



# FCC Membership Biography

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## *Kathleen Frederickson*

I was born Kathleen Marie Foss on January 4, 1939 in Storden, MN. We lived for the first ten years of my life on a farm ten miles east of Storden, until we moved to Mountain Lake, MN to a farm my parents built up from bare ground. I graduated with honors from Mt. Lake High School in 1957.

My parents were kind enough to pay for my first two years of college, but I chose to drop out after my sophomore year, as it seemed evident to me that this was a real struggle for my family. I had attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. This was not a cheap college!

I choose to work for a couple years then at the University of MN in their pathology lab. It was an interesting job and I had a good group to work with. It was through the lab personnel that I eventually found my future husband. He was Dale Wesselink, from Sheldon, IA. We were married the next year, 1962, and had four girls in three and a half years, then fourteen years later we did have a son. Dale wanted his son! I ended up homeschooling him, thus we were very close. He, however, once his schooling was complete, decided to leave for California. He is now forty years old and comes back about once a year for a visit.

Currently, I'm still living in the house we built ten miles east of River Falls, WI. Two of my daughters currently live with me. One in the finished basement with her husband (and two pups!) and one upstairs with me. The other two live within 40 miles of me, one near Roberts, WI and the other in Eagan, MN. My son chose to leave for California as soon as he graduated, and he has only been back a couple times to visit. However, he does communicate from time to time.

Dale only lived to be in his early forty's, leaving me a widow at a fairly young age. Then I married a fellow I found online from Duluth, MN, David Fredrickson. He had also lost his spouse a short time earlier. He was a dear heart! However, he also died shortly thereafter, leaving me widowed again! That was my final role as a married woman!

I've been coming to Faith Community Church for about a year now and I have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and fellowship I've been privileged to experience with everyone there. Please let me include my spiritual journey with you here. I was raised in a Mennonite community and baptized in the Bethel Mennonite Church of Mountain Lake, MN, where I graduated from High School. The Mennonites baptize by sprinkling.

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My first husband was a member of the Church of Christ, thus we were married in this church and I joined their fellowship. In joining their fellowship, I needed to be baptized by emersion, this was accomplished while I attended their services. Currently, one of my daughters still attends their services in Eagan, MN. David, my second husband, was a member of the Episcopal Church of Duluth and through him I gained a little insight into their thinking. While they were a fine group of folks, it was not something I felt I could continue with.

It was at this point my son-in-law suggested Faith Community Church to me. They go to a Christian Church on the east side of St. Paul and it's quite a drive! Thus, this suggestion was made to me. I've been attending services at Faith Community ever since-a little over a year now.

I've found the members very friendly and most helpful. I've also been seeking out which midweek Bible Classes that I might attend. I think there is a general class as well as a women's Bible Class available. While these are most interesting to me, I'm a little slow to get involved in too much, as I have a 30-minute drive one way to attend. However, I'm always open to suggestions.

Faith Community has been "home" to me for over a year now and I'd love to demonstrate this by pledging my membership with you all.