



Dreams And Lots of Prayer...

(Article from Aberdeen Seventh-day Adventist Church dedication - 2000)

Dreams, lots of prayer, witnessing, and hard work, together have brought us here today.

It was the early 1900s when the Adventist message first came to Aberdeen. Some believers met in the homes of Mrs. Jean Mason and Mrs. Elsie McKeon. After their testimonies, a friend of the group donated a lot at 624 6th Avenue SE, which would soon be the home of their church building, that was erected in 1904. Elder Graham was the church's first pastor. In 1920, Elder A. W. Kuchl began his ministry in Aberdeen. This ministry lasted for nine years. It was during his stay that Mrs. Sara Hohensee became a member of the church. In 1986, she was recognized as the eldest surviving member. That honor now (2000) belongs to Mr. Harrold Rossow, with Miss Evalene Rochow a close runner-up.

In 1927, W. H. Hohensee, Sara's husband, joined the church. Mrs. Hazel Kemper, mother of Elder Paul Kemper, also joined the church at this time. Not long after, Mrs. Lillia Fauss became an active member of the church under the ministry of Elder Ira Minner.

During the early 1930s, Elder Conrad Hein ministered in Aberdeen. It was under his direction, that the church school was added on to the side of the church. For 33 years the church school produced a large group of leaders, teachers and ministers for the denomination, as well as medical doctors. One of the ministers aiding Elder Hein was F. Stotz. During 1976 and 1987, the church school was operating again. Elsie Brenneise, LuAnne Day and Ivy Jo Torkelson were teachers.

In 1956, during the pastorate of Elder A. T. Bidwell, the church was moved to the larger, and still present site, at the corner of 12th Avenue East and South Dakota Street.

After Conrad Hein, the following pastors have graced our congregation with their leadership: Sam Reile, Harry Davis, Roy Eckerman, John Herr, Don Copsey, A. T. Bidwell, Pastor Bernhardt, Robert Kurth, H. E. Preston, James C. Parmele, Everett Calkins, James Neergaard, George Whitsett, Wheldon Treat, Dennis Shafter, Dave Devnich, Art Hiebert, Greg Wellman, Richard Barchers, Joe Story, Michael Hope, and our present pastor Dennis Miller.



A dream to remodel became a reality when in 1986, the church building was remodeled and a re-dedication service was held in April 1987. Now thirteen years later, a dedication service for the new sanctuary is being held. Another dream has become a reality. This new sanctuary was a dream of Mr. Glenn Brenneise. Once he shared his dream, the vision was spiritually ignited by the members of the church and together with the Maranatha team, and the hard work of many townspeople and members of Aberdeen, Leola, Bowdle, and Redfield SDA churches. We are able to raise our eyes to heaven and thank God for vision and action.

It is also important to us to thank each individual and company that donated time, money and equipment to not only build this church, but to pay off the mortgage in just under five years. What a joy to celebrate this event. Praise be to God!

Senior Recognition Filled With Families



Every year a weekend is devoted to the Senior Class. As always, Senior Recognition weekend was filled with families coming to DAA to honor their senior student. The *Class of 2019* provided the church service for Sabbath, having Mr. Oucharek speak about “The Real Me”. Because this class is so diverse, having two students from different countries and only four four-years seniors, talking about being who you are meant to be, was a perfect topic.

The evening Senior Recognition program was a fitting tribute to this strong group of young people. Each family pointed out their child’s connection to their family and especially to God. DAA has been blessed to have each of these seniors as part of the school.

Talk has already started regarding the future. From the senior class it is about what is next, where they are going and how they are going to get there. From the other students, it is about missing the seniors, and what it will be like with a new group of students.

There is a definite sense of camaraderie among the current student body. That family feel provides a sense of both loss and excitement as the school year works its way over the half way mark.

We all are looking forward to what God has in store for 2019!

Article and photo by Tracy Peterson

Invitation Hill School Reports

The K-2 class at Invitation Hill Adventist School in Dickinson accepted the responsibility of leading song service for the church service on the fourth Sabbath of each month. The students are always excited about being up front (and using the microphones). With great enthusiasm each



month they learn three new songs from the “big people’s” hymnal and practice every day during worship. The church family enjoys having the students lead out in church and the students are starting to think of themselves as leaders.

For the upper graders, one of the major highlights of the year has been the monthly visits to the Amen Food Pantry. They are experiencing the reality that working together to help others is actually quite fun and brings as big a blessing to those serving as to those who are served.



Another service project upon which they have embarked is crocheting squares for baby afghans. These are going to be sent to the organization “Breelyn’s Blanket Brigade” which provides a special, hand-made blanket for babies that have died in a hospital to be wrapped in rather than just a standard-issue blanket. The blankets are actually more for the grieving parents, to let them know that others care about them, their little one and their incredible loss.

The students enjoyed a couple of excellent weeks of spiritual emphasis in November and December led by

Gem Castor and Byard Parks who are both missionaries. They inspired the students with stories of incredible answers to prayer and examples of how God is still working in amazing ways for those who have faith in Him.

Pastor Nick planned and executed a team-building activity for the upper graders one day. He set up an obstacle course that consisted simply of a series of low, small platforms and two long 4x4 planks with a rope on one end which provided the only means by which the students could get from one end of the course to the other. The activity brought home to the students many valuable attributes of teamwork: focus, goal-setting, patience, cooperation, forgiveness and mercy, and the power of encouragement and a positive attitude.



We have become acquainted with a retired teacher who currently subs for public schools in Dickinson. She was curious about our school and wanted to come for a visit. She joined us one day for hot lunch and sat in on a few classes. She commented over and over on how nice the school is and what wonderful students we have. Last week she asked if she could come visit again because she had found it so refreshing to be around respectful and hard-working students. What a blessing it is to have a church school!



Article by Head Teacher Janna Wright of the Invitation Hill Adventist School in Dickinson, ND.

Mitchell Church Reopens



In May of last year, the Mitchell Church reopened its doors after being closed for two years. However, during its closure a small group of faithful in Mitchell continued to meet for Prayer Meeting keeping the flame in Mitchell alive.

In November of 2017, Pastor Donavon Kack, along with his family, held a series of evangelist meetings and baptized one precious soul. Since reopening for services, Pastor Dave Moench has reported up to 39 in attendance.

The group has recently remodeled the entry, foyer and sanctuary of the church. "Our mission is to revitalize the unique work God has for us as the Seventh-day Adventist church in our Mitchell community," says Pastor Moench. "There is a wonderful spirit among those attending services each week. Please pray for us as we move forward."



Article and photos by Pastor Dave Moench

Pathfinders Work Towards Oshkosh

Pathfinders of the Grand Forks Bison club had a unique way to earn funds towards this summer's International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They built a utility shed and then sold it. Along the way, they gained enough skills to also earn their carpentry honor.

Pathfinders took turns coming to the site, and each had a chance to work on various parts of the shed, from measuring to nailing, bolting. They learned proper names for parts of a building such as floor joist, sub floor, fascia, siding, and a weight-bearing header over a door or window. Youth under the age of 16 are not allowed to use power tools, so they did the hand work while parents and Pathfinder leaders used power tools, when applicable.

The 8'x8' shed was constructed inside of a large work building, allowing construction to begin during inclement weather. It also allowed the work site to be accessible after school when it was dark outside. There was a large four foot double door, and one window. It had wood construction, vinyl siding and a shingled roof.

After the shed was complete, it was placed for sale on the local Facebook sale site and was purchased by a nearby high school for use as a sports equipment shed. What began as a fund-raiser and opportunity for this fun experience for young people, ended up as something that will continue to benefit young people.



Article by Jen Erickson; Photos by Megan Tretter

Facing the Giants



The theme of the Pathfinder/Adventurer weekend at Dakota Adventist Academy was "Facing the Giants". Five Pathfinder clubs participated in the Pathfinder Bible Experience Saturday afternoon, which covered the book of Luke. Clubs braved the bad weather, some driving in Friday night, but most Saturday for the Bible Experience.



Pastor Christian Ronalds' devotional focused on giants in nature. The five clubs, Watertown Ravens, Cleveland Prairie Trails, Manfred Prairie Winds, Grand Forks Bison, and Fargo Falcons spent the next two hours answering 90 questions from the book of Luke. The Fargo Falcons received a first place and will be going to Lincoln, Nebraska to take part in the Mid-America Pathfinder Bible Experience on February 16. "We are proud of all our clubs. Studying for next year's Pathfinder Bible Experience, which covers the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, has already started," says Director Sue Nelson.

After sunset Sabbath, 55 staff, Adventurers and Pathfinders registered their cars for the Pinewood Derby race. There were so many creative entries the judges had a hard time picking the winners for the following categories: Most Patriotic and Best Use of Color. At the end of the evening Jaxon Dallmann, an Adventurer from the Bismarck Adventurer Club, won the grand prize for the fastest car.



Sunday morning, Adventurers, Pathfinders and staff gathered in the DAA gym for Honors Fair. Cynthia Mochoge, a Teen Leader in Training from the Red River Church, led out in a devotional.

For the next three hours the young people rotated, earning various honors and awards. Club directors and volunteers from around the conference taught the various honors, which were set up all over the Dakota Adventist Academy campus. The honors taught for Pathfinders were: Bridges, Geology, Cats, Crocheting, Heart & Circulatory, Felt and Silk Screen Printing. The Jamestown Buffalo Pathfinder leader, Brenda Jarski-Weber, brought a new honor she has been creating and had the Pathfinders help her design a patch and work on the requirements. Adventurer awards offered were: Photo Fun, Stamping Fun, Building Blocks, Puzzles, Listening and Magnets.



A big thank you to all the dedicated Pathfinder and Adventurer staff who work diligently in their churches to have clubs for the young people. Also, for taking the time to bring the young people to events so they can make friends for life.

Photo left: Jaxon Dallmann

Pastors Meet to Study Ephesians



Pastors drove from the four corners of North and South Dakota for the 2019 Pastors' Meetings, which were held at the conference office January 21 - 24, 2019. Dr. John McVay, president of Walla Walla University, led in a study of the book of Ephesians. Dr. McVay is writing an upcoming lesson quarterly on the subject. He previously emailed a reading assignment in preparation for the meetings saying it would be helpful if the pastors could read the following:

1. Ephesians (2-3 times in a couple of different translations . . . or once in Greek!). While reading, he recommended them to:
 - a. Develop a personal view of the theme or themes of the letter
 - b. Keep a running list of questions about the interpretation of the letter to reflect on together.
 - c. What questions emerge as they read the letter?
2. McVay, "Introduction to Ephesians," attached.

Ella Simpson, wife of Pastor Peter Simpson, from the Williston/Watford City district cooked for the meetings providing healthy meals with a South African flare.

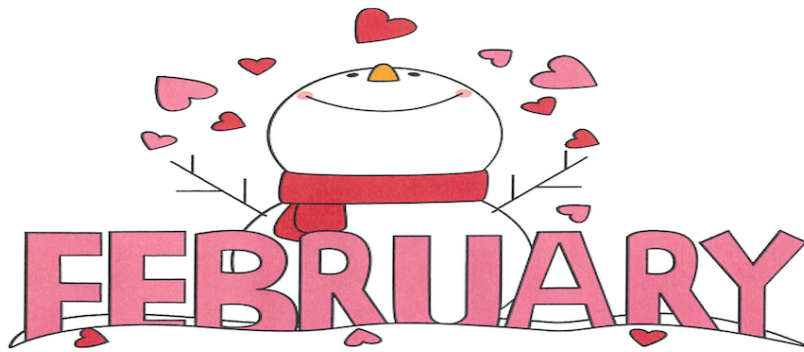
These meetings provided fellowship, spiritual renewal and insight into the book of Ephesians.

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photo by Marie Pflugrad

Campmeeting is coming! Plan now to attend.

https://www.nadadventist.org/events/camp-meeting?page=4xt_block

ABC February Sales



Bismarck

CANNED:

		<u>Retail</u>	<u>Retail</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Special</u>
		<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>
Chili	12/20 oz	\$51.23	\$4.70	\$47.33	\$4.45
Choplets	12/20 oz	71.73	6.50	\$67.33	\$6.25
Diced Chik	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	\$57.59	\$5.39
Fried Chik'n w/gravy	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	\$57.59	\$5.39
Tender Bits	12/19 oz	71.73	6.50	\$67.83	\$6.25
Tender Rounds	12/19 oz	71.73	6.50	\$67.83	\$6.25
Vege Burger	12/19 oz	71.73	6.50	\$67.83	\$6.25
Vegetable Skallops	12/20 oz	71.73	6.50	\$67.83	\$6.25
Vegetable Steaks	12/20 oz	71.73	6.50	\$67.83	\$6.25

Food Service

Fri Chik	12/40 oz	153.69	14.10	\$147.39	\$13.85
Swiss Stake	12/47 oz	153.69	14.10	\$147.39	\$13.85
Vegetarian Burger	12/50 oz	153.69	14.10	\$147.39	\$13.85

sale dates: February 1-28, 2019
quantities may be limited

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND:

- Tuesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Closed Sunday

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Photo taken by Pastor Robert Carlson near Summit, SD

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