



Dakota Conference Celebrating 145 Years, 1874 - 2019

Golden Valley Church History, Part 2 of 2

People who grew up and entered the Lord's work. Ted Fischer, John Fischer Sr.'s son, became a minister and is now (as of 1976) retired in California. De Fischer Sr.'s son, was a colporteur and publishing assistant for a time. Berneice Lunday, Jacob Schield's daughter, became a literature evangelist from 1 time (1976). Ray and Larry Ammon, Herbert Ammon and Alvaletta Schield's children, are publishing directors in the Oregon-Washington area and Cali and their sister, Virginia Ammon Ezell, served a literature evangelist for several years.

According to Margaret Schield almost the entire community was converted through some early evangelistic series. Some of the outstanding evange recalls were Elder Brown and Elder Reily when the entire Madke Family accepted the message.

Margaret and Jacob Schield moved to the Golden Valley after suffering religious persecution near Dickinson where they had a homestead. Margaret was i was Lutheran. When she married out of the Catholic church, their house was burned down and her relatives threatened to kill her son. Margaret was in gr because her family said she must come back to the Catholic Church and Jacob's Lutheran relatives said, "You must join us."

After the Schield's moved to the Golden Valley area, Margaret went to help a neighbor who was ill with the flu about 1921, Josephine and Reinhold Weid well because they were so friendly and nice," Margaret said. They gave her the Great Controversy. "We studied this book and prayed that God would sh Great Controversy changed my mind and took away the indecision I was in. The Weidmer's love and friendship affect me a lot," Margaret said. "After Jesus was coming and I was not ready, I accepted the Adventist message and was baptized in 1926."

Jacob had much opposition from his family. His Uncle Phillip and father argued with him and became so angry at him that his father threw a stool at h baptized but lived the Adventist message and shared it with others and had his children trained in the denomination's schools.

Mrs. Christofer Stoller and their daughter Anna were baptized when Margaret was and were a great strength to Margaret. Elder John Seibel was the mir them. The people who invited them to attend meetings were Elder Renken Wentland, Mrs. Jake Wenz and Adam Seidel.

Jess Harvey worked as a literature evangelist in 1928 - 1929 in Fort Berthold Indian Reservation north of Golden Valley.

Eventually we had only three families left and their children grew up and got married and moved away. The church closed in 1965.



DAA Offers Four-year Visual Arts

To our knowledge, Dakota Adventist Academy is the only Seventh-day Adventist academy that offers a four-year program in visual arts. Students may earn a Diploma in Visual Arts if they meet the following criteria: Cumulative GPA of 3.0 and 3.75 GPA in art. One of the other requirements is to regularly exhibit their work, which is made available to the students throughout the year. The first show is in the fall and held by the First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck and usually takes place in the fall, though this year it was cancelled. The second show, Artists Celebrating Christ, occurs in March or April and focuses on Christian-themed art. The Hazen Art Show takes place the last week of April and runs at the same time as the Bismarck Art Gallery Association (BAGA) juried high school art show. The last show is for students who are invited by the teacher as BAGA limits participants to only two or three students from DAA. DAA has had student works in all of these shows for more years. This year was no exception. At the Artists Celebrating Christ show six students provided eight pieces. The highlight of this exhibit was Kelsey Harrington's (senior Enriched Diploma in Visual Arts recipient) oil painting of a seascape sundown which was awarded The People's Choice Award. DAA student Kelsey Harrington was also involved in the Hazen Art Show providing over twenty pieces. Again Kelsey Harrington won an award and took second place for a graphite portrait. Kelsey Harrington, a Visual Arts Diploma recipient, Jadyn Anderson, completed the year's showings with pieces in the BAGA show. Congratulations to Kelsey and all the students who contributed to the North Dakota arts environment.



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Campmeeting Donations Help Defray Expenses



A grateful shout out to those who took advantage of the free book room and donated for the library. DAA received over \$400 in generous gifts that will help expenses of maintaining the Richard Dean Carlson Library.

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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 Pr
Please contact Sue Nelson to reserve your choice.

Phyllis Alexander Honored

Phyllis Alexander was honored in early June for having served in Adventist Community Services/Disaster Response (ACS/DR) for 27 years. Those at the Pastor Bob and Gerry Forbes, Robert and Ann Hanel and Pastor Darren Purdy. The meeting and presentations were kept brief.

There were two appreciation cards for Phyllis that came in the mail. Thirteen emails came from people serving in:

- Adventist Community Services (ACS)
- Adventist Disaster Relief (ADR)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- ND and SD government Voluntary Agency Liaisons (VALs)
- South Dakota Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (SDVOAD)

all members that know her. The Dakota Conference presented Phyllis with a plaque as did the North American Division ACS. There are others that have p something, including the Mid-America Union Conference (MAUC).

Memo cards were available at the Campmeeting ACS booth for people to write a special, personal note to her. Fifteen people wrote of their appreciation a for her years of service.

Thank you Phyllis for your faithful ministry to those in need.



Christian Music Provided for Dickinson



Reese Saxon, a local Dickinson, North Dakota resident and Adventist member, is the general manager for "The Connection" Christian music radio station in Dickinson. This summer "The Connection" is taking booths to community events in the Dickinson area. May 31, 2019, they set up at the American Cancer Society relay race, which is run by people raising money for the American Cancer Society. The people who run might be survivors or people who have lost loved ones to cancer.

"Our ministry is to show to the community that we love Jesus and that we want them to know how much we love them," says Saxon. The Connection gives away [Steps to Christ](#), [Signs of the Times](#), and other encouraging literature to encourage other Adventists to get involved in their community in this way and tell the world what God has done for them!" says Saxon.



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