



## Watertown Church/Conference History is Interesting

The little town of Florence, SD, which is approximately 15 miles NW of Watertown, is the first location of an Adventist Church in the Watertown area. Irene Stockman (now deceased) tells how she came to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She and two girlfriends were walking around one Friday or Saturday night in Watertown and they came by a large tent. It was dark inside with reel-to-reel pictures of terrible looking beasts on display. The girls thought perhaps there was a seance going on so they went in to investigate. The pastor from the Florence Church and an evangelist were holding meetings in the tent and by the end of the meetings Irene was baptized.

The Dakota Conference rented a place in Watertown, SD, August 5, 1915 for the church's headquarters. It was located on the corner of Kemp Avenue and Maple Street. In October of that year the Watertown Church was organized.

In September of 1922, a lot on the corner of Broadway Street and 3rd Avenue North was purchased from Lydia Chambers for the sum of \$10,000. A church/conference office was built on this property. The building had two identical entries, one for the conference and the other for the church. It was very handy when someone needed something, supplies, etc., that the conference office was located just next door and had storage space in the basement on the same property, says Deverne Rickard.

In February of 1942, the Florence Adventist Church merged with the Watertown Adventist Church and in 1955 the congregation purchased the Evangelical United Brethren Church located at 409 North Maple Street. In June of 2002, the Adventists purchased the EUB Church at the corner of 3rd Street and 9th Avenue. The EUB congregation merged with the Methodist congregation in 1955. The Adventists shared the church until a new church was built for the EUB-Methodist Church and on their 1st Sunday, they "migrated" to their new church - walking, in wheel chairs, pickups, and on a flatbed - to their new location. In the pastor's sermon he said, "We sold the old (EUB) church to the Adventists, now we have sold the one we're leaving to the Adventists, and in another 40 years, we'll sell this (new) one to the Adventists."





Photos L to R: Watertown Church/Conference Office, 1st Watertown Church purchased from EUB Church, 2nd Watertown Church purchased from EUB-Methodist Church.

Article by Deverne Rickard and Jacquie Biloff; Photos from archives



## Music Fest 2019's Theme Was *Trust in God*



Winter in North Dakota is precarious at best. When planning an event far in advance, you just have to hope the weather is in your favor. Well, this year the weather played a major roll in Dakota Adventist Academy's Music Festival.

February 20<sup>th</sup> was a very typical winter day - cold and windy. The farther southeast a person traveled the worse the weather was. Yet, there

were many brave souls who made the trek and were ready the adventure. Fifty-three students from the Dakotas, Minnesota and Nebraska arrived excited to be involved in Band, Select Choir, Bells, Guitar and Art.

A few were not able to make the trek to Bismarck because of icy roads and white out conditions. Included in that number were the music instructors who were scheduled to come from Union College. So, in true Dakota fashion, teachers, staff, talented alumni and friends pulled together to cover the classes. Thanks go to all who became stand-in clinicians.



God blessed the substitute clinicians and students for the work they put in making Sabbath's performance beautiful. Each young person learned more about the instruments they used, whether it was a paintbrush and colors, their voices, a brass or stringed instrument or the guitar.



Friendships were formed, fun was had, learning was done, music was developed and art was made. *Trust in God* was illustrated throughout the week; Music Fest 2019 was an exciting and fun-filled success.



Article by Tracy Peterson; Photos supplied by Tracy Peterson and Jacquie Biloff

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## You Might Be a Dakota Pastor...

- If you've ever had to cross a cattle guard to get to your church...
- If your doctor has ever advised you to avoid the German food dishes at church potlucks...
- If you've ever conducted a graveside service three months after the funeral when the snow has melted and the ground has thawed...
- If the majority of vehicles in your church parking lot are 4-wheel drive pickups, and more than a few of them have occupied gun racks in the back window...
- If you've ever driven through a stubble field to visit a member...
- If you've ever purchased a larger vehicle just to carry enough winter emergency gear while traveling in your district...
- If you've ever driven more than 200 miles to visit a member...
- If the reason you've ever given for being late for services was that you had to wait for a cattle drive across the highway, and your congregation totally believed you...
- If the Pathfinder Club in your church offers an honor in the art of kuchen-making...
- If all the foot-washing rooms at your church on Communion Sabbath are outfitted with boot jacks...
- If your sermons have ever been interrupted by the electronic chirping sounds of your members remote-starting their vehicles to warm them up...

Article by Arlo Heinrich, 01/15/2018

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## Work Continues at Northern Lights Camp

Thursday, March 7, 2019, was a seventeen-below winter day at Northern Lights Camp near the Canadian border but Pastors Neil Biloff of Bismarck and Barry St. Clair of Minot braved the cold to put tape on and add another coat of drywall mud where applicable to the kitchen and bathrooms of the new building.

The camping season begins the last week of June at Flag Mountain Camp in the Black Hills of South Dakota and at Northern Lights Camp, near the Canadian border in North Dakota, the second week of July with Family Camp.

With an average of 30 requests for baptism every year from the children who attend camp, it is a great ministry. Children learn about their Creator and Savior, plus make life-long friends. For many, the camp experience changes the direction of their young lives.



Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photo by Barry St. Clair

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The Northwest Regional will be held at Invitation Hill Adventist Church in Dickinson, ND, March 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

The Northeast Regional will be held at the Jamestown Adventist Church in Jamestown, ND, April 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a day of praise, music and fellowship.

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## Teaching Experience

"Johnny, where's your homework?" Miss Martin said sternly to the little boy while holding out her hand.

"My dog ate it," was his solemn response.

"Johnny, I've been a teacher for eighteen years. Do you really expect me to believe that?"

"It's true, Miss Martin, I swear," insisted Johnny. "I had to force him, but he ate it."

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A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!" After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

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## CPR Classes for the Grand Forks Pathfinders

\*On January 25, 2019, the Grand Forks Bison Pathfinder club hosted CPR classes for an honor and to be certified to do CPR. Kelly Pratt and Megan Tretter helped to organize the event at church. There were twelve people who completed certification.

The lessons started with training videos that showed how to do CPR under different circumstances. One situation took a while for the victim to receive CPR then it explained it was best to give CPR right away. The second showed the victim receiving CPR immediately with a good outcome. If a partner is available, it is best to switch back and forth in performing CPR so no one gets too tired.

The last video presented performing CPR on an infant. Instead of using two hands only two fingers are required on the infant. After the videos we used mannequins to practice what we had learned. There were sensors to tell whether you pushed deep enough or were it too fast or low. The mannequins also had lungs so that you could try to blow air into them with the air valve. Along with CPR, we were instructed on how to use the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) to increase the chances of a normal heart rate returning in a patient receiving CPR.

After practicing, there was a quiz to see if we could remember the steps to keep a person alive with CPR. Even if you didn't get most of the questions right, the trainer would go over the answers so you could pass. All participants passed the test and our church now has many members able to preform CPR in an emergency.

Article by Zorryn Erickson

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## Safety Sabbath is March 23rd



A Call to Action: One Sabbath. One Drill. A Safer Church.

Go to [SafetySabbath.com](http://SafetySabbath.com) for resources.

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## Describe Your Most Satisfying Volunteer Activity...

- **Writing Articles** - I voluntarily write news articles for our local newspaper. Writing articles requires me to search for the facts, so I learn something new through each article...Since I am a volunteer, I write according to my schedule, eliminating the pressure to meet a deadline. My articles are written anonymously, so it is fun for me to hear people discussing a *Mouse River Journal* article I have written, with them unsuspecting that I am the author. By Sharon St. Aubin
- **Quilting With Love** - As an 80-plus-year-old woman who has raised seven children and milked countless numbers of cows, quilting at church on Tuesday afternoons with older fun-filled ladies is a joyful time....We turn donated throwaway clothing into warm quilts, which are given to people in need. Some gals cut blocks which are taken home and sewn into 60x80 quilt tops...Two pin together tops...The finished quilts, some years more than 100, are donated to area hospital swing beds, Anne Carlsen Center, local food pantries, home fire victims, Orphan Grain Train, benefit silent auctions, high school graduates, Lutheran World Relief and Bible Camp quilt auctions...God has blessed us with bodies/minds that still function and time to turn unwanted into warmth. This warms my heart and soul. By Donna Murray
- **Teaching Children** - My most satisfying volunteer activity always involves teaching children. Any time I can teach a child, whether how to know Jesus as their Savior or how to cook or bake, I feel a deep well of satisfaction in me. There is nothing more exciting than seeing the "light come on" in little ones' faces as they understand what God says about a spiritual matter or as they take the finished, baked product out of the oven. By Cathy Barnes

- **Sharing Music** - Born into a musical family, I am compelled to carry on my musical lifestyle. My father and mother instilled this activity into 11 of us kids, appreciating music in many forms. Whether it is singing, playing an instrument or appreciating the joys of listening, we knew that a day would never end without a song...This volunteer service gives me a complete happy heart, as I extend a talent God bestowed on me. By Mary Lee Schmitz
- **Rescuing Animals** - The most reward was volunteering for Oreos Animal Rescue, since the rescue began. I've raised kittens that had been left by their mother or owners, nurturing them until they were ready for new homes. I helped rehabilitate puppies or dogs who were left in bad situations, earning their trust and bringing them back to health and hopefully finding them loving homes who will understand them....It is rewarding when someone tells you how much they love the animal they adopted and that you fostered. By Jean Hofer

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# March

March 1-31, 2019

|                   |            | Bismarck<br>Retail<br><u>Case</u> | Bismarck<br>Retail<br><u>Single</u> | Bismarck<br><b>Special</b><br><b>Case</b> | Bismarck<br><b>Special</b><br><b>Single</b> |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CANNED:</b>    |            |                                   |                                     |   |   |
| Fri Chik          | 12/12.5 oz | 61.49                             | 5.64                                | 56.49                                     | 5.44  |
| Linketts          | 12/20 oz   | 71.73                             | 6.58                                | 68.33                                     | 6.38  |
| Little Links      | 12/19 oz   | 71.73                             | 6.58                                | 66.73                                     | 6.38  |
| Vegetarian Burger | 12/20 oz   | 71.73                             | 6.58                                | 66.73                                     | 6.38  |
| Veja Links        | 12/19 oz   | 71.73                             | 6.58                                | 67.83                                     | 6.33  |
| CL Chops          | 6/19 oz    | 36.02                             | 6.64                                | 32.02                                     | 6.14  |
| <b>Frozen:</b>    |            |                                   |                                     |   |   |
| Steaklets         | 8/10 oz    | 35.23                             | 4.87                                | 31.23                                     | 4.55  |

quantities may be limited

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:

- Tuesday - Thursday 3:00pm - 5:30pm



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# Notice: Jamie Jorge in Concert at the Following Locations

March 16 - Fargo Adventist Church, Fargo, ND at 11:00 a.m.

March 16 - Sioux Falls Adventist Church, Sioux Falls, SD at 6:00 p.m.

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## March 7 Dispatch Photo





Photo by Makya Kostenko.


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