

The idea of building a new home excited my wife, Andrea, and I. We had known for a long time that we were going to move to Milaca, where I have taught for 9 years, the question was... When? We decided to make a go of it. First we listed our house in Sartell, thinking we would have months during which to look at lots, and meet perspective builders. As it turned out, our house sold in two weeks!!! We were not prepared for this. We felt pressured into finding any contractor that would work for us NOW. The result was we found someone that we couldn't trust. He initially told us one price estimate and then came back later and told us another price that was \$75,000 over our budget. We broke off the agreement with this builder, and returned to square one.

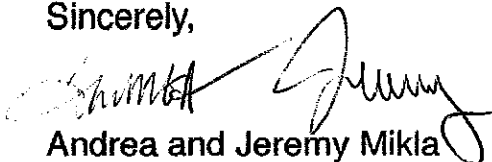
This time we proceeded at a pace that we wanted. We found a home to rent and began researching, making sure we found a contractor that was right for us.

We are so happy and grateful with the choice we made of the Nordenstrom Custom Home family to build our home. My wife had been reading one of Sarah Susanka's books, *The Not So Big House*. In it, one of the methods of homebuilding she described was component construction. We began researching about Wausau Homes and the benefits of *Controlled Construction*. We were initially excited about less waste of products (both for the environment and our pocketbooks!), but, because of the controlled environment, we quickly saw how much better quality of a product that we were getting compared to a regular stick built house.

We feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to build our Custom home the way we wanted it, and for a price we could afford. We were very impressed with the extras that were standard on all Nordenstrom Custom Homes: poured concrete walls in the basement, Nine foot ceilings, security system installation, and mold preventative measures.

We love our new home. Thank you David, BJ, Adam, Lisa, and everyone else at Nordenstrom Custom Homes.

Sincerely,



Andrea and Jeremy Mikla