

# Dakota Dispatch

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## South Dakota Regionals Provide Connections

The theme for the regionals this year was *Hope for Today, Assurance for Tomorrow*. The Sioux Falls Regional was the last of the South Dakota regionals and was held at the Sioux Falls Adventist Church in Sioux Falls, SD. It was questionable whether that was going to happen, however, as the Sioux Falls church was going through some restorations. Only days before the regional the plan was to meet at the Rustic Hills Community Church located about three miles away.



The academy provided the music and children's story for church and also an afternoon musical program. Bible study, *When Conflicts Arise*, was presented by Principal Anthony Oucharek. Alumnus Thomas Chapman provided musical support in several areas and Pastor Neil Biloff's sermon was entitled *Warriors of Love*.

Each of the district pastors had a part of the service: Pastor Roy Morris of the Hurley, Yankton district; Pastor Dave Moench working in the Mitchell area and Pastor Dragos Profir in Sioux Falls.



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## Rapid City Elementary School Share Events



The Rapid City Seventh-day Adventist School is excited about what is happening in the 2018-2019 school year. The school is fortunate to be close to the Rapid City Outdoor Campus where students have been able to canoe and kayak, study dendrology and dendrochronology (the study of trees and the aging of trees), and take advantage of the other classes and facilities that are there.

Another facility that is close by is Just Jymnastics. Students were able to go there on "Let's Move Day" to jump, tumble and climb. Students and teachers have also visited Meadowbrook Manor as one of their S.E.E. projects. This is a local nursing home, where students have been able to sing and create crafts to leave as gifts with the residents. One of the families attending the school owns a place called "The Pumpkin Patch." Students were treated to a day there where they got to use the bounce house, ride the barrel train, and harvest pumpkins. To celebrate Red Ribbon Week, students participated in a spirit week. Some of the days included: put a cap on using drugs, wear a

hat, follow your dreams to be healthy, wear pajamas, use your head and don't do drugs, crazy hair day. Students celebrated the end of Red Ribbon Week with an un-birthday party that was planned by the upper grade students. They also had their first concert at the Hermosa Church on Sabbath, October 27. The concert included a hand chime piece and two vocal numbers. Students are excited about performing their Christmas concert at the Rapid City Church on December 15, which will include a mini cantata, a hand chime piece or two, and a boom whacker special.

Both upper and lower grades are enjoying the new Encounter Bible Curriculum. Upper grades are currently studying Jehosephat and Hezekiah. They are examining what kinds of qualities make a good king. They will also have the opportunity to think about how God could help them develop these qualities in their own lives. Lower grades started out the year by studying creation and then moved on to the story of salvation. Once they learned the story, they were challenged to go out and tell four people about it. During the Noah unit, the lower grades learned about how to listen to God's word and teachings to help them build good characters. A kindness wall was then started so students could add acts of kindness that they have seen around the school. Currently, they are journeying through Hebron and Shechem with Abraham.



## Sioux Falls Elementary Students



The ten students at Sioux Falls Adventist Elementary School have been off to a running start this school year. They took advantage of the warm days at the beginning of the year by doing Encounter Bible projects and science projects outside. Some of the favorites included making peanut butter pinecone bird feeders to hang on the pine tree and illustrating their favorite part of the creation story with sidewalk chalk.

They have also been actively engaged in mission-oriented tasks. The class worked on cleaning up a two-mile stretch of highway near the school in August. Time has also been spent at the local zoo helping the staff create decorations for upcoming events. During October, the students had a blast collecting items for Operation Christmas Child and then packing 52 boxes to be sent to children in need. This month they are collecting canned fruits and vegetables for the local food pantry.

The students are excited for future activities being planned as they head into the holiday season.



Article and photos by Elisa Shumaker, Head Teacher

## Fargo Church Baptizes Sister Rose



Sister Rose Ferguson got to know Jesus several years ago. Through Bible studies she learned more accurately the Bible truth regarding the Second Coming of Jesus and the complete hope of the everlasting Gospel in the first angel's message. "Rose knows prophecy really well, and I have to be on my game when discussing it with her; she is a very bright woman," says Pastor Darrel from the Fargo Adventist Church.

Rose was baptized using a Hoyer Lift borrowed from a nursing home to lift her in and out of the water, due to being mostly paralyzed from the waist down.

As her grandkids looked on, she gave each of them a wonderful example of a strong Spirit-filled Native American example of her faithful love to God and to them.



The Fargo Adventist Church is happy to add one more Native American family to its church fellowship.

Article by Pastor Darrel Lindensmith; Photos by Haley Dietz

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## Edgeley, Lehr, and Kulm District Involved in Community

Every year the Ministerial Association in Kulm, ND meets and divides religious responsibilities such as National Day of Prayer, Easter, Good Friday services and Baccalaureate, between the town's churches. Since the Seventh-day Adventist Church is eleven miles from town, most events are at the churches located within the city limits, rotating locations.

The most recent was a Thanksgiving program followed by a pie social. Each church represented brought five pies "and there were lots of pies," says Gerry Forbes, wife of Pastor Bob Forbes. "That was held at the Baptist Church in Kulm. The community sees us on a regular basis as well as hearing Bob on the radio," said Forbes. There are five different events the pastors do together in Kulm. "He has enjoyed fellowshiping with them," she said.



Elder Bob Forbes has a fifteen minute devotional Sabbath mornings from 8:45 – 9:00 on KSJB out of Jamestown, which reaches all the churches in his district; Kulm, Edgeley and Lehr. KSJB boasts reaching six states and two Canadian provinces. "It is a country station," says Forbes. "Bob comes on just before the McCoy's. They have been on the radio for years. So many people listen to the McCoy's (an hour of religious programming plus local births, weddings, and obituaries) that they often recognize Bob's voice. We have been stopped in the stores, 'I know that voice,'" chuckles Forbes.

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## Small Groups Flourish in the Bismarck Church



On December 1 the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church will wrap up its fall semester of small groups. Three times a year they organize a 9-12 week semester providing a variety of small group opportunities. These groups are a great way to fellowship, study and build relationships within the church.

Groups are kept fresh by rotating leaders and topics each semester. The goal is to try to provide a little something for everyone. This semester there were six different small groups ranging from Wallyball to a study of the book of Revelation. One well attended group focused on natural remedies and herbs, another, called "art and faith", explored the connection between artistic expression and faith and was held at the local high school. There was also a group for mothers of young children and one that dove into questions of creation and evolution. All groups have a spiritual emphasis and group leaders are encouraged to make time to lift one another up in prayer.

The groups are usually well attended with each group having between 8 and 12 participants. This means that up to half the congregation is participating in a group at one time or another during a semester. The groups are led by church members who have a passion for Jesus and are willing to share their skills and talents with others. "We believe that small groups are a vital component of every healthy church and we make them a priority on our church calendar. During our small groups semester we try to eliminate any other activities that might conflict with the groups. By doing this we honor our leaders and promote small groups as a way of life for our church," says Pastor Tyler Bower.

"As we wrap up our fall semester we are already planning for what's to come in the spring. We're praying that our small groups continue to be a place where believers can come together to experience friendship and love in the body of Christ."

Article by Pastor Tyler Bower; photo by iStock

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# DECEMBER

Bismarck		Retail	Retail	Special	Special
<b>CANNED:</b>					
LL Big Franks	12 20 oz	70.70	6.49	67.83	5.51
LL Diced Chik	12 13 oz	60.60	5.57	46.38	6.25
LL Fried Chik'n	12 13 oz	60.60	5.57	47.23	5.32
LL Tender Rounds	12 19 oz	70.70	6.49	66.38	6.26
LL Vege Burger	12 19 oz	70.70	6.49	66.38	6.26
LL Vegetarian Burger	12 20 oz	70.70	6.49	66.38	6.26
LL Chili	12 50 oz	121.18	11.13	114.94	10.68
LL Swiss Stakes	12 47 oz	151.48	13.91	144.49	13.45
Roma	6 7 oz	47.24	8.71	45.23	8.58
<b>Frozen:</b>					
Dinner Roast	6 2 lb	85.93	15.85	81.19	14.99
Chicketts	12 1 lb	85.84	7.92	52.09	7.70
Steaklet	8 10 oz	31.60	4.37	29.56	4.23
(May mix rolls for case price)					
Chicken Roll	4 4 lb	107.05	29.62	101.61	28.61
Corned Beef Roll	4 4 lb	107.50	29.62	101.61	28.61
Ham Roll	4 4 lb	107.05	29.62	101.61	28.61
Salami Roll	4 4 lb	107.05	29.62	101.61	28.61
Smoked Turkey Roll	4 4 lb	107.05	29.62	101.61	28.61

sale dates: December 1-28, 2018 quantities may be limited

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND:

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

- Wednesday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, 3:00pm - 5:30pm
- Closed Sunday

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## November 29 Dispatch Photo



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