

## **Jim Solem**

### **Athlete-Class of 1985**

Jim captained the swimming and golf teams and also participated in football at Park. He was the first male swimmer in Park's history to earn All-State honors and receive a Division I scholarship. He was undefeated in conference races over the course of three years and held seven school records at the time of graduation. He earned 9 All-Conference honors and led the team to 3 conference championships and one section title. Jim qualified for the state meet 3 times and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 200IM in 1985 which is still the highest finish of any Park swimmer at the state meet. Jim was also a 3-year letter winner in golf and won the Earl Gustafson Award his senior year.

Jim continued his swimming career at Brevard Community College where he was a NJCAA National Champion and 6-time All-American. He received a scholarship to the University of Missouri-Columbia where he was a 2-time letter winner and was named All-Big Eight in 1988.

Jim lives in Maple Grove with his wife Jodi and their two children Ellen and Alex.