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## Dakota Conference Celebrating 145 Years, 1874 - 2019

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### Golden Valley Church History, Part 1 of 2

Mr. Krueger, the first Seventh-day Adventist in the Golden Valley area, walked from Hurdsville over the Missouri River, 110 miles to preach. He was not a preacher. He came to Golden Valley for a three-month stay, two winters, until he won eight members - Mr. and Mrs. Adam Seidel, Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Renk and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wenz.

On June 8, 1919 at 2 p.m., a meeting was called to order by Reinhold Widmer with the understanding to organize a church in Golden Valley. Song 708 in the German Song book was sung and prayer was given by Brother Widmer. Then Brother Valentine Leer made some very practical remarks and had a Bible study about the signs of the times.

Under the supervision of Brother Leer, it was decided to organize the church as the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Golden Valley. Immediately a nominating committee was set up to nominate the officers of this church. The following names were nominated the very same day. The following names were brought before the assembly: Elder - Brother Reinhold Widmer; Clerk and Treasurer - Brother Adam Seidel; Mission Secretary - Johannes Fischer. These brethren were unanimously elected and Brother Widmer was immediately ordained so he could serve the new church at the ordinances of Foot Washing and Breaking of Bread. This rite was performed by Brother Valentine Leer. The church was agreed that this was a step in the right direction and that the Lord had added His blessing and that the work of the Lord would grow and increase.

By 1925 there were already 45 members and they bought a church for \$1,500 and moved it to a spot 10 miles northwest of Golden Valley. The Golden Valley had a summer German school for the church's young people. Solomon Ammon, Jr. taught in 1924 and Henry Hayman taught in 1928. The school was held in a school building one and one-half miles south of the church with 36 or more students.

The highest membership was up to 80 members in 1934 and 1935. Then there was a dry spell and most of the members moved to other states. We had only three families left and their children grew up and got married and moved away. Concerning the dust bowl years, Margaret Schield said, "There is not much to tell about amusing things but sad things. I remember when the grasshoppers came by the millions. They darkened the sky. Then I remember how the sky clouded over one day. We needed rain so badly and thought the rain was coming. It turned out to be nothing but dust - a terrible dust storm."

Stories will be included in the next Dispatch.

Information and photos from archives.

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## Class of 2019 Graduates

Dakota Adventist Academy's *Class of 2019* is comprised of 14 students from all over the world; 1 from Yap, 1 from China, 1 from Thailand, 1 from Idaho, 1 from Washington, 3 from South Dakota and 6 from North Dakota.



With such a diversity of students and talents, the *Class of 2019* will leave a huge hole in the student body. The staff and students who were a part of this school year see where leaders and workers will be missing. Construction, Art, Math, and Music are only a few of the empty spots.

Graduation seems like an end of an era, yet it is this end that opens doors for these students to have a new beginning. For some their next landing point will be college. Others plan to go right to work. But they will all have DAA life in common where they bonded and became the *Class of 2019* at DAA.



A positive aspect about the senior class moving on to other things is the growth that happens to those left behind. It enables there to be room in leadership roles for change, for the next group of senior students and more than enough room for an incoming freshman class.

Thank you seniors, *Class of 2019*, for the examples you set for others to follow. Remember that DAA is always part of your family. As your motto says, "Choose kindness and laugh often!"

In photo above, seniors are L to R, first row:

Karissa Rickard, Trina Giltamag, Kelsey Harrington, Notthida Pathomsiri, Qianyi Li, Jady Anderson, Kaitlyn Van Inwagen, Joshua Bovey

L to R, second row:

Hans Kenaston, Hayden Gronau, Jonathan Justino, Ryan Weisz, Kyle Tachenko, Faith Peterson





## Prairie Voyager Travels to Canada

Part of the Grade 1-4 curriculum in Social Studies for the 2018-19 school year was about currency. To further the book learning on this subject, Prairie Voyager Adventist Elementary students from Grand Forks, North Dakota, along with a parent from each family, traveled to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada on May 9, 2019 to tour the Royal Canadian Mint. The Royal Canadian Mint makes coins for over half of the world's countries and has even assisted the United States in the process of making coins. The United States requires that coins be stamped on U.S. soil. However, one year the U.S. was behind schedule and asked for assistance from Canada. The Mint in Canada punched the blank discs for coins and shipped them back to the U.S.

As a year-end trip, Prairie Voyager also went to the Assiniboine Park Zoo in Winnipeg. The following quotes are from each student's perspective of the trip:

"The painted coins are very interesting." Kenzie, Gr. 2 (Canada was the 1<sup>st</sup> country to add color to coins.)

"I like the seal at the zoo, he was fat because of his blubber." Cadence, Gr. 1

"I learned that Canada made a glow in the dark coin and Canadian coins are magnetic." Kenny, Gr. 5

"My favorite thing at the zoo was the Discovery Center. It was a cave with bats." Chris, Gr. 7

"My favorite part of the zoo was the tiger because I like tigers." Ryker, Gr. 3

"My favorite part of the zoo was seeing the polar bears and the other animals." Brianna, Gr. 1

"Every Canadian coin has a thin layer of copper. Vending machines in Canada used to measure coins by weight. People cut washer rings up to the weight of quarters and got free food. Vending companies asked the mint to help make it so they couldn't be cheated. Vending machines in

Canada now measure the amount of copper on each coin to determine the value of the coin.” Zorryn, Gr. 7



Article and photos by Leanne Erickson

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

## Baptism Blessings Continue



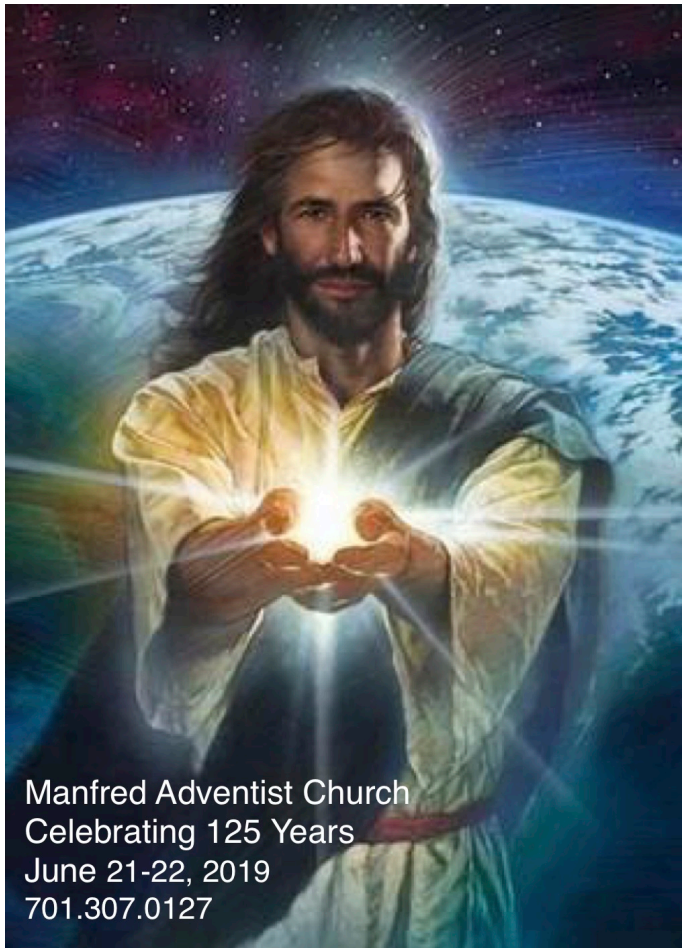
Easter Weekend was special because not only did Passover coincide with Easter Sunday, but it was a high Sabbath in Custer, South Dakota with the baptism of Kevin Brunk. We reminisced about how our Savior had rested in the grave over the Sabbath, celebrated the finished salvation work of mankind. Now Kevin would also go down in the watery grave of baptism, trusting in His Savior's work of salvation and come up in newness of life in Christ.

A little over a month later two young ladies made the same commitment to Christ. On May 25, 2019, at a baptistry in the Rapid City Adventist Church, Mildred Kraemer, 96 years young, was baptized as she had longed to do, committing her life to Christ. That same day Beverly Price, 85 years young, was re-baptized, recommitting her life to Jesus according to her desire.

God has blessed the Custer Adventist Church with committed members that love Jesus and want to share Him with their friends, family and community.



Above left: elder Steve Wilkins opposite of Pastor Thomas assisted in the baptism of Kevin Brunk and completed the Bible studies with him. Above right, L to R: Mildred Kraemer and Beverly Price.

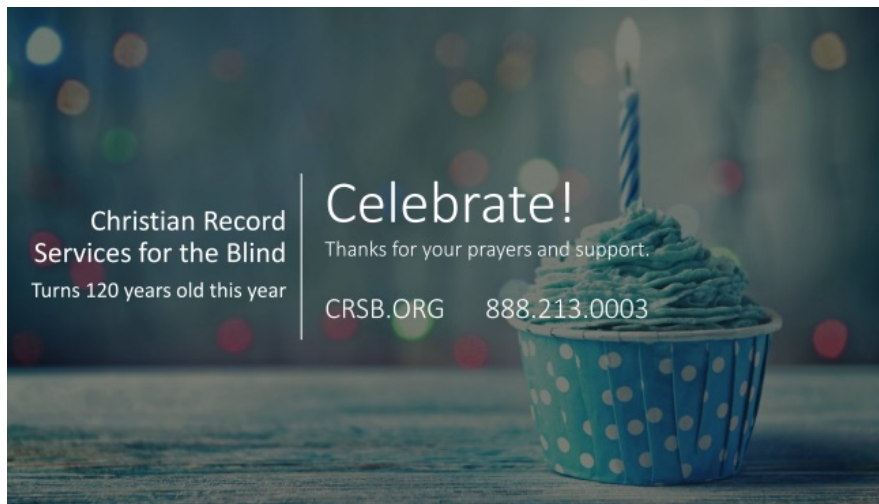


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The Dakota Conference is looking for people who would be willing to help in the kitchen at Campmeeting in June. Please contact Lynette Miller if you are interested. 701.751.6177

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## Memorial Day Originally Celebrated Today



Memorial Day, a day on which those who died in active military service are remembered, was traditionally observed on May 30 but now officially observed on the last Monday in May. It is distinct from Veterans Day in that it honors those who died while in military service. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

Memorial Day was first widely observed in May of 1868. In 1971, it was declared a national holiday.

President Ronald Reagan is credited with reviving the practice of honoring Memorial Day and its meaning. One of his famous speeches was given at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day in 1986. It follows in part:

“Today is the day we put aside to remember fallen heroes and to pray that no heroes will ever have to die for us again. It's a day of thanks for the valor of others, a day to remember the splendor of America and those of her children who rest in this cemetery and others. It's a day to be with the family and remember.

“Here in Arlington rests a sharecropper's son who became a hero to a lonely people. **Joe Louis** came from nowhere, but he knew how to fight. And he galvanized a nation in the days after Pearl Harbor when he put on the uniform of his country and said, 'I know we'll win because we're on God's side.' **Audie Murphy** is here, Audie Murphy of the wild, wild courage. For what else would you call it when a man bounds to the top of a disabled tank, stops an enemy

advance, saves lives, and rallies his men, and all of it single-handedly. When he radioed for artillery support and was asked how close the enemy was to his position, he said, 'Wait a minute and I'll let you speak to them.'

“**Michael Smith** is here, and **Dick Scobee**, both of the space shuttle Challenger. Their courage wasn't wild, but thoughtful, the mature and measured courage of career professionals who took prudent risks for great reward—in their case, to advance the sum total of knowledge in the world. They're only the latest to rest here; they join other great explorers with names like **Grissom** and **Chaffee**.

“**Oliver Wendell Holmes** is here, the great jurist and fighter for the right. A poet searching for an image of true majesty could not rest until he seized on 'Holmes dissenting in a sordid age.' Young Holmes served in the Civil War. He might have been thinking of the crosses and stars of Arlington when he wrote: 'At the grave of a hero we end, not with sorrow at the inevitable loss, but with the contagion of his courage; and with a kind of desperate joy we go back to the fight.'

“All of these men were different, but they shared this in common: They loved America very much. There was nothing they wouldn't do for her. And they loved with the sureness of the young. It's hard not to think of the young in a place like this, for it's the young who do the fighting and dying when a peace fails and a war begins. Not far from here is the statue of the three servicemen—the three fighting boys of Vietnam. It, too, has majesty and more. Perhaps you've seen it—three rough boys walking together, looking ahead with a steady gaze. There's something wounded

about them, a kind of resigned toughness. But there's an unexpected tenderness, too. At first you don't really notice, but then you see it. The three are touching each other, as if they're supporting each other, helping each other on.

“And we owe them something, those boys. We owe them first a promise: That just as they did not forget their missing comrades, neither, ever, will we. And there are other promises. We must always remember that peace is a fragile thing that needs constant vigilance. We owe them a promise to look at the world with a steady gaze and, perhaps, a resigned toughness, knowing that we have adversaries in the world and challenges and the only way to meet them and maintain the peace is by staying strong.

“That, of course, is the lesson of this century, a lesson learned in the Sudetenland, in Poland, in Hungary, in Czechoslovakia, in Cambodia. If we really care about peace, we must stay strong. If we really care about peace, we must, through our strength, demonstrate our unwillingness to accept an ending of the peace. We must be strong enough to create peace where it does not exist and strong enough to protect it where it does...

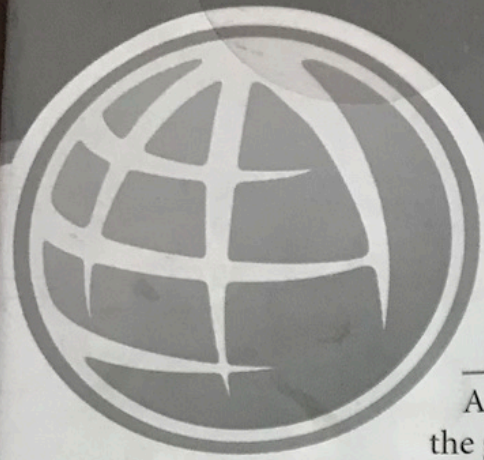
“Thank all of you, and God bless you, and have a day full of memories.”

Article by Jacquie Biloff, Ronald Reagan's speech from <https://www.allabouthistory.org/memorial-day-meaning.htm>; Photo by Paulette Bullinger

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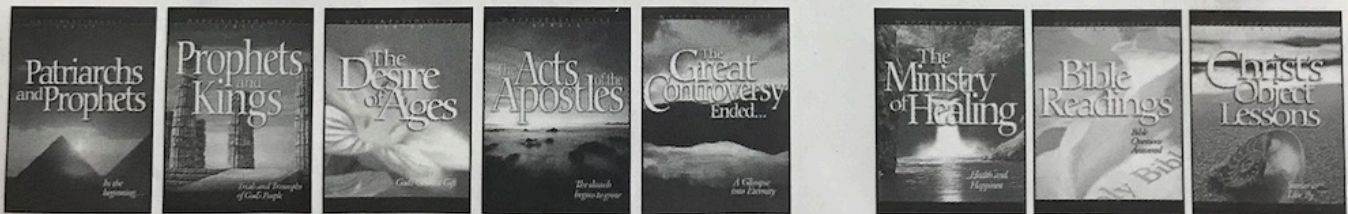
And He said to them, "go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." —Mark 16:15, NKJV

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