



Pastor Scott Searl

What happens when a Southern Baptist from Wisconsin marries an Episcopalian from White Bear Lake, Minnesota? You get a Lutheran pastor!

Life at-a-glance

November 10, 1971

Born to Ken and Katie Searl in Minneapolis. Historical note, Martin Luther's Birthday is also November 10th however, he is slightly older.

June 1989

Sunday: Hole-in-one on #8 at Rolling Green, CC. Double Eagle the following Monday at Rum River Hills on the par 5, #9.

May 1990

Graduated from Osseo High School and sing, "Friends" by Michael W. Smith at the old Met Center during graduation ceremonies.

May 1994

Graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. My senior year I was a hall director for a dorm of 180 students and a youth director at First Lutheran, Decorah.

May 1997

Graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary. Where I attended because the University owns a golf course I could play for free!

May 1998

Working for my family, I buy a house in Mound, MN.

January 2001

Called as Pastor of Stewardship and Development at Mount Calvary Lutheran, Excelsior, MN.

Christmas 2002

A golden retriever named "Luther" comes to live with me.

A Brief Biography

23rd May 2009

I know, it's not that funny, but it is true. My dad is from Wisconsin, which means from the time I was little I was told the Vikings were an expansion team (sorry Vikings fans). My Mom grew up in White Bear Lake, which means I learned to swim about the same time I learned to walk. We lived at 5633 Emerson Ave. in Minneapolis until I was three, when we moved to 5600 Evergreen Ln. N. in Plymouth, Minnesota. Two years later my little brother Brad was born. Currently we all live within ten miles of each other, and we spend a good deal of time together.

I graduated from Osseo High School, where I played on the golf team, and was choir president. I went to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where I thought I was going to be a high school choir director. I student taught for one month. Here I discovered the students didn't want to sing, and as it turns out, I didn't want to teach them! So, I graduated from Luther with a degree in public communication.

During college I was a part-time high school youth director at First Lutheran Church in Decorah, IA. This experience along with encouragement from professors and pastors led me to apply for seminary. I spent three years at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton New Jersey and graduated with my Masters of Divinity.

After seminary I worked for my family business for a few years, and then as the Director of Development for a small non-profit called Youth Leadership. I was called by Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Excelsior in January of 2001 as their pastor of Stewardship. In 2006 my role expanded to include Youth Faith Formation. Along the way at Mount Calvary I also served along side fabulous lay leaders on our benevolence team, small group ministry team, Kids Against Hunger board, and the Mount Calvary Foundation board. I am very thankful for the eight wonderful years of ministry at Mount Calvary.

Outside of ministry life I have a significant golf addiction. I also like to water-ski, downhill ski, and hang out with my seven year old golden retriever named, "Luther". I am excited about serving Shepherd of the Hills and look forward to meeting you very soon!