

Ladies of the Round Table Bible Study



*Even though we love the Lord,
It doesn't mean
That we'll never
Have any problems.
But it does mean
That we have
Someone to lean on
While we're going
Through our difficulties.
And although I know
You're aware of this,
I thought it might help
To remind you
That He's always with us.
He hears
Our unspoken thoughts,
And He understands
Our frustrations.
He's our greatest source
Of strength,
Our unfailing Friend.*

Bible Verse:

I am complete in Him Who is head of all principality and power. Colossians 2:10

Agnes Heppner

All ladies are welcome to join this Bible Study.

The ladies meet Wednesday nights at 6:30 in the dining room.

Missionettes Report

First Year Stars

Salvation and Prayer Badge recipients were:

- Ashley Lorenson
- Hanna Anderson
- Peyton Pierce
- Patience Thompson

The girls worked on Christmas crafts in December and will be starting on their Music Badge in January.

Happy Holidays!

Kammy Fettig

Royal Ranger's Report



Ranger Kids

Ranger Kids from commander John Prothero's class earned patches this quarter.

Earning the Trail to the Antelope patch were:

- Ethan Halverson
- Marshall Lorenson
- Layne Luchney

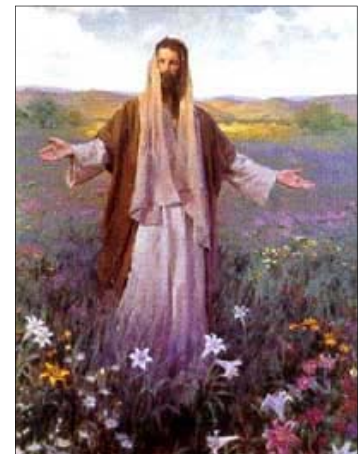
Earning the Trail to the Beaver patch were:

- Averey Dunham
- Adam Lorenson
- Josh Anderson
- Ryan Lowney
- Brandon Prothero

When all my Ranger Kids show up I have 11 students. Please pray for us that we will always shine brightly as God's Children. Today's children are tomorrow's hope!

John Prothero

*Solomon in all his
glory was not arrayed
like one of these.
Matthew 6:29*



Prelude

Heather Fettig

We Three Kings

Jessica Otto

Deck the Halls

Graydon Grensteiner

Jingle Bells

Caitlyn Klein

Still, Still, Still

Kyrsten Nelson

Ukrainian Bell Carol

Brooke Cooper

Away In A Manger

*Elizabeth Rigstad &
Cara Caravetta*

Silent Night

Cierra Mekash

Mary Did You Know?

Amber Joel

O Holy Night

Kari & Anneliese Nelson

What Child Is This?

For For For

Program Directors:

*Lori Nelson, Jeanie Hamness,
ReNae Vagle, & Janice Jacobson*

Emcee:

Kevin Nelson

Sound:

Chris Hamness

Ushers/Greeters:

*Lloyd Dunham, Dale Warren
Matt Otto, Travis Doneth
Tiffany Wysocki & Tracy Fettig*



Amber made a CD in July. There are six songs on the CD. All songs are sung acappella. The songs listed on the CD are

- God Bless America
- Softly and Tenderly
- Precious Lord
- The Old Rugged Cross
- Ave Maria
- In the Garden

Amber will be fourteen in January. She is in 8th grade and is home schooled. She plays piano for the RCC YG. She also plays and sings for the BBM YG. Amber has sung for many RCC church services as well. She takes vocal lesions with Karen Crudden who also goes to RCC.

If anyone is interested in a CD please contact Sue Norstebon or Amber Joel.

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha

Ah, another NEW year!
This brings back fond
memories of new years
when I was 12, 38, 67,
88, 157, 225, 271, 311,
434, 464, 550, 577,
598, 612, 653, 714,
747, 777, 811, 819,
859, 906, 923,
960...



Methuselah on New Year's Day.

In November, seventy-two Christmas boxes from Roseau Community Church were delivered to the drop-off center in Grand Forks!

There have been positive comments from those who followed "The Twelve Months of Christmas" shoebox preparation schedule throughout 2004. So, again, there will be suggestions for shoebox contents each month in the church's newsletter in the coming year.

It's exciting to see kids of *all* ages put their hearts into preparing boxes for the purpose of blessing others!



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Leader: Pastor Bob Ludwig Wednesday nights at 8:00pm in RCC Dining Room

Study: "RUNNING with the GIANTS" by John C. Maxwell

David

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- Israel's greatest king
 - A man after God's own heart
 - A great warrior, he had great courage
- A passionate man-he wrote the Psalms



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What potential?

When we think of David, we don't immediately think of limitations. Here is a man who achieved great success and made it to the top. He was a great warrior, and a great king. Yet there were many who never saw his potential. As a young man he didn't look like a warrior or a king. He was the youngest in his family, and as a boy he did not receive affirmation from those around him. David's greatest battles in his early years were not against the bear or the lion he slew while protecting his father's sheep. His greatest obstacles were created by the people who tried to put limitations on him. Look at how others saw and treated David.

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David's brothers did not think he had potential

David experienced similar rejection from his brothers. When Israel was at war with the Philistines, three of David's brothers became soldiers in Israel's army. David was left behind. He cared for his father's flocks. And when he was sent down to the battle lines it was to bring his brothers food. Once he was there his brothers abused him. Things got worse when David expressed interest in doing battle with Goliath when all the soldiers feared him. The Bible says, "*Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle.*" 1 Samuel 17:28 His brothers saw him as nothing more than an errand boy, but he really was a man with a mission.

• King Saul did not think David had champion potential

When King Saul heard that there was someone in the camp who was willing to fight Goliath, he sent for him. He was not doubt expecting a grizzled veteran to face the nine-feet-nine-inch-tall Philistine warrior. Who walked in, but a shepherd boy, saying, "*Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine.*" 1 Sam 17:32 Saul's response reveals his skepticism. He said to David, "*You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.*" 1 Sam. 17:33 Saul thought David wasn't champion material that he wasn't up for the task. To make up for what the king perceived to be David's short comings, Saul tried to get David to wear his royal armor (Verse 38) but it didn't fit because it was made for a warrior like Saul, so David took the armor off. David didn't allow Saul to hinder him with his low expectations, or armor that wasn't made for David. He went out to face Goliath just as he was.



Goliath did not think David had even opponent-potential

The final insult for David came when Goliath saw him advancing to meet him in battle. The huge Philistine took one look at the shepherd boy and reacted negatively. *“So the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, “Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field.”* 1 Sam. 17:43-44 Goliath despised David and believed that the boy wasn't even worthy of a proper burial. You can easily determine the caliber of a person (or their faith) by the amount of opposition it takes to discourage him or her. David faced great opposition. Everyone told David he had no potential, but he was able to:

- ✦ Go beyond his family (relational limitations)
- ✦ Go beyond his king (leadership limitations)

Go beyond the “Goliaths” (skill limitations)

How did he do this? His faith in God! He'd been anointed. He threw off all the limitations that others placed on him and he killed Goliath. And when he did he removed the limitations from the army of Israel and they routed the Philistine army. His personal victory turned into a victory for the entire nation!

David's Words of Encouragement

Limitations don't limit us unless we let them

My father, my brothers and my leader all thought I had no potential. But in reality, I had the greatest potential of all; I had God-potential. When I was young I was able to keep growing, in spite of the negative reactions of others, because of God's assistance. David never forgot the day Samuel anointed him. From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power. And David realized that God could strengthen him to rise above limitations that life and others would try to place on him. Friends, he can also do that for you.

Don't try to be someone else, when others impose limitations on you

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When you rise above your limitations, you can help others do the same.

When David faced Goliath he probably only thought about defeating him. At the time of the defeat David had no realization that his victory would become Israel's victory. The moment Goliath fell, the army of Israel rose. Their fear and intimidation were replaced by courage and aggressiveness. That day David learned his greatest leadership lesson: People follow the example of their leader. The moment David accom-

plished more than anyone thought was possible...so did his people.

David's Prayer for us

Lord God,

Help my friends to see themselves as You see them, not as others do; to focus on what can be accomplished with You, and not what can't be accomplished with out you; and to rise above the limitations placed on them by others, so they might help others rise above their limitations.

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Creamy Wild Rice Soup
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“Fruit of the Spirit” Cookbook

Submitted by: Janice Bever

4 c. water

½ tsp. salt

½ c. uncooked wild rice

3 T. chopped green onion

¼ c. shredded carrot

3 T. chopped pecans

6 T. butter or margarine

1/3 c. flour

2 (14 oz.) cans chicken broth

½ c. diced fully cooked ham

¼ tsp. pepper

1 c. half & half cream

Green onion strips-optional

In large sauce pan bring water and salt to a boil. Add rice. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 50-55 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat. Let stand 10 minutes. Drain and set aside. In a soup kettle or Dutch oven, sauté the onions, carrots and pecans in butter 1-2 minutes. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually add broth. Bring to a boil, cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Reduce heat. Add the ham, pepper and wild rice. Cover and simmer for 5 minutes or until carrots are tender. Reduce heat, add cream, and heat through-do not boil. Garnish with green onion strips, if desired. Yield 8 servings

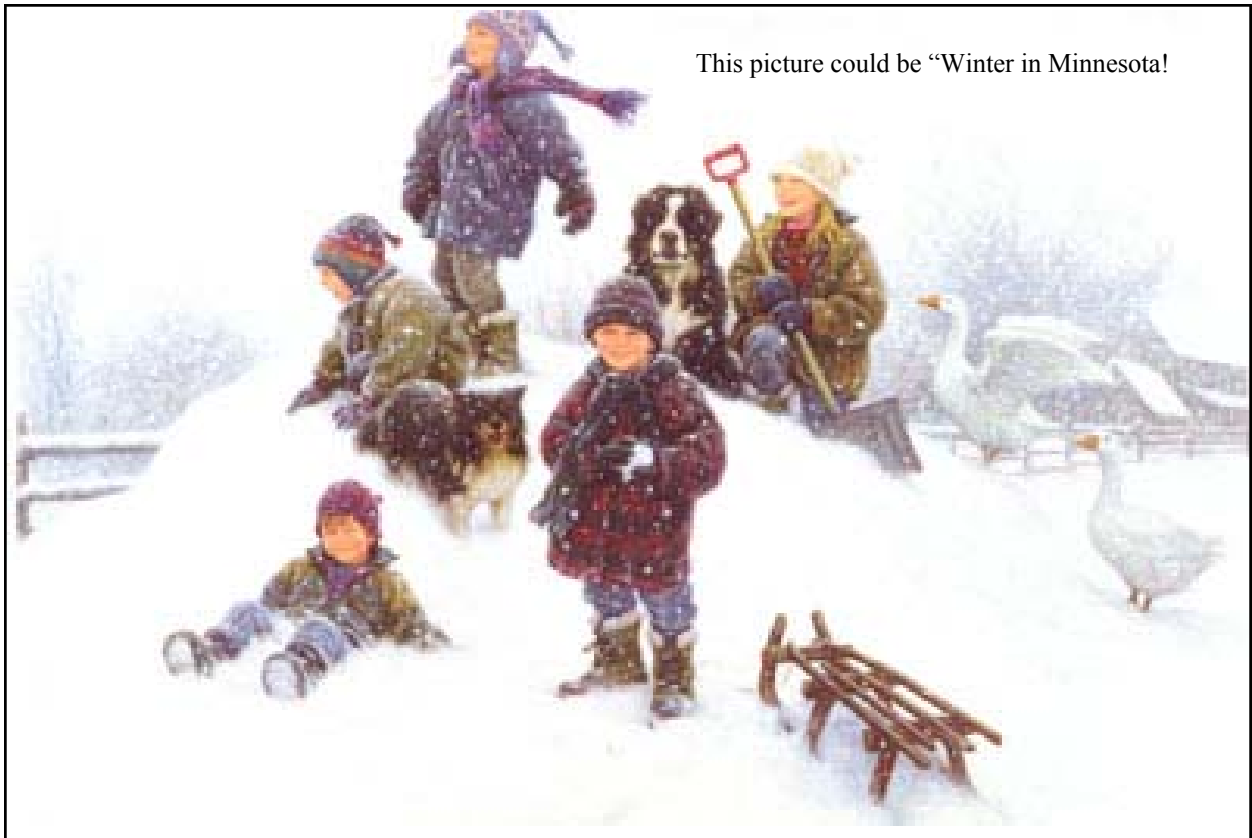


“Memories”

The children of Ruth Dick: Jack, Charlie, Jennifer, Linda and Richard.

Ruth Dick is a long time member of the Roseau Community Church and at one time was a Sunday School teacher.

Ruth enjoys spending time with her grandchildren.



This picture could be “Winter in Minnesota!”

Sunday Services

Every Sunday Pastor Bob's sermon is taped. If you have missed a service or know of someone who would like a copy of a particular sermon please call RCC at (218) 463-3405. Leave your name, phone number and the date of the sermon you would like to receive. The tapes are \$5.00 each and funds go to the RCC Youth Group.

12/5/04

Prelude: Julie Jones

Hymn: 292 "Shelter In The Time Of Storm"

Scripture: Job 4:1-6

"If someone ventures a word with you, will you be impatient? But who can keep from speaking? Think how you have instructed many, how you have strengthened feeble hands. Your words have supported those who have stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees. But now trouble comes to you, and you are discouraged; it strikes you, and you are dismayed. Should not your piety be your confidence and your blameless ways your hope?"

Hymn: 391 "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus"

Prayer

Special Music: Stacie Losse

Offering

Offertory: Amber Joel

Special Music: Stacie

Sermon: "The Impatience of Job"

Hymn: 392 "Trusting Jesus"

12/12/04

Prelude: Kari & Anneliese Nelson, Mike Lorenson, Kay Prothero and Chris Hamness

Hymn: 62 "Angles From The Realms Of Glory"

Scripture: Luke 15:25-32

"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered to his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found.'"

Hymn: 80 "Joy To The World"

Prayer

Special Music: Chris Hamness

Offering

Offertory: Pam Erickson

Special Music: Kari, Anneliese, Kay, Mike & Chris

Special Music: Rhonda Rothenberger

Sermon: "The Drudge"

Hymn: 471 "Joy In Serving Jesus"

12/19/04

Prelude: Caravetta's

Hymn: 72 "There's A Song In The Air"

Scripture: Acts 20:32-35

"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. In everything I did, I

showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Hymn: 65 "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear"

Prayer

Special Music: Karen Crudden

Offering

Offertory: Longs

Special Music: Karen

Christmas Quartet: DeVaughn, Keith, Kevin & Neil

Sermon: "Giving vs. Getting"

Hymn: 69 "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

12/26/04

Prelude: Laura Vagle & Kyrsten Nelson

Hymn: 72 "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day"

Scripture: II Samuel 14:1-14

"Joab son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart longed for Absalom. So Joab sent someone to Tekoa and had a wise woman brought from there. He said to her, 'Pretend you are in mourning. Dress in mourning clothes, and don't use any cosmetic lotions. Act like a woman who has spent many days grieving for the dead. Then go to the king and speak these words to him' And Joab put the words in her mouth. When the woman from Tekoa went to the king, she fell with her face to the ground to pay him honor, and she said, 'Help me, O king!' The king asked her, 'What is troubling you?' She said, 'I am indeed a widow; my husband is dead. I your servant had two sons. They got into a fight with each other in the field, and no one was there to separate them. One struck the other and killed him. Now the whole clan has risen up against your servant; they say, 'Hand over the one who struck his brother down, so that we may put him to death for the life of this brother whom he killed; then we will get rid of the heir as well.' The would put out the only burning coal I have left, leaving my husband neither name nor descendant on the face of the earth.' The king said to the woman, 'Go home, and I will issue an order in your behalf.' But the woman from Tekoa said to him, 'My lord the king, let the blame rest on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt.' The king replied, 'If anyone says anything to you, bring him to me, and he will not bother you again.' She said, 'Then let the king invoke the Lord hi God to prevent the avenger of blood from adding to the destruction, so that my son will not be destroyed.' "As surely as the Lord lives," he said, 'not one hair of your son's head will fall to the ground.' Then the woman said, 'Let your servant speak a word to my lord the king.' 'Speak,' he replied. The woman said, 'Why then have you devised a thing like this against the people of God? When the king say this, does he not convict himself, for the king has not brought back his banished son? Lie water spilled on the ground, which can not be recovered so must we die. But God does not take away life; instead, he devised ways so that a banished person may not remain estranged from him."

Hymn: 67 "Silent Night"

Special Music: Vagles

Offering

Offertory: Erickson's

Special Music: Vagles

Sermon: "Why Jesus Came"

Hymn: 71 "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

On Wednesday December 22ed as part of the Christmas festivities Mary Long read a story to the children.

“The Tale of Three Trees”

Once upon a mountain top, three trees dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

The first little tree looked up at the stars twinkling like diamonds above him. “I want to hold treasure,” he said. “I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I will be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world!”

The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. “I want to be a strong sailing ship,” he said. “I want to travel mighty waters and carry powerful kings. I will be the strongest ship in the world!”

The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and busy women worked in a busy town. “I don’t want to leave this mountain top at all,” she said. “I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me they will raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world!”

Years passed. The rains came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall.

One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain.

The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, “This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me” With a swoop of his shining axe, the first tree fell.

“Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest,” thought the first tree. “I shall hold wonderful treasure.”

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, “This tree is strong. It is perfect for me.” With a swoop of his shining axe, the second tree fell.

“Now I shall sail mighty waters,” thought the second tree. “I shall be a strong ship fit for kings!”

The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven.

But the woodcutter never even looked up. “Any kind of tree will do for me,” he muttered. With a swoop of his shining axe, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought him to a carpenter’s shop, but the busy carpenter was not thinking about treasure chests. Instead his work worn hands fashioned the tree into a feed box for animals.

The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold or filled with treasure. He was coated with sawdust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals.

The second tree smiled when the woodcutter took him to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ships were being made that day. Instead the once strong tree was ham-

pered and sawed into a simple fishing boat.

Too small and too weak to sail an ocean or even a river, he was taken to a little lake. Every day he brought in loads of dead, smelly fish.

The third tree was confused when the woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard.

“What happened?” the once tall tree wondered. “All I ever wanted to do was stay on the mountaintop and point to God.”

Many, many days and nights passed. The three trees forgot their dreams.

But one night golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feed box.

“I wish I could make a cradle for him,” her husband whispered.

The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and sturdy wood. “This manger is beautiful,” she said.

And suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake.

Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. He knew he did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through the wind and rain.

The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, “Peace.” The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun.

And suddenly the second tree knew he was carrying the King of heaven and earth.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry, jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man’s hands to her.

She felt ugly and harsh and cruel.

But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God’s love had changed everything.

It had made the first tree beautiful.

It had made the second tree strong.

And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God.

It was better than be-

ing the tall-

est tree in

the world.

