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***PAUL RIDGEWAY, EVENT PLANNING GURU, TO KEYNOTE
9TH ANNUAL WOODBURY PRAYER BREAKFAST ON MAY 6
Public Invited and Encouraged to Attend***

WOODBURY, Minn., – March 21, 2008 – Paul Ridgeway, CEO of Ridgeway International, Inc., will address approximately 600 area residents during the 9th annual Woodbury Prayer Breakfast slated for 7 AM, Tuesday, **May 6th 2008**, at the Prom Center located at 484 Inwood Avenue (I-94 at Radio Drive/Inwood exit – North). ***Connecting Our Community Through Prayer*** is this year's theme.

Each year ***Paul Ridgeway*** orchestrates as many as 25 major events through Ridgeway International, the company he founded more than 20 years ago. He is the brain power behind Super Bowl half-time shows, as well as visits by heads of state. For example, in 1990 Paul organized the near flawless Minnesota visit by Russian President, Mikhail Gorbachev. A man of focus, creativity and charisma, Ridgeway's customer list includes Microsoft, Ford, Saturn, Coca-Cola, Billy Graham, the National Basketball Association and the National Football League. "He is a great communicator. He brings in a diverse group of professionals and experts to make the Super Bowl roll," says Frank Supovitz, senior vice president at the National Football League.

The Prayer Breakfast is well attended each year by business leaders and area residents, along with hundreds of civic, educational, professional, political and spiritual leaders from Woodbury and surrounding Washington County communities.

In addition to Ridgeway's keynote address, the morning will be filled with inspirational music, readings and testimonials from area leaders and dignitaries. ***Kim Jeffries***, long-time, local radio personality and current host of KTIS-FM 900's Along the Way with Kim Jeffries, will emcee the event featuring ***Woodbury Mayor Bill Hargis*** offering opening remarks. ***Governor Tim Pawlenty and First Lady Mary Pawlenty*** have been invited to address the group. Attendees will also enjoy an uplifting performance by the ***New Life Jazz Band*** and local music talent ***Karen Diers***. Karen has lived in Woodbury for almost nine years and is the Worship Leader at New Life Church of Woodbury. A 1986 graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Music, Karen has enjoyed singing for a variety of venues including live radio, community theatre, recording studios, churches, homeless shelters, missions and coffee houses. Her greatest joy is living life to the fullest with her husband and their four children.

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“It is my privilege to stand side by side with civic leaders and east metro residents each year in celebration of community, liberty and the freedom to worship in this great country,” said Mayor Hargis.

Tables of nine are **\$166.50**, and individual tickets are **\$18.50**. In addition, individuals and corporations are invited to sponsor the breakfast with donations to help cover logistics and promotional costs. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Larry Wilford at 651-209-3301, or email larry@woodburypb.org.

New this year for added convenience is an **online registration and payment option via credit card**. Guests are encouraged to **register, sponsor and/or donate on line** at www.woodburypb.org. Contact Jodi at 651-773-4738, or email jodi@woodburypb.org if assistance is needed for online registration. **Mail-in registration** is still available. Completed forms can be mailed with payment to Jodi Christensen, c/o Lake Elmo Bank, 600 Inwood Avenue North, Oakdale, MN 55128. Table assignments will be emailed to guests prior to the event.

Again this year, attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to donate to Christian Cupboard. Join community leaders as they pray for protection, provision and direction. In addition, during the Breakfast, Woodbury residents who are serving or who have served in the US Military will be recognized and honored for their service to our country. If you or someone you know should be recognized during this special segment of our program, please contact Karen@woodburypb.org.

About the Annual Prayer Breakfast

The Woodbury Prayer Breakfast is part of a larger national movement that is taking hold in hundreds of communities across the nation. Modeled after the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., year, and similar events are hosted at the state and local levels.

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EDITORS' NOTES:

Photos available at www.woodburypb.org: Paul Ridgeway, Keynote Speaker; Woodbury Mayor Bill Hargis; Kim Jeffries, emcee; and Karen Diers, performance artist.

*Confirmation is pending from Governor and First Lady Pawlenty.