

Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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Live a Life Permeated With Marvels



From the start, our environment was good. We were created for goodness' sake from the hand of our good Creator. "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." John 1:3

The world God created provided every living thing with optimal surroundings. Beauty filled even the smallest, simplest acts of nature.

In [Pilgrim at Tinker Creek](#), Annie Dillard relates just such an act. At first glance, it appears to be another mundane, everyday occurrence, but something about the experience resonates with wonder.

About five years ago I saw a mockingbird make a straight vertical descent from the roof gutter of a four-story building. It was an act as careless and spontaneous as the curl of a stem or the kindling of a star. The mockingbird took a single step into the air and dropped. His wings were still folded against his sides as though he were singing from a limb and not falling, accelerating thirty-two feet per second per second through empty air. Just a breath before he would have been dashed to the ground, he unfurled his wings with exact, deliberate care, revealing the broad bars of white, spread his elegant, white-banded tail, and so floated onto the grass.

She concludes, "beauty and grace are performed whether or not we will sense them. The least we can do is try to be there."

Adam and Eve were there, eyewitnesses to God's beauty and grace revealed every day in their environment. God wants us to be there too. By experiencing the wonders of creation we can reconnect to our Creator and live a life permeated with marvels.

Article by Chis Blake, [Creation Health Bible Program](#), *A Journey of Discovery*, Environment, page 76; iStock Photo



South Dakota Students Receive Scholarships

Two years ago Plainview Academy alumni voted to establish a scholarship program for South Dakota students. To qualify for the scholarship students are required to have their church home be in South Dakota, maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or greater, and maintain a good citizenship standing.

This is the second year of the program. Recipients are Jadyn Anderson, junior from Summit; Nina Faith, sophomore from Huron; Hayden Gronau, junior from Langford; Wesley Kayser, freshman from Aberdeen; and Karissa Rickard, junior from Sioux Falls. The students will receive \$400 towards their education at Dakota Adventist Academy.

The scholarship was started with a donation of \$10,851.79 from the PVA alumni and, thanks to the generosity of Plainview alumni; an additional \$5,625 has been received in contributions since November 2016. The first year \$1500 was awarded to South Dakota students. This year \$2000 was available to be awarded to South Dakota students.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the PVA-Ron Purkapile Student Scholarship Fund may do so by sending their donation to: Dakota Conference Corporation, 7200 N Washington St, Bismarck, ND 58503. Checks should be made out to the Dakota Conference Corporation and indicate it is for the PVA scholarship fund.



Pictured left to right are: Hayden Gronau, Nina Faith, Karissa Rickard, Jacy Anderson, Wesley Kayser

Article by Sharon Heinrich; Photo by Nyegai Koun

A Chaplain Shares

I remember the first time I waterskied as a teen. I waited in the lake with both skis pointed skyward until the boat took off...raising me slowly to my feet. I managed to get my wobbly limbs under me and was amazed that I was doing it! As I traveled behind the boat clinging to the tow rope, I began to get a little more comfortable. My legs weren't trembling nearly as much and I started to feel like I was really getting the hang of it.

And then it happened. I don't remember exactly how, but I do recall going down face first into the water. Most people would have released the rope and tried again. Apparently, I'm not "most people." I plowed water with my face for what seemed like an eternity, clinging stubbornly to the same rope that had pulled me to my feet just minutes before. I thought that somehow, I could get back up if I could just *hang on*.

Thankfully, the boat driver saw my plight and slowed down. Everyone was laughing and I began to understand that some times the only thing you can do to get back up is to let go and start over.

***"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."
Jeremiah 29:11***

There are times when life knocks us down in ways that surprise us. Sometimes, it's all we can do to let go and begin again.

Is it easy? No! Is it doable? Yes! With God, all things are possible.

As we enter the warmer seasons, let's keep our focus on the possibilities.

Article by Michael Temple, pastor of the Grand Forks Seventh-day Adventist Church and chaplain to the troopers in the Grand Forks area.

Work Continues at Northern Lights Camp

Sunday, May 13, was a beautiful day in Bottineau, ND, near the Canadian border. At the Adventist camp along Lake Metigoshe a breeze made the sunny 77° degree day seem just about perfect. A few people gathered with their personal equipment to begin the land preparation for the building of the new kitchen/cafeteria. Water and septic had to be turned on for the season. There were a few trees that needed to come down and the stumps removed. There were electrical wires that had to be disconnected and re-routed. The bell had to be unearthed for moving to a different location. Each job had its challenges but by Sunday evening much had been accomplished.



Article & photos by Jacquie Biloff

Bowman Church's Women's Ministry Meets



Monday evening, May 14, the women of the Bowman Church held a *trial run* of 'Women of Spirit', a women's ministry patterned after the one at College View Church in Lincoln, NE, of which Linda Mae Johnson, the Women's Ministry leader, enjoyed attending and being involved with from time to time. "It is friendship for women, a party with a purpose, a time of fun and lifting up of Jesus," say Johnson.

A vegetarian meal was served of tortellini, spinach/strawberry salad, green beans with fresh dill, garlic bread, and a lemon dessert.

Marian Kelch provided a devotion followed by the story of being born in India, and of her mother being a doctor. Pam Hansen-Taylor, who was home visiting her parents from Colorado, provided a musical number. Johnson gave a feature called *Grandma's Trunk*.

Johnson had a trunk filled with things from Grandma's trunk - things made and remade, as grandmothers did. They did not throw anything away.

The event was not officially advertised. The only request was that church ladies ask their friends to come and that the only advertising be word

of mouth. There were 25 in attendance, 17 of them invitees from the community.



A questionnaire was available at the end of the event, which several filled out. The results were positive with interest in returning in the fall for the next program. Johnson says, "The programs are almost limitless for great ideas and we plan to do some outreach things for our community as well."

There were *take home favors* (things guests will want to take home) for all as well as left over food items if they chose.

Note #1: The flowers at left are what remain of the *take home favors* from the event.

Note #2: Mayme Johnson, pictured above right, is shown with two quilts given to her by an aunt in California when she and her husband were on their honeymoon. One of the quilts was already 100 years old at that time.



Article & photos by Linda Mae Johnson

Christian Education is Important to Me

Hello, my name is Abigail Chin and I'm in the 7th grade at Brentwood Adventist Christian School in Bismarck, ND. I want to share with you why we have Christian Education. I believe Christian Education *is* important because it helps children understand who God is and how to treat others. Christian Education always starts in the home and continues in the church school. I'm glad I go to school at Brentwood because I can meet new people, learn more about God, and pray any time without any one making fun of me. I've learned a lot from and about God through these years. Mrs. Eszler has shown me a lot through work and friendship. From my classmates I've learned more about science, God, and how to be kind to someone all the time. In math I've learned new formulas and how to think deeper which will help me now and in the future. Through community service projects, I learned to think of others and help them. Participating in programs has helped me learn how to get in front of people and how to be more confident in everything that I do. The whole reason for Christian Education is so that children can learn how to have a personal relationship with God.

Article by Abigail Chin; Photo by Pastor Harold Chin



Dakota Campmeeting 2018

Day/Time	Wednesday - 13th	Thursday - 14th	Friday - 15th	Sabbath - 16th
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast Served in Cafeteria			
8:30 - 9:30		Dr Schmidt <i>Simply Missional - The Way to Grow</i>	Dr Schmidt <i>Simply Missional - The Beginning</i>	9:15 - 12:00 Sue Nelson <i>Educating for Eternity</i> Dr Patterson <i>The Nameless Servant: Modeling the Servant Leader</i> Elder Mic Thurber <i>So, What About James?</i>
9:30 - 10:15	Fellowship/Optional Art Class			
10:30 - 11:30		Bonita Shields <i>Women & Wealth</i>	Bonita Shields <i>How to Create a Spending Plan</i>	
11:30 - 12:30		Dr Patterson <i>In the Beginning: Creation as Conversation</i>	Dr Patterson <i>Leadership and the Great Controversy: The Up Path and ...</i>	
12:30 - 1:30	Lunch Served in Cafeteria			
2:00 - 3:00		Dr Walter <i>8 Myths of Adventist Evangelism</i>	Dr Walter <i>Creating a Culture of Outreach & Evangelism</i>	Ordination Services R-Table Discussion Dr Schmidt Elder Thurber Bonita Shields Sherri Uhrig Dr Patterson Dr Walter
3:00 - 3:45	Fellowship/Optional Art Class			
4:00 - 5:00		Sherri Uhrig <i>Kids 2 Kid!</i>	Sherri Uhrig <i>Generation Z: Taking on the World</i>	
5:30 - 6:15	Supper Served in Cafeteria			(in Gym)
7:00 - 8:30	Dr Schmidt <i>Simply Missional - The Destination</i>	Pastor Shields <i>Enough</i>	Dr Walter <i>Doing LIFE Together</i>	Music Concert Name
8:30 - 8:40	Fellowship			Hall of Remembrance
8:40 - 9:40				Dr Roger Walter <i>Delayed Expectations</i>

CR/Kindergarten, 0 - 5 yrs
 Primary, 6 - 9 yrs
 Juniors, 10 - 12 yrs
 Youth, 13+

Medgy Chapman
 Pastor Nicholas Osborn
 Pastor Christian Ronalds
 Pastor Brooke Melendez

ACS/DR will be serving a
 free Sabbath evening
 supper in the gymnasium
 at 5:30 pm.



Mix dry ingredients together:

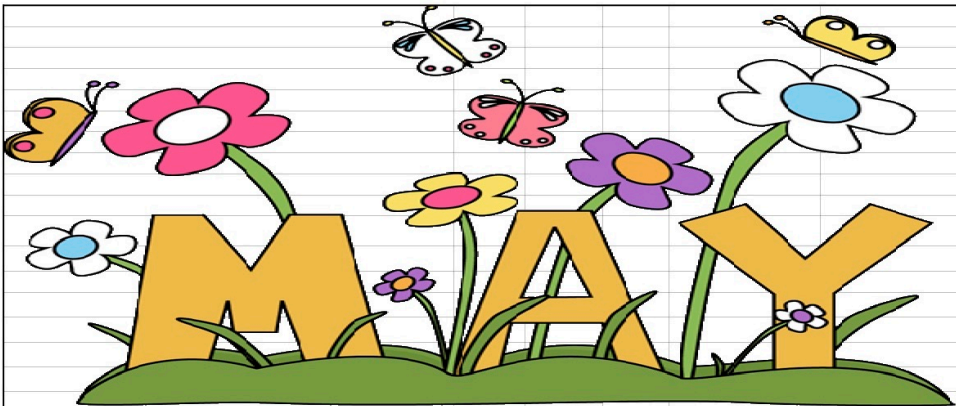
- 8 cups oats
- 4 cups Wheaties
- 4 cups sliced almonds
- 4 cups pecans
- 4 cups coconut
- 1/2 cup wheat germ
- 4 teaspoons sesame seeds

Mix wet ingredients together and pour over dry ingredients:

- 4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 cup melted butter or margarine
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 2/3 cup honey

Bake on cookie sheets at 300° for 20 or 30 minutes, until edges brown. Stir every 10 minutes. Do not overcook, should be clumpy. Cool and store in airtight container.

Recipe by Jacquie Biloff in [Breaking Bread Together](#), page 2. For sale at CO and DAA for \$20. Benefits DAA Senior Class of 2018.



		Retail Case	Retail Single	Special Case	Special Single
CANNED:					
LL Prime Steaks	12/13 oz	\$58.88	\$5.42	\$55.28	\$5.14
LL Vege Burger	12/19 oz	68.70	6.33	65.10	6.08
LL Vegetable Steaks	12/20 oz	68.70	6.33	65.10	6.08
Food Service					
LL Prime Steaks	12/47 oz	147.21	13.55	139.01	12.98
LL Big Franks	6/96 oz	117.77	21.69	111.97	20.87
sale dates: May 1-25, 2018					
quantities may be limited					

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:

- Tuesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm - 6:00 pm
- Closed on Sundays

QUOTE of the MONTH

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare, it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.

Seneca

May 17 Dispatch Photo



Photo by Chrystal Rittenbach.

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