry potential.



### A Word from Dave Toth—BSC Executive Director

Matthew 6:21 is our theme at Big Sandy Camp this year. Knowing that *our* treasure is in Jesus, we are anxious to share our treasure with campers! Our to-do list is never complete, but the *must do* list is nearing completion! The summer staff is here and training is underway.

We still have *some* room in all remaining camp sessions, so please promote camp whenever possible. God is faithful and has blessed us with 180+ campers our first week and we are nearly at capacity for female campers during the Jr. High III session. Maybe this is the year that special child you’ve been praying for is able to come to camp and experience Christ for the first time. Please keep Big Sandy Camp and all our campers in your prayers!

We held a dedication service on June 4 for the newly acquired cabin property. Many faithful supporters joined us for this long awaited day! We look forward to using the 840 sq. ft. cabin and 1.5 acre property as a ministry tool in keeping with our mission. This property adds 500 additional feet of lakeshore and completes the picture for Big Sandy Camp. We’ll no longer have neighbors driving through the heart of camp trying to get to their private property. If it has been a while since your last visit, please stop in for a tour!



### Dates to Remember

June 18	C&MA Men’s Softball Tournament
June 30—July 3	BSC Family Camp
July 4	Holiday—District Office Closed
August 11-12	Willow Summit
August 13	Leaders Who Last Workshop—Mercy Church, Sioux Falls, SD
August 16	Retired Workers BBQ—Rose Hill Alliance Church
August 22-25	New Official Workers Forum—Colorado Springs, CO
October 28, 29	C&MA Men—2nd annual Leadership Roundtable Retreat at BSC

