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New Bremer Branch Opens Doors in Willmar

Minneapolis, Minnesota — November 7, 2006 —The new 19,000 sq. ft. Bremer branch bank, designed by BKV Group, includes five drive-up lanes, a commercial lane, parking for clients and employees as well as a more convenient, central location. The two-story brick and glass building will function as a regional hub for employee training. The lobby features a fireplace seating area, teller lines, internet access for on-line banking, and an area exhibiting the history of Willmar and BremerBank. The new branch bank allows the company to further its efforts to provide convenient and accessible service to Willmar clients.

"We are thrilled to continue our service to the Willmar community at our great new building, which will be convenient and accessible for clients and a wonderful working environment for our employees," said Greg Hilding, president of Bremer in Willmar. "I've genuinely appreciated the input and response from both our employees and community members."

Bremer Bank in Willmar is owned by Bremer Financial Corporation, a privately held, \$6.6 billion regional financial services company jointly owned by both their employees and the Otto Bremer Foundation — the only business structure of its kind in the nation. Company profits are distributed in the form of charitable grants by the Otto Bremer Foundation to communities throughout the company's footprint. Bremer fosters a culture of caring and commitment and demonstrates it through grants from the Otto Bremer Foundation, donations by local Bremer affiliates, and the volunteerism of our employees' time and skills to nonprofit organizations and community projects by its employees and the Otto Bremer Foundation. Founded in 1943 by Otto Bremer, the company is headquartered in St. Paul, MN.

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