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The Martin Adventist Church



The Martin Seventh-day Adventist Church had its beginning in the hamlet of Batesland, right on the boarder of the Pine Ridge Sioux Indian Reservation, when Elder R. F. Bresee and Arthur Andrus started a series of tent meetings on July 4, 1937. Soon some interest developed and when, night after night, the precious truths of God's word were

presented, honest hearts responded.

The first Sabbath School session on August 14, 1937, reported 36 present. With the sustained interest the need for a permanent church home was felt. Providentially the Presbyterian Mission Board had a church building for sale and so the edifice, which is still being used today (written in 1979), was bought for \$650.00.

The first baptism on October 31, 1937, resulted in a harvest of eight souls. A few weeks later, December 18, 1937, the Batesland church was organized with a charter membership of 16 persons. They were Elder and Mrs. R. F. Bresee, Harvard Bresee, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Popplewell, Harold Popplewell, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Cargill, Mr. and Mrs. George Popplewell, Earl and Frank Gabriel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Popplewell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gabriel. The organizational meeting was led by Elder Bresee.

In January 1938 the women of the church met to organize a Dorcas Society. The lady members not only helped many needy people in the area but also raised money for new church seats and songbooks.

The church was dedicated free of debt the weekend of September 8 - 10, 1939, in the presence of Elder H. E. Oswald, president of the Northern Union and Elder A. V. Rhodes, president of the South Dakota Conference.

Through the years membership fluctuated as most of the early members moved away to other areas and others moved into the surrounding rural community to become members of the Batesland church. In 1953 some improvements were made in the church building by tiling and paneling the basement.

In 1961 a church school opened its doors with Alfred Bernhardt as the first teacher. During that same year new bathrooms were added to the facilities.

With the decline of the Batesland hamlet and the absence of any resident member in the same village, consideration was given to the proposal to move the church edifice to Martin, just 18 miles east of Batesland, along Highway 18. By locating the church in the center of Bennett County and in a much larger community, it was hoped that the church could grow again. Therefore, some property was purchased along the highway on the west side of Martin, next to the Lutheran church. Under the direction of pastor Max Singhurst the church building was moved from Batesland to Martin on November 19, 1973, after a new basement had been dug. The relocated building was then spruced up with new siding on the outside and wood paneling on the inside. The basement was converted into a fellowship room, which also doubles as a room for the children's

division.

The present pastor is Orville Poore, who with his wife Maybelle, moved to Martin during August 1978. Ray Gardiner is the local elder and the church has a present membership of 18. The prayer of the present congregation is the same as that of the charter members - that many souls may be added to this church and be a light set upon a hill in this community of 1250 souls. ¹

Pastor Orville Poore and his wife Maybelle pastored the Martin church and the church at Pine Ridge for seven years.

The present pastor is Wilbur Mauk, who with his wife, Janice, and son Dwayne also direct the Seventh-day Adventist Mission church and school at Pine Ridge. ²

1. History of the Martin Church September 22, 1979, author unknown; 2. Additional information by Mrs. Ray Gardiner, "Entered in Bennett Co. History Book for Diamond Jubilee Celebration 1986."

DAA Welcomes Students



When you receive this article we will already have students back on DAA's campus. We are excited to have more than just new animals here, like chickens...but instead some new and some familiar high school students!

Our student association officers have arrived to help the staff be ready for the rest of the student body to arrive on Sunday. Since we are living in a time of great change, we have to be prepared to implement and follow new protocols.*

Please share to everyone you know that DAA is accepting students, grades 9 -12, for face to face education. That is not something to be taken lightly for many are not as fortunate. If you know of a student that needs to be at DAA do not hesitate to suggest it. We are here to serve our youth.

Add in if you feel this is appropriate and acceptable...

*Masks have become the new accessory to many wardrobes and will be appropriately used at DAA as well. If we are all vigilant we should be able to put them aside and operate as a family unit in no time.

Article by DAA Recruiter Tracy Peterson; Photo by Principal Anthony Oucharek

Peace and Prayer Rally



August 8 was the beginning of a new consortium of churches uniting to address cultural and racial unity in Fargo, North Dakota. The Adventist churches organized this in response to the riots in Fargo that further caused racial division and mistrust.

This group, the Interfaith Coalition for Racial

Harmony, strongly believes the Body of Christ should be out in front of this, publicly proclaiming and modeling the love and unity that Jesus died and rose for.

Seven churches of various denominations participated with songs and prayers. Scriptures and testimonies were shared among five various ethnicities of 65 to 70 people.

Fargo City Commissioner John Strand opened the event at Island Park with words of appreciation for the faith community for stepping up with spiritual leadership for the Fargo-Moorhead community.





Article and photos from Pastor Darrel Lindensmith

Students Walk to Help Relieve "A Long Walk to Water"



Every year the students of Prairie Voyager school in Grand Forks participate in a Walk-a-thon to raise money for a worthy cause. This year the students were walking to raise money to help drill a water well to improve the quality of life for a community in Central America.

The idea for this year's worthy cause came from the Grade 6 reading curriculum. Author Linda Sue Park's "A Long Walk to Water" tells the story of two children in Africa and how a water well changed their lives. This compelling story prompted Mrs. Erickson to start an ongoing challenge for the 2019-20 school year to raise money to help drill a water well in a foreign country. The school board voted to split the funds two ways, sending half of the money to ADRA and half to Water Ambassadors Canada, an international service organization that specializes in drilling water wells in impoverished areas.

Mrs. Erickson's brother, Phillip Buelow, a water well driller by trade, also believes in the

importance of clean drinking water for all people. Through Water Ambassadors Canada, Buelow will go to Guatemala in April of 2020 to be the lead driller in a well project. Using the funds gathered throughout the year and through sponsors for their walk-a-thon, Prairie Voyager was able to contribute to this mission project. In return, Buelow will report back to the school with pictures and a presentation so the students can see the fruits of their fundraising.

During the school year, a 5-gallon pail has been placed in the foyer of the church to collect coins and bills to go towards the water well fund. Before the walk-a-thon, the bucket had acquired about \$425. To increase the fund, the 10 students of Prairie Voyager used two hours during the afternoon of February 13 to walk the track at Choice Health and Fitness. Prior to walking, the students asked family and friends to sponsor them with by a flat rate or by so much per lap. 441 laps were walked (7 laps = 1 mile), with one student running 70 laps during the two hours on the track!

After the pledges came in, the account held about \$1090. A donation of \$543 was made through Water Ambassadors for Buelow's trip. The bucket will continue to collect funds for the remainder of the school year with a final donation to be made to ADRA.

Note: Due to the pandemic, Buelow's trip to Guatemala has been postponed. However, Prairie Voyager School has continued to receive funds and donations towards ADRA.

Article by Teacher Leanne Erickson; Photo by Pastor Michael Temple



DAKOTANS PRAY

First Thursdays 7-8:30 pm CDT
Zoom Meeting ID: 895 8855 6393
Phone in- 312 626 6799 Passcode: 885424
Sign up for newsletter at redriversda@gmail.com

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God Answers Prayers

Several years ago on a visit back to the family farm in Indiana, when my Ma was still living there, I had gone into town. On the way returning to the farm there was a cat, about a half-grown kitten, sitting along the shoulder of the county road. It didn't move as I drove by so I stopped and went back to see if it was okay. I could see the tire track right over its back. It looked pretty hopeless, mangled and and delirious. But I thought, I can at least give it a more comfortable place to expire than that hot pavement with the sun beating down.

After fixing him up a comfortable spot in the garage, I prayed over it, knowing that God's intervention was the only possible chance it had.

That evening my niece, who was living out at the farm then, came home from her vet clinic job near Indianapolis, I showed her the kitty. She was all for taking it down to the vet clinic. Being employed there, she got a good discount on vet work. I explained to her that I had prayed over the cat. Thus if they recommend euthanasia, we'll have to make a decision whether to give it a second chance. That evening we headed back to the clinic, sure enough, the vet on duty recommended euthanasia. We brought the kitty home and that night we again brought the matter to God.

Next morning it was still alive. My Niece had me come with her and we took the cat to the clinic again. Once again the lady vet now on duty recommended euthanasia. She removed an enormous bone sliver from an open wound. Christina and I talked it over and decided to give the kitty another chance. This time she left it at the clinic where all the vet girls took an interest in its recovery. It became sort of the office mascot. By now it had been dubbed Skid Mark or Skid for short.

Somewhere during this process, Christina was giving Skid a complete hygienic overhaul: worms, lice, fleas, ear mites, the whole works. How it had even lived this long was a mystery. Within a couple days, he was literally trying to crawl out of his box. How he could even function with an incomplete skeleton is another mystery. But when God sets His mind to heal a critter, the details don't much matter.

After this, the healing came quickly and it happily adapted to its new home at the farm. Christina would sometimes take it to work with her for the novelty of it. Skid soon became the very picture of health and still is!



Author Ben Hobbs; Photos by niece Christina

Dakota ABC

The ABC is open in Bismarck, ND.

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

If you happen to be in town during other hours, please stop by, we will try to accommodate.

Office closed Fridays.

Listed below are food prices through the end of August.

KS-NE ABC Book & Bible House				SUMMER Sale: July 12- August 31, 2020			
FOOD PRICE LIST				Bismarck Store			
Loma Linda Canned Food:				Worthington Frozen:			
Buy 5 cases and save an additional \$15.00				Buy 2 cases and save an additional \$2.00			
Buy 10 cases and save an additional \$35.00				Buy 3 cases and save an additional \$6.00			
				Buy 4 cases and save an additional \$10.00			
		Cases		(quantities are limited)		Cases	
Item		PRICE	Purchased			PRICE	Purchased
LOMA LINDA TRADITIONS®				WORTHINGTON - FROZEN			
12/20 oz	Big Franks	\$68.00	_____	12/1 lb	Chic-ketts	\$82.00	_____
12/19 oz	Big Franks - Low Fat	68.00	_____	8/9 oz	Croquettes	34.50	_____
12/20 oz	Chili	47.00	_____	6/2 lb	Dinner Roast	82.00	_____
12/20oz	Choplets®	73.00	_____	12/9 oz	Fripats	34.50	_____
12/13 oz	Diced Chik	58.00	_____	8/8.5 oz	Leanies Deli Dog	34.50	_____
12/12.5 oz	FriChik®	58.00	_____	12/16 oz	Prosage, roll	82.00	_____
12/12.5 oz	FriChik® - Low Fat	58.00	_____	8/8 oz	Sausage Links	35.40	_____
12/13 oz	Fried Chicken w/Gravy	58.00	_____	8/10 oz	Stakelets	34.5	_____
12/20oz	Linketts®	68.00	_____				
12/19oz	Little Links	68.00	_____		DELI SLICES (may mix cases)		
12/13 oz	Prime Stakes	58.00	_____	8/8oz	Chicken	34.50	_____
12/19 oz	Redi-Burger	68.00	_____	8/8oz	Corned Beef	34.50	_____
12/19 oz	Saucettes®	68.00	_____	8/8oz	Salami	34.50	_____
12/19 oz	Super Links	68.00	_____	8/8oz	Smoked Turkey	34.50	_____
12/13 oz	Swiss Stake w/Gravy	58.00	_____	8/8oz	Wham	34.50	_____
12/19oz	Tender Bits	73.00	_____				
12/19oz	Tender Rounds w/Gravy®	68.00	_____		ROLLS		
12/19oz	Vege-Burger®	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Chicken - Roll	110.00	_____
12/20 oz	Vegetable Skallops®	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Corned Beef - Roll	110.00	_____
12/20 oz	Vegetable Steaks	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Salami - Roll	110.00	_____
12/20 oz	Vegetarian Burger	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Smoked Turkey - Roll	110.00	_____
12/19 oz	Veja-Links®	68.00	_____	4/4 lb	Wham - Roll	110.00	_____
				4/4 lb	Mix/Match rolls		_____
FOOD SERVICE							
6/96 oz	Big Franks	118.00	_____				
12/50 oz	Chili	118.00	_____				
12/42 oz	FriChik®	145.00	_____				
6/96oz	Linketts®	120.00	_____				
12/47 oz	Prime Stakes	145.00	_____				
6/96 oz	Super Links	120.00	_____				
12/47 oz	Swiss Stake w/Gravy	145.00	_____				
12/50 oz	Vegetable Skallops®	145.00	_____				
12/50 oz	Vegetarian Burger	145.00	_____				
Prices Subject to Change							
Quantities are limited on some items							
NO rainchecks							

Dakota Conference Calendar

Aug 16

Registration day at DAA for 2020/2021 School Year

Aug 17 First Day of Elementary School
Aug 19 - 23 DAA Camp Week
Aug 22 **Dakota Challenge**
Aug 29 **Dakota Evangelism**
Aug 30 K-12 Board Meeting - CO (10 am)

Sep 05 **Local Church Budget**
Sep 07 Labor Day/Office Closed
Sep 12 **Local Church Budget**
Sep 13 Executive Committee - CO (9 am)
Sep 14 - 20 ACS Federation Meetings
Sep 17 - 21 DAA Homeleave
Sep 19 **Dakota Challenge**
Sep 26 **Camp Development**
Sep 27 Executive Committee - CO (10 am)

Oct 02 - 03 DAA/SRA/PVA Alumni Weekend - DAA
Oct 03 **Local Church Budget**
Oct 08 - 14 GC Fall Council - MD
Oct 10 **NAD Voice of Prophecy**
Oct 09 - 11 Women's Retreat - Abby of the Hills, SD
Oct 11 - 13 New in Ministry Training - DAA
Oct 17 **Local Church Budget**
Oct 17 South Central Regional - Aberdeen, SD
Oct 21 DAA Homeleave
Oct 24 **Dakota Challenge**
Oct 25 K-12 Board Meeting - CO (10 am)
Oct 31 **Secondary Endowment**

August 13 Dispatch Photo



Photo by Paulette Bullinger

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