

Dakota Dispatch
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Dakota Conference Celebrating 140 Years, 1879 - 2019

Bowdle Church History

The following is from the Bowdle Church file at the Dakota Conference Office. A booklet entitled *Bowdle Seventh-day Adventist Church Centennial 1890-1990* reads in part as follows:

The Bowdle Seventh-day Adventist Church had its beginning in 1889 in a rural area located south of Bowdle, SD. At that time, a small group of believers met in the home of Philip Dollinger for Sabbath services.

The following year on May 4, 1890, the company of believers was organized into a church by pastors Valentine Lehr and Conrad Reiswig. A Baptismal service had been conducted in a creek three miles from Brother Dollinger's home, at which time Elder Lehr baptized fifteen candidates. These fifteen along with fifteen newly baptized members from the Sutley church near Java became the charter members of the Bowdle congregation. Among the first elected church officials were Adam Hagele, Sr. as the local elder (it is interesting to note that at this time, 100 years later, his grandson, Milton Hagele, is the first elder), Adam Eiseman the church clerk; and Ferdinand Knecht as deacon.

In 1894 these church members decided to construct a sanctuary about 7 1/2 miles south of Bowdle. This site was more centrally located for all members who had to travel many miles with horse and buggy or wagon.

By 1906 the church had outgrown its facilities. It was then decided to move the church building to a site four miles north of Tolstoy for members living in that area and to erect a larger sanctuary on the site just vacated by the original church. The original building then became the Tolstoy Seventh-day Adventist Church.



The new structure served the Bowdle congregation from 1906 - 1945. The congregation then voted to remodel the building and wire it for the electrical facilities which would soon be available in the rural areas. It was also decided to run the existing building to an east-west position and onto a new basement with the entrance on the east. From May to December the laymen worked many long hours in construction of basement, foundation and foyer. When the building received its finishing touches in December, a wisp of smoke was noticed coming through the roof of the building signaling a fire. With no water immediately available to put out the blaze the workers could only save their belongings and also the church's furnishings. No immediate cause of the fire was given except that a combustion in the attic had occurred. The Bowdle SDA Cemetery is still located 7 1/2 miles south of Bowdle at the original site.

From December 1945 through 1946, the congregation rented and used the Bowdle Methodist Church for their Sabbath services. In January 1946, the decision was made to build a church in Bowdle. Several lots were purchase in the western part of the city along old Highway 12. (to be continued)



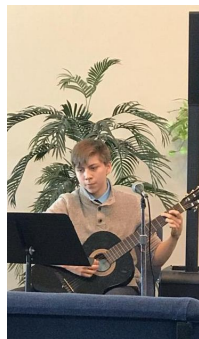
Students Participate in Church Services



“True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come.” Education, page 13. What great counsel!

Sabbath, April 13, students from Dakota Adventist Academy dispersed around the Dakota Conference to share a part in church services for Education Sabbath. Students traveled from DAA to Williston, Fargo, Manfred, Bismarck and Mandan churches sharing God’s love through song, story, verse and prayer.

It is our purpose as Adventist Educators, church members, and family to prepare the youth for more than academic greatness. By encouraging them to share the love of God, we help them “grow in knowledge and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52



Article and photos by Tracy Peterson

A variety of Vacation Bible School kits are available for your use at the Dakota Conference Office. These kits include the Director's Manual, Planning Manual, Music and Promotional items. Please contact Sue Nelson to reserve your choice. They may be picked up at Campmeeting in June. 701-751-6177

Last Regional of the Season Held in Jamestown

Three Regionals are held in South Dakota in the fall - Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, and Rapid City - and two are held in North Dakota in the spring - usually Dickinson and Jamestown. These five Regionals have the same theme allowing mini campmeetings throughout the conference during the year. Dakota Adventist Academy students ride the bus to each of these locations sharing their talents.

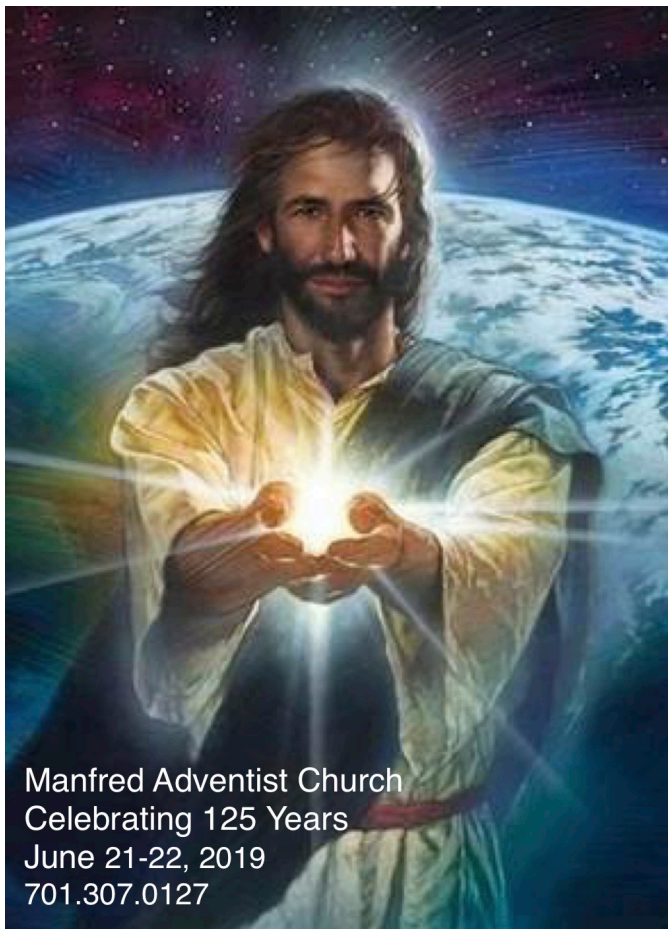


In the North Dakota Regionals, Principal Anthony Oucharek, for his Sabbath School Feature, introduced the audience to the diversity of students at the academy. In Dickinson he interviewed seven students who speak a language in addition to English. Some of these students speak more than one language. They are from Thailand, Yap, Korea, South Africa, China and other locations. Not all of them are Adventists but they are learning about Jesus and love the small school atmosphere and low student-teacher ratio.

Todd and Gioni Gessele, of Totally Inspired Media, were guests at the Jamestown Regional videoing for the constituency meeting. Gioni has a wonderful testimony about her escape as a child from Vietnam, which I will share in another article.

A special thank you to all those who participate in the Regionals.

Article & Photos by Jacquie Biloff



Volunteers Share Experiences

BEN HOBBS - Having lived most of my life on the fringes of society, much of my most memorable rescue and volunteer work has been with animals. Over the years I've taken in many dogs, cats and even horses, that needed a home. The last dog I had was a Great Pyrenees that lived out its final years in comfortable bliss. It belonged to a lady that was moving into an apartment and couldn't take the dog. She dreaded the idea of turning it over to an animal shelter, knowing that many old dogs don't get placed. So I told her those dogs are meant to be ranch dogs; I can give it a home. That made two happy campers - the dog and the lady.

Once there was a dog that got run over by a train on the Cheyenne River bridge at Edgemont, SD, but it was still alive. The train was changing crews. So we asked the crew that was getting on to sit tight until they heard from us. Then the boss and I worked at getting that dog out from under the train. It was terribly frightened, blood was everywhere. But we managed to get it out of there and loaded in the company vehicle. Then I took it to the vet clinic. It turned out to only have gotten the toes of one paw run over. They not only got it doctored up, but located the owner too. What a happy ending that was.

Several years ago I was walking the banks of the Clear Creek in Sheridan County, Wyoming and came across a sheep upside down in the trail. Having raised sheep for many years, I knew that if one is like that for every long, it trashes their equilibrium. Then, even if you get the sheep upright, it will die anyway. When I got him rolled over and on his feet, he was on his way. What perfect timing, for a sheep cannot right himself anymore than a turtle can, on its back; and the chances of someone else coming along and finding him, would be very slim. I guess God had a purpose for me that day.

As I look back, I think some of my best volunteer functions were the years, three or four, that I furnished horses for blind camp at Flag Mountain Camp, my favorite of all being the year that Megan Frasier helped. We threw in together and hauled our horses up there in the same trailer. Then Rachel O'Hare helped us too. The blind children were such a pleasure to work with. They are so tuned in to following instructions, being dependent on others, if you tell them to duck, they duck (like for overhanging branches)! It was a joy and a great experience for all of us. Now-a-days I think the blind campers go to someplace in Colorado. I hope they have horses there. Some of the campers told us that their favorite part of blind camp were the horse rides.

Articles by Ben Hobbs

The Dakota Conference is looking for people who would be willing to help in the kitchen at Campmeeting in June.
Please contact Lynette Miller if you are interested. 701.751.6177

Keeper of My Heart Presents

John Mathews

At Dakota
Campmeeting 2019

Location: DAA Auditorium

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: June 15, 2019



What kind of guitar is this?
Come hear it played.



Music Concert

John Mathews dreamed of becoming a country music singer but answered God's call to the gospel ministry. He has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for forty-two years, most recently as Director of Stewardship for NAD.

Adventist Funeral Held in Catholic Church

Funerals are never an enjoyable event, and when it is a young mother of 41 years of age, it is even more painful. The obituary read, "Amy Elizabeth

(Schlecht) Carlson, 41, Edgeley, ND died Monday, April 1, 2019 at the Jamestown Regional Medical Center.”



Amy’s husband is a member of the Edgeley Seventh-day Adventist Church. Their sons attend Vacation Bible School and Amy, although not an Adventist, is not a Catholic. How then, was an Adventist funeral held in a Catholic church? It is the largest church in Edgeley and because of the size of the family, was the most appropriate venue. Reverend Jake Miller, of the Transfiguration Catholic Church, was gracious enough to open the doors of the church on April 4, 2019.

Amy died too young of cancer. She had only nine months of preparation before passing away. She was able to go to work to see everyone at least every once in a while. She had two wishes for her family, that she not die at Mayo or another major hospital center far away and that she not die at home.

Elder Bob Forbes II officiated for the funeral and graveside service. His message was a message of hope, as are all Adventist funeral services. “I did not mind that I got to present two Adventist funeral services,” says Pastor Bob. Jesus has come for Amy. He promises to come soon for all of us.



May 1-25, 2019

Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck	Bismarck
Retail	Retail	Special	Special
<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>

CANNED:

Choplets	12/20 oz	\$71.73	\$6.58	\$66.73	\$6.43
Diced Chik	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	12.00	1.00
Fried Chik'n	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	68.33	6.43
Prime Stakes	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	56.49	5.49
Redi Burger	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	68.33	6.43
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FOOD SERVICE:

Swiss Stake	12/47 oz	153.69	14.10	146.89	13.75
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ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:


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


May 2 Dispatch Photo




Photo by Colter Roffler in the Grassy Butte, ND area.

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