



I am Jody Seurer and have been married to my husband, Jeff, for 18 years. Our son, Carter, is in 9th grade and our daughter, Ava, is in 6th. I have lived in New Prague since 2006 and have been a member of FaithPoint since its inception. I am active in the church by teaching Sunday School, serving as a confirmation mentor, and am on the prayer team. As the committee searches for who God is calling to be our next pastor, please be in prayer for patience in God's timing, wisdom in determining the next pastor, and unity in the committee's decisions.

Jody Seurer



Hello, my name is Todd and our family has lived in New Prague since July of 2014. We started attending FaithPoint later that summer. My wife Kaysie and our children, Brayden (16) and Addison (13), have attended services in the High School, the bank and in the amazing new building. Brayden and Addy have grown in their faith over the years thru the many activities and the Faith Stepping Stones program. Kaysie has helped with the Children's programs and I have enjoyed serving in the A/V Booth.

Todd Pakiz



Courtney Nelson

Hi, my name is Courtney Nelson. My husband Shane and I are both New Prague graduates and will be celebrating our 10-year wedding anniversary in August of 2024. We have two beautiful daughters Cora, who is 8, and Paige, who is 5. I work part time as a chemical analyst and the other time is spent at home with our kids. We have actively been a part of FaithPoint church since it was formed. Growing up my family (The Sivula's) were neighbors with Pastor Steve and his family and he has been my Pastor since I was 6 years old. Currently I lead our Gather Moms group at church, volunteer as a Sunday School teacher and help out at VBS during the summer. I love sharing about Jesus with all of the kids. As a family, we love to do all things outdoors. We enjoy camping in the summer, hunting in the fall and fishing and skating in the winter.



Josh Laffrenzen

My name is Joshua Laffrenzen. I was born and raised in Rochester Minnesota and went to Mankato State University and got my bachelor's in information technologies. I work at UnitedHealth Group Optum and have been there for seven years. In 2018 I met my beautiful wife, Emma Laffrenzen. We got married in 2020 during the pandemic. We were blessed enough to find a beautiful house in New Prague in 2021 where we currently live. One of the things we wanted to do when moving into our new home was to start our family. On November 15th, 2022, we had our son Noah. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with Trisomy 18 (also known as Edward's Syndrome). This condition is usually fatal before birth or within the first year of life. We were lucky enough to spend about 15 wonderful minutes with him before he went to meet our heavenly father. My Wife and I clung to our faith during this hard time. Pastor Steve was willing to be our backup pastor if our hometown's church pastor was not available for Noah's funeral. This is how we heard about FaithPoint which ended up being our gateway to our new Church family.

We have currently been at FaithPoint for just over a year. Both my wife and I volunteer on the tech team. It is inspiring to see the amazing works that God has done through the church not only for our family but the families of others. After lots of prayers we were blessed with our second child who just arrived here in August. Our beautiful daughter Charli. I feel truly honored to have been asked to be a part of the pastoral search committee. Through the power of prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will uncover the next chapter for FaithPoint.



Cathy Ilkka

Hello, I am Cathy Ilkka and I have been a member of FaithPoint since the very beginning. I have lived in New Prague for over 30 years. I have taught in the New Prague School District for over 35 years. My husband Greg and I have raised our four children in the community. We are currently empty nesters and we enjoy walking, biking, and traveling together as new retirees. I have served FaithPoint as a member of the board, on multiple teams and committees, and with various ministries.

Prayer has always been a big part of our journey here at FaithPoint. We will continue with prayer as God points us in the direction for our next pastor. *But my God shall supply all of your needs according to his riches and glory by Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 4:19)

If you have any questions or concerns, stop by and chat with me or email me at cilkka@bevcomm.net.



Dave Hagene

Hello, my name is Dave Hagene. My wife Teresa and I live southwest of New Prague and enjoy outdoor activities on our farm. We have two grown children, Derek and Michael, both were married in 2020. I work as a Manager for a Telecom company in Shakopee. We've enjoyed being members of FaithPoint since its inception, seeing the Church grow and transition to the different locations in New Prague until settling into the new Building. I was privileged to serve as Church Board President the last 3 years and see firsthand the wonderful Missions that happen at FaithPoint each day, thanks to God blessing us with a dedicated Staff and wonderful Members. Please pray that guidance and wisdom be given to our Search Team during this next transition for FaithPoint.