



Dakota Conference Celebrating 145 Years, 1874 - 2019

Goodrich Church History, Part 1

The Goodrich Seventh-day Adventist Church had its beginning with a few members who met in their homes. Later they met in country school houses, because of the need for more room. Members of the first church were:

- Axts
- Mecklers
- Kahlers
- Fandrichs
- Schremasers
- Hartmans

They acquired their first building from Mr. Gottlieb Roedel. Like many new converts to Adventism, Gottlieb Roedel faced a choice between his faith and his livelihood. Mr. Roedel worked for a merchant in Goodrich and attended Adventist evangelistic meetings in the local school house late in 1907 and convinced that he should become a Seventh-day Adventist, unable to resolve the problem of working on Sabbath, Roedel bought the building in town, opened his own general store and joined the Adventist Church. Local townsfolk, however, unhappy about the competition from both the new church and the new store, largely boycotted Roedel's business venture.

Roedel resolved the problem, as many under similar circumstances have done before and since his time, by combining his desire to share his new-found faith and his need to make a living. he became a literature evangelist. Roedel sold his store to the newly organized Goodrich Adventist Church and they moved it out of town - one mile west and one-half mile north - and remodeled it into the first Goodrich Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1908. The land was donated by Mr. Jacob Axt. Today (1977), the church still owns the land and there is a cemetery beside where the church stood.

The church was taken into the conference by vote June 29, 1910, at the eighth conference session. Some of the early delegates from the church to the conference sessions, which was held at Sheyenne River Academy on December 27, 1908, were Jacob Axt, Adam Weisz and Jacob Hirsch. Delegates to the 1910 session were John Schlenker, John Wagner and Samuel Kahler. Delegates to the 1911 session were Peter J. Schmidt, John Schlenker and Philip Schremser.

The first member to start keeping the Sabbath in this community was Michael Mechler, father of Otelia Moser, grandmother of Clifford Kahler, the present elder. The first elder was John Schlenker, grandfather of Helen, Ella, and Florence Schlenker, who were members for many years. Peter Schmidt was the next elder and served for many years. His wife helped for years as a young people's leader.

In 1921 the church was moved back into town and dedicated in 1922. This building was used until 1960 when a new building was built and the old building became a school. In 1958 a building committee of five members was chosen with Emil Kahler, Sr. as chairman. The building was finished the winter of 1960 and the membership moved into the building that winter. The carpenter for the building was Mr. Paul Timothy of Butte. Members of the church and people from the community helped.

Elder George Sherbondy was the pastor and Sam Renk was the local elder during the time of construction. Lydia Smith Laschkewitsch started her childhood in this church and is the only one still attending from that era. Elder Rees conducted the first service in the new church January 9, 1960. He

also taught the visitors' class in the absence of teacher Elsie Mueller. Emil Kahler is head elder and Elder George Sherbondy is the pastor.

During this time a carpet was installed on the rostrum. In 1960 attempts were made to sell the old church but it did not sell. This was good because in 1961 plans were made and a school was started and the old church became the school, which was known as the Tri-City School. The three cities were Goodrich, McClusky and Hurdsville. This school ran for quite some time. At one time there were two teachers and an aid. Most of these young people are still active in the church or work for the church. After many years the membership became less and the school closed. The building was given away in 1998.

Goodrich

Seventh - Day

Adventist



Church



Tri-City Church School
The Bi-Centennial Amateur Hour

Tammy Kahler—Tammy Bahnmilller—Lori Baumbach—Jeff Lehmann—Margie HisChase

Brenda Baumbach—Chris Liebelt—Harlan Miller Jr.—Kathy Bahnmilller



Lydia Laschkewitsch at the piano.

Article from the Goodrich Church in the Dakota Conference files



Photo by Cliff Freese

Let's Keep in Touch

It is often heard that when you send your child to academy you lose out on being a part of their lives; They grow up and you, as parents, as a church family, as a friend or relative, miss out on so much. However, consider what they would miss out on by not being at the academy.

I want to challenge each of you reading this to do something positive to help change that stigma of missing out. So, here are some ideas.

1. **Sign up for DAA's weekly newsletter.** This will keep you connected with future events as well as keep you informed on what the students are doing. If you are wondering when to visit or take your scholar home for a few days, this is the perfect avenue to that information. To receive the email newsletter, email Tracyjo.peterson@mydaa.org
2. **Come to DAA's programs.** We have Regionals in both states, six throughout the year, if you live far away, enjoy attending these. DAA has many local programs throughout the year that you can make into a whole weekend event. If you are a parent or grandparent, you may come any weekend you choose.
3. **Support DAA's volleyball and basketball games.** If you are close to the school, then please come support our volleyball and basketball games. Be present for weekend events as often as possible.
4. **Come to church at DAA.** We have church here, if you have the desire to come and worship with us. Join in our Friday night vespers. The more the merrier!

5. **Send letters, notes and care packages.** Pick one person or the whole dorm or school. We may be in a digital era, but getting mail still is a highlight. Adopt-a-student. Support them emotionally, financially and/or spiritually.

These are just a few ideas of how to keep connected with the students as they are at academy. Put it to God in prayer, He may have additional ideas.

Thank you for your prayers and support of the Dakota Adventist Academy and our students.



Article by Tracy Jo Peterson; Photos by Ryan and Tracy Jo Peterson

Welcome to the Weirs



Dakota Conference would like to announce the hiring of Mark Weir for the position of vice president of administration and education superintendent. Mark and Judy Weir are from Spokane, Washington and he has held the position of ministerial director in the Upper Columbia Conference for several years. The Dakota Conference is excited that they have accepted the position and will be moving to Bismarck in the near future.

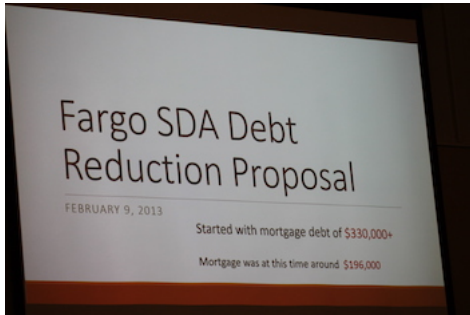
Almost Home Concert **Mandan Adventist Church**

Almost Home, a musical group comprised of Bonnie Sundby, Linda Oswald and Joe Van InWagen, will be performing November 9, 2019 at the Mandan Adventist Church from 4:30 - 5:30 pm. Plan now to attend.

Fargo Church Celebrates

A few weeks ago, the Fargo Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 5718 36th Street South, celebrated an event the members have been working toward for 14 years – paying off their new church building. Sixteen years ago, in 2003, the Fargo church, located at 2415 Broadway, was sold and the

current property purchased in south Fargo. The members pulled together and built a beautiful, large church building, “allowing for and praying for growth with new ministry opportunities,” says Pastor Darrell Lindensmith.



The Fargo church story began in 1883, when the General Conference headquarters in Battle Creek, MI, received requests for ministerial and evangelistic help from the scattered Seventh-day Adventists living in the area of present-day North Dakota.

George Cidus Tenney, a Wisconsin minister, accepted the challenge and prepared to become the first Seventh-day Adventist minister to work in the present boundaries of North Dakota then known as the Dakota Territory under the Dakota Conference, organized in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Interestingly, the Minnesota Conference was chosen to parent the North Dakota Mission due to east-west railroad access.

Tenney arrived in Fargo, Cass County, August 6, 1884. From his view, “It is almost impracticable to work in the country on account of the scattered conditions of the inhabitants. The farms are very large generally and houses far between. The winters are long and bleak, and the people are intensely bent on getting rich...,” he said. However, within four months, December 6, 1884, he convened the first general meeting of the church in North Dakota. At this three-day session, the Fargo church group, the first in North Dakota, was organized and all of the approximately seventh-five Adventists in the state were invited to join.

“Steps were taken to build a house of worship” in Fargo July 8 – 11, 1892, but when the actual building was erected is open to question. On April 26, 1896, “A liberal donation was made to finish the church.” This church was located at Fourth Avenue North between 11th and 12th Streets.

Years later an article about plans for a new church was reported September 2, 1919 in the *Northern Union Reaper* saying the old church had served the congregation for twenty-five years, which would seem to indicate the old church was built and used, though not finished, in 1894.

This new purchase was “a very neat and commodious house of worship located one square east of the Catholic church on Broadway and Sixth Avenue North, and one square from two of the leading Protestant churches in the city,” reported P. G. Stanley.

There was probably an additional church or two between the first two as recorded above and the last two, which we are familiar with today.

The South Dakota Southwest Regional will be held at the Rapid City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Rapid City, SD.

See address on brochure below

Sabbath School begins at 9:30 am

Church begins at 10:45 am

A fellowship meal will follow the church service

Dakota Adventist Academy will present an afternoon musical program around 1:45 pm

Plan to bring extra food for hungry teens and to support your academy

**JOIN US AT THE SOUTHWEST
REGIONAL IN RAPID CITY, SD**

No More Night



*Lars Justinen
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**Dakota Conference
and
Dakota Adventist Academy**

**November 9, 2019
Rapid City Adventist Church
4703 S Canyon Rd
Rapid City, SD**

Welcome to the du Plessis Family

Casper du Plessis says, "We are the new family on the block. We are from South Africa where I have ministered together with my wife Cindy and our two kids. du Plessis was born in Roodepoort in Gauteng, South Africa. Initially he studied television and VCR repair and opened an RV repair shop in Modimolle, SA. While there, and still in his twenties, he was introduced to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "I met Cindy in 2001, got married in February of 2004 and was baptized in November."



He found it a challenge to keep Sabbath and maintain his business. In 2005 they went to the UK on a Working Holiday Visa doing general farm work. Afterward he returned to work at his father's dairy shop in Pretoria selling milk, cheese, and bread until he started doing colporteur work. Eventually, he joined Rapid Mobile, which built military communication systems.

"I finally answered God's call in 2014," says duPlessis. He did his studies at Helderberg College at Somerset in the Western Cape, graduating in 2017. He started employment with the Northern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Middelburg Mpumalanga, SA. He served two congregations and a group. Then in January of 2019 he was transferred to Pretoria in Gauteng, SA serving two congregations before coming to the Dakota Conference, October 3, 2019.

du Plessis acknowledges that moving to a different country, with a different way of doing things is challenging. He and Cindy have two elementary aged children, Ane', 12 and Kean 7. Cindy plans to continue her studies in cosmetology in the United States.

"We are looking forward to continuing our ministry here in Dakota. We want to thank each and every one whom we have already met for their warm friendly welcome. We are looking forward to meeting many more new brothers and sisters in Christ," says du Plessis.

Article and photo by Jacquie Biloff

Dakota Conference Introduces Co-directors



We, Pastors Ricky and Brooke Melendez, are excited to transition into the role of co-directors for the youth and young adult department. Our position entails keeping track of Sabbath School, Adventurers/Pathfinders, children's ministries, camps, youth, young adults, and young families. In short, we will be the go-to folks for anything related to ages 0-40!

As we move forward in this new chapter, we hope you will partner with us for the sake of young people in this conference. We need your help, wisdom, support, and prayers in this journey. We hope you will share in our excitement and join us in creating a little bit of heaven on earth.

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Watertown Members Go for a Ride

Watertown Church members took advantage of a beautiful day last week. It turned out to be the last nice day before the weather turned cold.

"It was quite a blessing," says Travis Struckman. They awoke early with the intent to ride bike, but the wind was blowing pretty hard, so they thought they were going to have to forego their plans. But by 2:00 pm, when they had planned to ride, it was warm with only a slight breeze. It turned out to be a great day for riding.



From left to right: Ethan Rickard, Dan Rickard, Allie Rickard, Katie Struckman, Jericho Poppinga, Gene Rickard, Deverne Rickard, Travis Struckman, Jacy Anderson, Scott Anderson, Spencer Struckman, Landon Rickard and Jordan Rickard.

Article by Travis Struckman; Photo by Carrie Struckman

Dakota Conference Calendar

- 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
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November

		Retail	Retail	Special	Special
<u>Ct</u>	<u>Wt</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Case</u>	<u>Single</u>
Bismarck Store					
CANNED:					
LL Big Franks	12 20 oz	71.73	5.64	\$68.33	\$5.44
LL Chili	12 20 oz	51.23	6.58	\$47.83	\$4.50
LL Linketts	12 20 oz	71.73	6.58	\$47.80	\$6.38
LL Little Links	12 19 oz	71.73	6.58	\$68.33	\$6.38
H Chik'n Bites	12 13 oz	51.20	4.70	\$46.20	\$4.40
H Vege Burger	6 19 oz	36.02	6.61	\$31.50	\$6.11
FOOD SERVICE:					
LL Big Franks	6 96 oz	122.94	22.56	\$117.14	\$21.93
LL Prime Steaks	12 50 oz	122.00	14.10	\$116.20	\$13.67
FROZEN:					
W Chicketts	12 1 lb	90.86	8.99	\$81.36	\$8.41
W Dinner Roast	6 2 lb	90.86	16.67	\$80.36	\$15.72
W Prosage Rolls	12 16 oz	90.86	8.99	\$81.36	\$8.41
W Rolls (may mix for a case)	4 4 lb	115.80	32.61	\$106.50	\$29.00
W Turkey Roast	8 15 oz	61.76	8.50	\$54.26	\$7.72

sale dates: November 1-30, 2019
 quantities may be limited


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


Oct 31 Dispatch Photo




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