



Dakota Conference Celebrating 145 Years, 1874 - 2019

Iowa Church in Dakota Conference Files

The first Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hawarden, Iowa was organized in March 1909 with a charter membership of nineteen, many of whom were people living on the Dakota side of the Sioux River.

Mrs. Minnie Syp was the leading worker in raising up the company of believers at this time who were the nucleus of the church but Elder M. N. Campbell was leader according to the record book when the church was established. W H. Manful of Elk Point, South Dakota was the elected first elder and Elder J. W. Boynton was the elected deacon in 1910 when the church was being built.

This building was 18 x 30 building with a 10 1/2 foot ceiling, a raised platform across the end opposite the double doors. There were three windows on the south side and two on the north side with the chimney built in the middle of the north side for the heating stove. The pulpit, organ, a stand and straight bench seats that would seat about 75 people were donated by an older church when they were able to refurbish their church with better furniture. Two hanging chandeliers, each holding four kerosene lamps, were also included in the gift. The new Hawarden church had to pay a very large freight bill as this furniture was shipped as uncrated furniture. The organ and several of the seats were broken and Elder J. W. Boynton repaired them. A kitchen cupboard was furnished by a local member to provide storage place for books, papers and supplies. The church was built on a donated lot in the north part of town. It was dedicated May 25, 1911. During the next years, some of the young people went away to school and nurses training, some members moved their membership to churches in the South Dakota Conference, some left to establish homes elsewhere and some passed away. So the church's light grew dim.

In June 1931, Elder J. R. Nelson and his family and Elder M. N. Skadsheim and his family came to Hawarden with a canvass tabernacle. This was set up on the north side of the Central School grounds at 10th and Avenue H for seven weeks of Bible lectures. The attendance was very good. A number of visiting Adventist ministers appeared on the programs as guest speakers. Mrs. Skadsheim was the pianist and Mrs. Nelson and her sister, Hazel Kipp, pleased the audiences with their talents as concert violinists.

After the tabernacle was taken down, the city auditorium was rented for meetings while a new church was built. The old building was inadequate so was sold and moved away. The new 26 x 36 foot building was put on a full, high basement wall and one-half of the basement was arranged and fitted for a church school room. The first services in the new building were held December 19, 1931.

In February 1932, a church of thirty-five members was re-organized with Elder M. N. Skadsheim as the first elder, Mrs. W. E. Garrett as clerk and Mrs. L. C. Andrews as treasurer, an office she held for sixteen years until her fatal illness.

The present (written in 1951) elder is P. W. Peters, with J. O. Beucler as assistant; Mrs. J. O. Beucler as clerk; P. W. Peters, treasurer; Mrs. J. D. Beucler, Sabbath School superintendent and Earl Shepard as Missionary Volunteer leader.

During the nineteen years since the church's re-organization, the financial contributions consisting of tithe, mission offerings and offerings for local church work have been highly commendable.

A church school, in which Bible teachings and Christian ways of living are added to the usual course of studies for the eight grades, has been maintained for thirteen years, when there were children to be accommodated. Most of the children who have finished the eighth grades have gone to

Oak Park Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school at Nevada, Iowa.

A list of thirty-three members, as of October 16, 1968, is included. A September 21, 1992 meeting is noted in which those present (a total of seven) voted to divide the assets from the sale of the church and contents among the four families present. Another meeting on October 15, 1992, with the same members present, reversed that decision to divide the assets from the sale of the building equally between the Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Iowa-Missouri Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and The Quiet Hour.

This, however, was not the final decision. In the end the \$5,000 from the sale of the building went to:

The Dakota Conference - \$500 for Dakota Adventist Academy
The Iowa -Missouri Conference - \$500 for Sunnydale Adventist Academy
The Iowa-Missouri Conference - \$2,250 for the Sioux City Adventist Church
The Mid-America Union - \$1,250 for the Ukraine Union
The Quiet Hour - \$500.

The contents of the church and locally held funds were to be sent to the Iowa-Missouri Conference for conference evangelism and Camp Heritage.

Articles from the Hawarden Church in the Dakota Conference files

**Thank you pastors for all you do!
October is Pastor Appreciation Month.
Let your pastor know he is appreciated.**



Photo by Cliff Freese

PVA/SRA/DAA Alumni Weekend Highlighted

Every year, Alumni Weekend feels so far away; but then October arrives faster than we can blink and the weekend does not seem to last long enough! How can someone recapture and reminisce on all of the great memories from academy in only 24 hours? And yet, we again attempted to get in as much time together as we could. With a great attendance this year, we wanted to highlight some of our favorite memories from this special weekend:

1. Entertaining memories shared by classes during each of the programs (especially the class of 1970 at the Pioneer Banquet),
2. Singing the school song at honor class recognition at the tops of our lungs,

3. Knock out performances by DAA's music department, and
4. Proving we can still play a good game at the Alumni Games!

We were also able to commemorate several special items this year:

1. The Wallace Carlson Memorial area was established on campus with a new Linden tree and memorial stone. The Wallace Carlson Memorial Fund was also put in place to honor the memory of one of the pivotal men who helped make DAA what it is today. Contact the Development team for giving details.
2. The 2015 Class Gift Amphitheatre was completed and available for alumni to visit. The new area will be used by students to enjoy more outdoor time together in a beautiful setting. It is equipped with electricity and even a specially handmade and custom fire pit complete with a personalized inscription from the class of 2015.
3. Alumni and friends of Mr. & Mrs. Thompson on campus wrote cards and shared happy memories with the Thompsons as they were unable to join us for this weekend. If you would still like to send a card, please feel free to mail them to:
 Thomas & Ella Mae Thompson
 802 2nd Street NW #212
 Bowman, ND 58623



After all of this, we recognize that Alumni Weekend is about so much more than programming and visiting a physical building. It is about seeing old friends; sitting around and sharing memories about bus rides, rule breakers, and banquet dates; and staff who pushed us to be better. I hope each of us was able to enjoy the memories, remind ourselves why we believe in the mission of our school, and get motivated to share our positive stories with others!

To join the alumni association's electronic newsletter, go to <https://mailchi.mp/aec515d1a57a/dakotaalumni> and subscribe.



Article by Jeana Eszler; Photos by DAA students

Angel 37 Serves in the Community

Some time ago, a Dickinson, North Dakota woman named Tana Johnson lost her father in death. To honor his memory, she decided to offer a hot meal to the community. The meal would be open to anyone at no charge; most of those served, however, are those who are in challenging situations. Tana calls it "Angel 37."

Every Tuesday evening, Angel 37 takes place at the Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Dickinson and is hosted by a different group each time. Early this year, Willie Hale (pictured in the photo holding his daughter, EmmiLou) presented this as a ministry idea to the Invitation Hill Adventist

Church family. His suggestion was met with hearty approval so he signed us up to serve haystacks for our first go-around. As one might expect, most of the people had never heard of haystacks, but this cuisine was very well received! A few months later we served a pasta and salad smorgasbord, and this month we rallied again to serve chili and cornbread. It is an event that is enjoyed by all who participate. We are blessed by this wonderful opportunity to mingle with members of our community as well as the chance to work together as church family. We have also been using it as an opportunity to share free literature and to invite attendees to participate in other programs and ministries offered by our church.



Article by Janna Wright; Photos by Tana Johnson

Note: The Regional will be held at the First Baptist Church in Aberdeen, SD.

See address on brochure below.

Sabbath School begins at 9:30 am

Church begins at 10:45 am

Fellowship meal following church

Afternoon musical program by DAA begins around 1:45 pm

JOIN US AT THE SOUTH DAKOTA
CENTRAL REGIONAL IN ABERDEEN, SD

No More Night



**Dakota Conference
and
Dakota Adventist Academy**

October 19, 2019
First Baptist Church
1500 E Melgaard Rd
Aberdeen, SD

Providential Appointments

This summer I was scheduled to leave on Friday afternoon. The flight was delayed several times and then cancelled. I was rescheduled for the next day.

We had yet another delay and then more time spent on the tarmac waiting to take off. Finally, we were airborne, but soon there was yet another problem that seemed to be system wide.



We were not allowed to fly into Denver and eventually were rerouted to Colorado Springs or we would run out of fuel. We deplaned, and as I was deplaning, I heard, "Ms. Fenton!!!" I turned around and it was a former student of mine named Jasmine. We ended up waiting over six hours and then the flight was cancelled, and we were to stay in a hotel overnight. Well, we all got in line to get our vouchers for the hotel and food. Jasmine had never experienced anything like this before and was a bit distraught. I spoke to her mother on the phone and said I would watch after her.

While we were standing in line, another woman and I got to talking and I found out that she was going to the same place as I was. Well, we three just hung out together and took a taxi together to the hotel. While we were in line for the taxi, Jasmine and I were talking about her DAA days and taking a pic. The other lady started asking questions and I told her that I worked at a boarding academy. She said, I knew it! She was very familiar with DAA and was a former Adventist (we will call her Mary).

Jasmine was first to check into the hotel, then Mary and then me. Jasmine zipped off to her room and I did not know where she was. She was upset and went to Mary's room to see if she knew where I was. Mary told her that I was in the room next to her. Mary knew that because she had dropped her key card on the way to her

room. When she went back to look for it, she found me and helped me with my luggage. So Jasmine knocked on my door and we spent a long time talking and calling for information about our flights. She calmed down and eventually went back to her room. The next morning we all shuttled to the airport, helped each other navigate through the airport and the rescheduling and then had breakfast together before Jasmine caught her flight.

Mary and I had a good conversation and I feel that even though I was not happy about all the delays, the Lord had used me to watch over my former student and answer her mother's prayers and perhaps plant some seeds into Mary's heart. Even though I was not happy about all the delays, and that it took two extra days to get to my destination, I, in some way was being a sisters' keeper.

Isaiah 55:8 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

Article and photo by Pamela Fenton

Mitchell Church Member Volunteers Overseas

Luana Scheele, baptized in 2017 in Mitchell, South Dakota during a series of meetings held by Pastor Donovan Kack, is now working as a volunteer teacher for a 5th Grade class in Beirut, Lebanon at an Adventist school there.

After she was baptized, this retiree, was prayerfully seeking God's direction in her life. She became aware of a mission opportunity to help with John Bradshaw and the It Is Written team in Beirut and went with Lindsay Imuro - a young adult attendee at Mitchell Adventist Church.

While in Beirut she asked if there was any way she could help in the future. Not long after returning home she received a communication that they indeed did need help. Finally, after a long application process Luana was on her way.

We're very proud of our missionary in the Middle East. It goes to show that God has a spot for any willing heart in His service.



Article by Pastor David Moench; Photos from Luana Scheele

Thank you for your generosity!

An anonymous donor gave \$25,000 in matching funds for the Northern Lights Kitchen Project.

We reached our goal.

Within a month and a half, WE made that a reality.



Photo by A.S. Galston of Prairie Places Photography



***Dakota Conference Women's Retreat
October 25 - 27, 2019
Mandan, North Dakota***

***Register Online at dakotaadventist.org
Featured Speaker: Linda Shelton***

Dakota Conference Calendar

Oct 19	Central Regional in Aberdeen, SD
Oct 24 - 25	Teachers' In-service at Dakota Adventist Academy
Oct 25 - 27	Women's Retreat in Mandan, ND
Nov 9	Southwest Regional in Rapid City, SD

Nov 16 Southeast Regional in Sioux Falls, SD
 Nov 18-21 MAUC Year-end Meetings in Lincoln, NE
 Nov 21 MAUC Executive Committee Meeting in Lincoln, NE
 Nov 27 -28 Office closed for Thanksgiving



Bismarck		<u>Retail</u>	<u>Retail</u>	Special	Special
		<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>
CANNED					
LL Prime Stakes	12/113 oz	\$61.49	\$5.64	\$57.59	\$5.41
LL Redi Burger	12/19 oz	71.72	6.58	68.33	6.41
LL Saucettes	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	58.09	5.47
LL Super Links	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.35
LL Swiss Stake	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	57.59	5.41
H Vege Skallops	6/19 oz	36.02	6.61	32.02	6.11
H Vege Steaks	6/19 oz	36.02	6.61	31.52	6.05
FOOD SERVICE					
LL Linketts	12/96 oz	117.14	22.56	117.14	21.80
LLVegetable Skallops	12/50 oz	116.20	14.10	116.20	13.64
FROZEN					
W Deli Slices	8/8oz	34.72	4.78	107.50	4.45
W Rolls, turkey excluded	4/4lb	118.50	32.61	31.23	30.41

sale dates: October 1-31, 2019 quantities may be limited

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:
Tuesday - Thursday: 3:00 - 5:30 pm

Oct 17 Dispatch Photo



Photo by Pastor Wayne Easley when he lived in Dakota

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