Bethany Prairie Fellowship 2012

We are committed to the “God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth” world view; therefore we are committed to sustainable, organic, responsible agriculture. We are convinced that it is our responsibility to share the concept with others by how we live, what we think, and what we eat.

We invite you to come to the farm for a visit. Enjoy the tranquil beauty of the prairie, with its open spaces, exquisite sun rise and sun set, a sky full of stars, native birds and many kinds of animals. Appreciate the holistic restoration of the small farm and its land back to its natural health. Share a meal, and truly put a face with the food that we produce from God’s green earth, sunshine, and pure water. Take home a renewed sense of God’s Presence and a deeper appreciation of His good earth, gentle animals and nourishing food.

Bethany Prairie is God’s gift to us. There is no charge for our hospitality. If you wish to give to the ministry, donations are appreciated but not required.

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Bethany Prairie Fellowship
1978-2011

Our life’s journey is often a series of epiphanies creating a time line that tells the story.

1978 – Dick and Linda Grotberg and Dick and Kay Lovestrand joined together to live, work and raise their children for Christ. The Grotberg’s Barnes County farm became the home of Bethany Prairie Fellowship (BPF). The farming activities included conventional small grains, dairy, farrow to finish confinement hogs.

Bethany Prairie Village appeared as the church building, country school, and several houses were moved to the farm site. A hospitality ministry, home school plays, Memorial Day Graduation Picnics, and weddings hosted guests from near and far.

2000 – Kay left the farm and went back to Minneapolis. Dick Lovestrand chose to stay and continue as lay pastor of Bethany Prairie Church, full time partner in the farming operation, and maintenance manager of the physical plant until his death on October 5, 2011.

2005 – Bethany Prairie Farm went organic.

2007 – The dream of the Fellowship was finally realized when the Grotberg’s were able to deed their land and property to Bethany Prairie Fellowship.

2006 – 2011 Prairie Farm Pilot Project became the umbrella for BPF’s sustainable projects—The pastured poultry institute, restoring the land and healing the soil, home grown fuel, heritage Scottish Highland Cattle. Outreach included Field Days, farm tours, demonstrations, and workshops.

A Special Thank You
Thank you to each one of you — our friends, partners, neighbors, loved ones, for the gifts you have given us through the years and especially now. Gifts of caring, compassion, support, service, kindness, love. Gifts that will last forever. May God bless you richly!

Dick and Linda
for the Bethany Prairie Family

Dick Lovestrand
1942–2011
A link for the picture story of the preparation, funeral, and burial can be found at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZ80bwurU

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PRAIRIE FARM PILOT PROJECT
Making the Small Farm Sustainable - One Project At A Time
2011 Projects and Partners

Restoring the Land
Healing the Soil

NCR-SARE Farmer Rancher Grant
*Multi-Species Cover Crops Control Weeds and Improve Fertility In Organic No-Till Fields *

Sustainable, Affordable Heating Demonstration Projects In Cooperation with ND Dept. of Energy, Community Action, and Bethany Prairie

Oil press project wins Civic Ventures Launch Pad Contest

USDA—NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
Organic Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)

Managed Grazing

Multi-species cover crops

Managed Grazing

Organic No-till

The 30 year old central coal heating system has been replaced with a Steffes Thermal Storage Boiler in the Big House and high efficiency propane boilers and solar panels in the smaller houses.

Turning The Dinosaur Into An Ark

Rolling Bio-mass

Managed Grazing

Rainfall Simulator Demonstration BPF Field Day

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Northwest Minnesota Regional Sustainable Development Partnership

Prairie Farm Renewable Fuels Project