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Dakota Conference Celebrating 140 Years, 1879 - 2019

Valley City Church History

The following is from the Valley City Church file at the Dakota Conference Office. A typed article entitled *Information from Church Record of Valley City SDA Church* reads as follows:



The brethren and sisters of Valley City gathered in the evening at Brother A. C. Raven to organize themselves into a church. Elder H. R. Johnson took charge of the meeting and spoke for some time on the unity and brotherly love. Relation of the importance of working together for the faith of the gospel. The church covenant was then read and considered after which the following names were subscribed to the covenant: Herman Gast, August Anderson, Martin Olson, Sena Olson, Christina Raven, A. C. Raven, Chas. V. Rathbun and Anna Holmquist. Bro. Martin Olson was elected church elder and ordained to the office at a later meeting. Bro. A. C. Raven was elected treasurer and Sena Olson clerk. Bro. Aug. Anderson librarian. The meeting closed with a hymn and a prayer invoking the blessing of God on the action taken. Signed by H. R. Johnson, clerk, and dated January 30, 1901 at Valley City, ND.

Joining the church in 1902 by baptism was A. C. Bostrum, and by vote were Mrs. Josephine Berglin, Mrs. Bostrum and Marin Oloveson. Mrs. Lindquist was baptized in Aug. 1902 and was the mother of C. Alf. Lindquist who, with his wife, had a bookmobile and traveled North Dakota for several years. He served in the South Dakota Conference as an ordained minister for over 20 years.

Miss Alice Lindquist, present treasurer is also a daughter of Mrs. Lindquist. Alice Lindquist remembers a minister, Elder Martin Olson, who was active in organizing and working in Valley City as the church started in this area, and he left for Califor. October 14, 1922.

On an entry of Sept. 30 (no year given for this but it could be year 1930), "At a business meeting held at Marbelstone Hall it was moved and seconded also carried that the Seventh-day Adventist Church be built at Valley City. Moved and carried that the basement be built, roofed over and used until funds were available for the church proper."

"Aug. 30, 1930, Miss Emma Jensen united with us by vote and also by baptism. She was the first fruits of the effort held here this summer. A short song service as held at the waters. Eld. Leiske questioned the candidate and baptized her." The record did not state if this was a tent meeting or where it was held. "Dec. 1, 1930, the meeting opened by singing, [He Leadeth Me](#). Sr. Bunnell offered prayer. The treasurer's report for November was read and accepted. Eld. Leiske gave a report of the church building. Total cost of which was \$2000 plus wiring. Funds collected \$1216 -- Paid on building \$1239. From the clerk records of these early days it would appear that on Feb. 8, 1936 there was a call for a meeting to be held Feb. 11 for the purpose to sell the church property on Third Avenue to Andrew Erickson for the sum of \$1000.

On January 1, 1937 there is a note on the church property and its valuation: Lot and sidewalk \$265.70; church building \$1612.00; paint and varnish \$31.00; light fixtures \$22.00; plumbing \$39.00; and furnace \$167.00 = total value of \$2136.70. And "on January 2, 1937 the church was to be dedicated but as had a heavy blizzard that blocked all the rails so that other churches would not attend the meeting. Elder Lowen was sent as a fore runner and set it off to a later date when the weather and roads would be in better shape though as Elder Piper and Elder Titlts and Brother Johanson

was on their way here it was decided to turn the Sabbath School and after meeting over to them and we had a real feast on the Bread of Life." From the record there is an indication that Elder A. A. Leiske was with the Valley City Church several years but there is no leaving date. In Feb. 1937 W. F. Grau's name appears in the record as the minister in charge.

I could find no record of a church school having been in the Valley City Church but there was a mention to discuss this in the 1930s. In the late 1930s, evangelistic meetings were held at Kathryn, ND and a church of about 20 members was started. Elder Rhoads conducted this meeting with a young man. Two young men were working there but I do not recall which came first or helped Elder Rhoads. They were J. Orville Iverson and T. R. Torkelson. This church later joined with a church at Nome, N. D.. When it closed some members came to Valley City and some to Lisbon.

The article was not signed.

Information and photos from archives.



Students Participate in Community Service



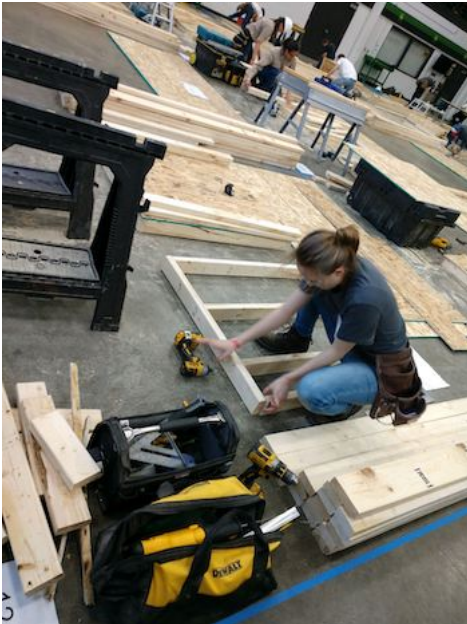
Sunday, April 14, started a grand adventure for 11 of DAA's students. Dakota Adventist Academy was headed to SkillsUSA state competition. North Dakota State College of Science hosted this year's competition. Students from across the state converged on their campus to be a part of this event.

DAA's students participated in five events. **Construction Technology** – they had to follow a blue print and construct a small structure that included a doorway, a window, framing and rafters. **Auto Technology** – there were 16 stations involving vehicle maintenance, from brakes to engine components. **Medical Terminology** – a two-hour testing process covering all aspects of Medical Terms. **Related Technical Math** – a two and a half hour test covering Algebra, Physics, Calculus, and Geometry. **Quiz Bowl** – a group competition made up of five students covering a large range of topics from current events to history, math, science, pop culture and the SkillsUSA handbook.

This year DAA students brought home three metals. Construction Technology proved to be DAA's strong area with Faith Peterson, a senior, taking the silver medal for second out of 20 competitors. Following her on the podium with bronze, in third place, was Casey Waldner, a junior. In Medical Terminology competition Jadynd Anderson, a senior, received third place.

The other competitors from DAA, though they were not in the top three, all finished strong and were a wonderful representation for the school. Katie Van InWagen, Ryan Weisz, and Rosalyn Ray competed in Auto Technology. Jonathan Justino, Jadynd Anderson, and Elena Goldsberry were in Medical Terminology. Related Technical Math was represented by Cecilia Li and Jessica Yoon. Construction was dominated by Faith Peterson, Casey Waldner and Kyle Tachenko.

DAA students learned much, and are looking forward to competing again next year. They plan to be stronger than ever!





Article and photos by Tracy Peterson

Celebrate Civil and Religious Freedom This Weekend



Did you know that more Americans Google "church" around Easter than at any other time? According to a study done by the Pew Research Center, it's true, with Christmas time coming in second.

While the timing of Easter generally doesn't coincide with the actual timing of Jesus' death and resurrection, it does offer a unique opportunity to connect with people in your community who are searching. It also gives us some time to reflect on the gift of salvation in our own lives.

Spend some time this weekend reading through the four gospels. Participate in an Easter play or skit. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you at church or to have a special meal together and share stories about what God has done for you. Make a point of connecting with people who visit your church this Sabbath.

Speaking of a special meal, enjoy these plant-based decadent Easter dessert recipes from [Forks Over Knives](https://www.forksandknives.com/).

Volunteers Share Experiences

BECKY MILLER - This past year in September the North Dakota Dental Association put together, along with many sponsors, a dental "workbee" called Mission of Mercy held at the Bismarck Event Center. It included free x-rays, cleanings, crowns, fillings, extractions, and root canals. They were expecting to serve around 500 persons but served 900 instead! I help with translating and dental assisting and where ever was needed. People came from all over to receive free dental care. The need was tremendous. One memory is of a child that said "thank you" for fixing her teeth because her momma didn't have money to take her to the dentist. Usually, when we do treatment at work, little ones put up a fight and a half, and I don't blame them, but to see and watch a little one cooperate because she knows it is for her best even though it hurt, was touching. Made me think that I should appreciate more what God gives me in life, good and not so good, like this little girl, knowing what God is doing in our lives is for the best, even if it hurts sometimes.

We all worked together for the best of all the people that came and at the end of the day, even though we were so tired, I know we were all blessed.

BILL GROPP - One of your churchgoers, Karen Hespe (of Yankton SD), let me know you are looking for people that have satisfying volunteer experiences. I do. I have volunteered with the Red Cross for almost two years, and have been deployed once to Hurricane Michael last year. I am deaf, but I do not let that stop me. I am from the of state in Colorado.

The Red Cross needs volunteers almost all the time. The closest Red Cross office to you, from what the search engine tells me, is in Sioux Falls. It is possible they might be able to let you know if there is a local chapter closer to you or if there is a satellite chapter. Their number is 605.336.2448, according to what I was able to find.

The Red Cross lets me work around my schedule. I work full time as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, and also am on the church social committee and serve as a deacon. I tend to average six hours a month and make myself available annually for deployment. I get to learn new skills such as first aid, CPR and AED. More often than not, I do not have ASL interpreters. But I do work in a variety of ways, such as keyboarding, notes and whatever. I have given away water, supplies and the like when I was down at Florida and Georgia last year. I do help with fire alarm set up. We set up alarms for people who are unable to afford them or need something inexpensive, but safe and lasts ten years. During my recent trip last year, I actually got to pass by Jimmy Carter's city where he grew up as a peanut farmer before he became president.

Articles by Becky Miller and Bill Gropp

Plan now to attend the Northeast Regional, which will be held at the Jamestown Adventist Church in Jamestown, ND, April 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Enjoy a day of praise, music and fellowship.

Keeper of My Heart Presents

John Mathews

At Dakota
Campmeeting 2019

Location: DAA Auditorium

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: June 15, 2019



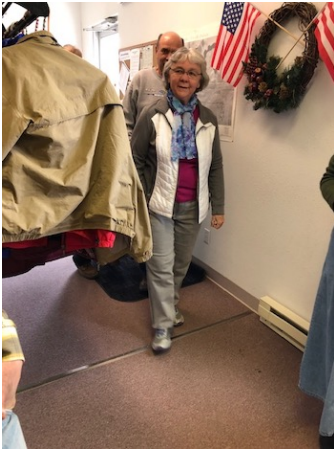
What kind of guitar is this?
Come hear it played.



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.

Let's Have a Birthday Party



Sunday, April 14, 2019, the Lehr Church family and community members enjoyed a celebration of Marion Schweigert's birthday. Someone was heard to say, "It sure beats a funeral." (As Someone had been to one recently.)

Marion's husband, LeRoy, planned the event. He secretly arranged for their son to fly in from Portland, OR and spend a few days. He chose someone to do the cake and he added everyone's name, who had a birthday in the month of April, that he could think of. Amazingly, the whole community kept it a surprise for Marion, "which was quite a feat of its own," Someone said.

Haystacks were served, "delicious as always," Someone said. There was cake and ice cream plus candy thrown on all the tables as decoration, "that was too hard to resist," said Someone. "It was a great way to interact with the community."



Article by Jacquie Biloff and Someone; Photo by Gerry Forbes

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April 1-30, 2019

		Bismarck Retail <u>Case</u>	Bismarck Retail <u>Single</u>	Bismarck Special <u>Case</u>	Bismarck Special <u>Single</u>
Canned					
LL Saucettes	12/19 oz	\$71.73	\$6.58	\$67.33	\$6.33
LL Super Links	12/19 oz	71.73	6.58	67.33	6.33
LL Swiss Steak	12/13 oz	61.49	5.64	57.09	5.39
Food Service					
LL Linketts	6/96 oz	122.94	22.56	116.14	22.06
LL Swiss Stake	12/47 oz	153.69	14.10	146.89	13.60

Subject to availability at Bismarck Location

ABC hours in Bismarck, ND are:


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


April 18 Dispatch Photo




Photo by Charles O'Hare of the Pierre, SD capitol building using a Fuji FinePix HS 20 EXR

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