



we help people become more fully alive



Come to the Well

Adult Silent Retreat

Friday, April 16: 7-9pm

Saturday, April 17: 9am-3pm

Hope Lutheran - North Campus

Attend Online: \$40

Attend In-Person: \$60
(Lunch & Snacks included)

Tickets available at:
fargohope.org/adults

Scholarships available upon request

*Save the
Date*

NOVEMBER 2ND

*30 Year
Celebration*



A thankful glimpse into the past and an invitation to celebrate...

On Feb 15, 1989 Dr. David Todd, a greatly loved and respected pediatric surgeon here in our cities, asked a group of Fargo-Moorhead pastors to consider addressing a great need he saw in his practice. Families needed gifted and trained counselors who could offer Christ-centered hope and healing as they faced life's challenges. I was in that meeting and was given a role on the team who took Dr. Todd's challenge and started a journey to address those very real needs.

As a result of discussion, study, concerted effort, local church support, and strategic leadership, a board of directors was formed, an organization set up, and Pastoral Counselor Dan Borsheim was asked to come and make that vision a reality. In September of 1991, Dan returned to Fargo, his home town, and opened the doors to Valley Christian Counseling Center. Since that time, Dan has lovingly led this counseling center to become the reality that Dr. Todd envisioned.

It has now been almost 30 years. Many of those founding leaders are no longer with us, but their work lives on. God has blessed the work of VCCC so that thousands of clients have found healing and wholeness through the center's support.

So many have contributed so much to making VCCC what it is today.

Each counselor, support staff, volunteer, donor, and board member has fit uniquely and personally into the work God has done here. And that work continues to grow stronger, helping more people today than ever before.

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On behalf of the board of directors of Valley Christian Counseling Center, let me say THANKS to everyone reading this newsletter. Many of you have had a part in this 30 year journey. The offer of health and wholeness found in the good news of Jesus is more important today than ever before. Thank you, counselors, for your sacrificial service in your prayer closet and in your counseling sessions. Thank you, past and present staff, for every kind word on the phone, for every smile given to the person who walked in the door, and for the love shown to those you worked beside each day. Thank you donors who have provided funds to support those who come to us and who have provided the facilities and equipment needed to do this work with growing excellence. Thank you churches and pastors who confidently and lovingly refer people to our center and support them when they come. And THANK YOU Dan Borsheim for investing your life to make a godly doctor's vision touch the lives of so many over these 30 years of service.

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In keeping with this milestone anniversary, we invite you to set aside the evening of Nov 2, 2021 to join us in saying "thanks" to so many and to celebrate some of what God has done. More details will come as that date approaches, but please know that YOU are invited to share it with us. With your continued support and with the faithfulness of counselors and staff, we ask our Heavenly Father to use us on this journey for many years to come.

Pastor Dude Garrett | Chairman | Valley's Board of Directors

Making Space for God

FROM DAN'S DESK

My longtime mentor in the world of Christian counseling, Dr. Larry Crabb, recently passed away. As a Christian Psychologist, he wrote many books and spoke throughout the world and did much to advance the field of Christian counseling. While I am sad for me, I am happy for him because he really looked forward to going home. In fact, his last book was called "Waiting for Heaven." He will be missed by many.

As I was thinking about him, I recalled a story he once told that has stuck with me. He was having coffee with Brennen Manning, another man I greatly respect. Brennen was telling him about his coming plans to take his annual mountain-retreat to spend some time alone with God. Larry asked him, "What do you get out of that?" Brennen, surprised at the question, responded, "Well, it never occurred to me what I might get out of it, I just think God appreciates it when I show up." The point is that we, in our western mindset, tend to only do things when we feel we are going to get something out of it.

Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you declares the Lord." God wants us to seek Him. He desires relationship with us. In our busy lives we become distracted and do not open space in our schedules to be quiet so we can hear what He might say to us. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). I know that I need help in this, how about you?

Well, I would like to invite you to our annual "Silent Retreat" coming up on April 16th and 17th. I am really looking forward to this weekend set aside to make space for God to speak into my life. This is a Friday night and Saturday, led by Sherry Mortenson – a spiritual director, pastor, and director of Ephraim's Refuge. She will present from Scripture and then facilitate several blocks of time for participants to spend time alone with God. Please consider joining us! You will be blessed.

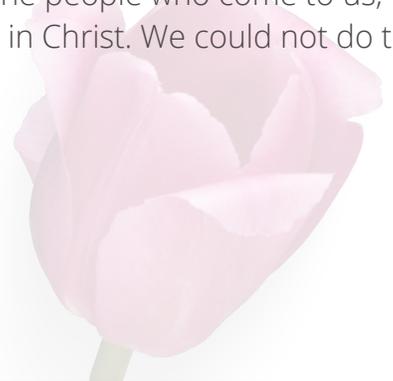
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I want to also thank those of you who supported us on Giving Hearts Day. We see God working in powerful ways here at Valley. Your support helps us care for the people who come to us, fulfilling our mission to help them become more fully alive in Christ. We could not do this without you! So, we thank God, and we thank you!



Sincerely,

DAN BORSHEIM, CEO



YOUR PARTNERSHIP MEANS SO MUCH TO US AND TO THE CLIENTS WE SERVE.
WITH OFFICES IN FIVE COMMUNITIES, OUR REACH IS GREATER THAN EVER. THANK YOU!

