



# Roseau Community Church Newsletter



Favorite Bible Verse: *Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth and it en-*



## Special Guest Speaker Sarah Zak Miss Thief River Falls

Sarah Zak, Miss Thief River Falls was the Guest Speaker at our August Youth Group. Each contestant has to choose a platform. Ms Zak has chosen Sexual Abstinence as hers. This beautiful Christian woman spoke to us with honesty and integrity. A subject which many may have shied away from. She was a joy to listen to. Below is her speech.

Life is filled with choices. In this context I want to speak out about a choice that is close to my heart – “Sexual Abstinence: It’s Worth the Wait.” This is the platform that I have chosen to promote and speak on during my reign as Miss Thief River Falls. Abstinence is defined as saving sex until marriage. “God has given us all a free will to make either positive or negative decisions. It is so important to set our hearts on purity and choose today, to honor God with our bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:12-13 states, “Some of you say, ‘We can do anything we want to,’ but I tell you that not everything is good for us. So I refuse to let anything have power over me... We are not supposed to do indecent things with our bodies. We are to use them for the Lord who is in charge of our bodies.” This verse basically tells us that we are not our own. The Lord not only wants our hearts and minds, but He wants our bodies as well. It is the instrument that we use to glorify The world tells us, “We can do anything we want to. It won’t hurt us.” Being ignorant of future consequences is what costs us the most. One third of all births in America are out of wedlock. Sexually Transmitted Diseases are the most common diseases in America, more than the common cold or flu. STDs infect three million teenagers each year. Why? Because our generation has been tricked into thinking they need instant gratification. Whatever fills the emptiness or satisfies the desires of the moment is what we focus on. Now, I do not want to make it look like our generation is going downhill because fact is that it’s not. The numbers of teenagers remaining abstinent until marriage is steadily rising.

### Sunday Activities

- 10:00 AM** Sunday School for the entire family
- 11:00 AM** Morning Worship & Children's Church

### Wednesday Activities

- 5:30 PM** Prayer Time
- 6:30 PM** Ladies of the Round Table Bible Study
- 6:30 PM** Royal Rangers & Missionettes
- 7:00 PM** Youth Prayer
- 7:40 PM** Youth Music and Praise
- 8:00 PM** Youth Group Adult Bible Study

### Special Events in September

- 9/15 SYATP RHS
- 9/16 Pure Comedy RHS
- 9/18 Adult ATV Fun Run
- 9/19 Missionette Sunday w/ pot luck dinner
- 9/19 Mike Turner
- 9/21 WM's
- 9/26 YG Service
- 9/28 Men's Ministries
- 9/29 Missionette & Rangers Awards

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Because our generation has been tricked into thinking they need instant gratification. Whatever fills the emptiness or satisfies the desires of the moment is what we focus on. Now, I do not want to make it look like our generation is going downhill because fact is that it's not. The numbers of teenagers remaining abstinent until marriage is steadily rising. It is never too late to make the commitment of sexual purity. Whether you are or have been sexually active, we serve a God of second chances. He is waiting with open arms to forgive, heal, and restore. A great Biblical example of restoration is Rahab. Rahab was a prostitute and had committed many sexual sins. Because of this, she was condemned to die. However, her life was spared when she became a believer and asked for forgiveness and healing. Rahab married an Israelite and had a son named Boaz, who had a son named Obed, who had a son named Jesse, who had a son named David. See it yet? God saw Rahab's new, pure life and claimed it to be in the family tree of Jesus. What an awesome God we serve!

Let's continue to stand firm on God's promises and remember the rewards He has in store for those who choose to wait. He promises to bless you when you stay within the confines of His covenant. He will reward you with a life free from worries, free from guilt and disappointment, and free from heartache. Waiting promises a stronger, longer marriage because you are not only honoring God when you take a stand for purity, but you are honoring the one person that you will crawl into bed with every day of your life – your future spouse. Abstinence is the only 100% reliable method of prevention and when you realize that it's worth the wait, prepare to be blessed!

## **Sunday School Promotion**

August 29, 2004 was the Promotion Sunday for the Sunday school students at RCC. There are approximately 70 young people enrolled in the Sunday School Program (Pre-School - Senior High). As parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors we need to encourage **regular** attendance at Sunday School. Sunday School can be an environment that teaches children biblical information as well as build a dynamic and loving relationship with God that will last a lifetime. Please keep the teachers in your prayers. They are as follows.

- Kathy Johnson                      Pre-School
- Kay Prothero                        Kindergarten
- Angie Vagle                         Primary
- San & Priscilla Weston        3rd grade
- Rose Sandland                      4th grade
- Jeff Rigstad                         Pre-teen
- Linda Rigstad                        Junior High
- Darrin Smedsmo                    Senior High
- Lance Aubey                        Adult Class
- Adrian Larson                     Adult Class
- ReNae Vagle                        Opening Exercises
- Mary Long                          Children's Church

A special "thank you" to Eleanor Johnson for keeping the attendance records and ordering the curriculum for each quarter.

Sunday School is a tremendous tool for outreach and spiritual growth here at RCC. Please plan to participate.

Submitted by Kevin & Lori Nelson

## The Assemblies Of God Fine Arts Festival

The Fine Arts Competition exists to help youth discover and develop their ministry gifts. It is broken down into seven main categories: Art division, Communication division, Drama division, Exhibition division, Instrumental division, Vocal division, and Writing division. Within these categories are forty-seven different select opportunities to compete in. For example there is Digital Photography, Sign Language, Sketch Writing, Video Production, Instrumental, Individual Song Writing, and Poetry to just name a few.

The competition is set up in different districts through out the country. All youth attending youth groups in local Assembly Of God churches are invited to participate in the competition.

Our district competition was held last spring at North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, MN. Kari Nelson chose a violin solo accompanied by her sister, Anneliese and competed in the Instrumental String Solo division as well. From the three judge panel Kari was awarded three superiors with invitation placing 1st in the district and qualifying for the national competition. She and two others in her division moved on to the nationals!

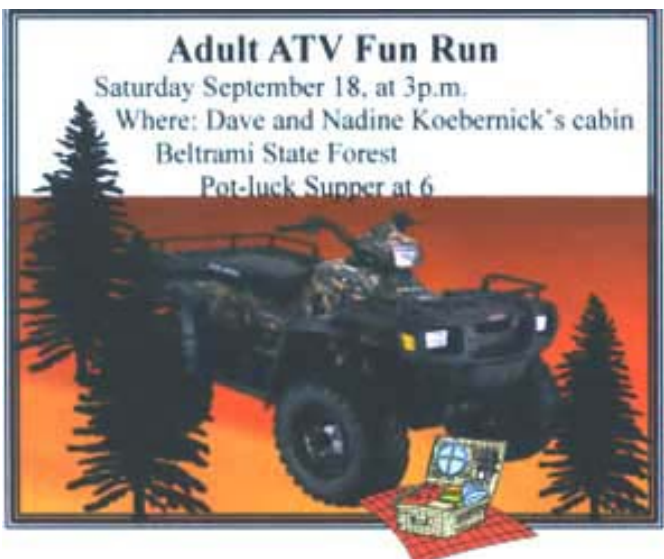
The National Competition was held in Austin, TX at the Austin Convention Center with over 8,000 youth attending the event. They had worship services every evening during the five days of competition. Kari said they were fantastic! They provided workshops as well along with a choir and orchestra. Kari attended the drama workshops and played in the orchestra that performed for the final evening for the closing rally.

In her individual competition Kari again played before a three judge panel and received two superior ratings and one superior with honors.

Congratulations Kari for representing RCC at the National Competition.

Information about the Fine Arts Festival can be found at [www.FAF.AG.org](http://www.FAF.AG.org)

Picture of Kari



## Fifth Graders

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian School asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them to communicate about God-here are some of their results:

GOD is like a *Ford* He's got a better idea

GOD is like *Coke* He's the real thing

GOD is like *Hallmark Cards* He cares

enough to send the very best

GOD is like *Scotch Tape* you can't see him but you know he's there

GOD is like *Allstate* You're in good hands with him

GOD is like *Dial Soap* Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everyone did