



Dakota Conference Celebrating 145 Years, 1874 - 2019

Hot Springs Church History (written in 1979)



A series of tent meetings held in 1905 marks the beginnings of Adventism in Hot Springs, South Dakota. Among the first converts listed were Mr. and Mrs. William Dumke, Anna Atkinson and Mrs. Bingham.

No church, however, was organized until 1923. Up until that time services were held in the homes of the members, especially at the Breshners' residence. Meetings consisted mainly of the Sabbath School services, which were held every Sabbath afternoon under the direction of Elder Armitage. When the company grew these services were transferred to the morning hours.

The church was organized on June 23, 1923 with a charter membership of ten. However, by the end of the same year the congregation had increased to 31 members. Among those who joined the church at that time were Inez Pelton, the Schmunks, Emma Waason, Hattie Tillitson, Mrs. Noemoth, Mrs. Henry Parrish, Gladys Halls, the Wyatts, the Koltermans, an Elder Johnston, and Eldora Breshner Hadwick. Earl Chilson, father of Wanda Prock, is listed as the first deacon of the new church. Later Guy Hendricks was elected to be his assistant.

Pastor J. W. Hurlinger and his family arrived from the east to serve the newly organized church. He held services twice weekly in a rented two-story house at 1910 University.

The year 1923 also saw the launching of a church school which occupied one of the two stories of the rented home. Mrs. Hurlinger served as the first church school teacher of eight students. Over the years the enrollment fluctuated between five and thirteen students. The payment for tuition in those days consisted of foods and goods donated by the people or service rendered by any member. Those who could afford to do so paid whatever money they could spare. The records reveal that in 1943 a Mr. Hochstetter was the teacher, and that gas rationing caused problems with the attendance at school and church. The influence of the church school can be seen in the recent baptism of Connie Fleharty, who was the first graduate of the Hot Springs church school.

During the ministry of Elder Hurlinger, the foundation for the present church building was laid and the construction was terminated under the direction of his successor Elder E. G. Olsen. The basement of the church was added in 1947. During the past year extensive renovations were made in the church's interior by Clarence Hoad, the present pastor.

As the church has no baptistry, baptisms are held either in Evans Plunge or the Fall River.

Among the eldest surviving members today are Earl and Ethel Robinson (1925), Wanda Prock (1933) and Agnes Scott (1947).

The Hot Springs Church today forms part of the Hot Springs-Custer district. In previous years it was joined to the Rapid City district and therefore was served by the Rapid City pastors or one of the interns.

HOT SPRINGS - a real story book town with its native sandstone buildings and Victorian homes - is nestled in the narrow Fall River Valley. Its unusual mild climate - at least for South Dakota and in spite of its 3,443 feet elevation - has made it the choice location for a Veterans

Administration Hospital and the State Soldiers Home.

This Southern Gateway to the Black Hills is located on US #18, South Dakota's southernmost route running east-west from Iowa to Wyoming. The town's 6,000 inhabitants live only some 40 miles east of the Wyoming border and an equal distance from Nebraska.

The city derived its name from the many warm water springs which for centuries were used by the Indians for bathing purposes. Today most of these springs are found under the roof of Evans Plunge, the world's largest natural warm water indoor swimming pool with a temperature of 87 degrees.

Some ten miles north of this resort many tourists visit Wind Cave National Park, with its huge herds of free-roaming buffalo and the famous prairie dog town.

On January, 1979 the church had 35 members who through various ministries are trying to bring the Water of Life to those who are looking for permanent home in a land even more beautiful than the Black Hills.

Article found in the Dakota Conference files. Note from the original 1979 article: Research for this article was done by Hot Springs Communication Secretary Jeanne Parsons, who gathered information from former member Eldora Breshner Hadwick of Oregon, old church school records and a questionnaire filled out by the church secretary in 1963.



Photo by Cliff Freese

This Is How We Raise Them

When you come to visit Dakota Adventist Academy on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons you will find a group of students studying the Bible with Pastor Jason Woll. This isn't a class, this isn't for credit, this is because there is a desire among the students to learn more about their heavenly Father.

Rewind a few years and you will find a young man wondering what his future holds, wondering what his calling is. He is a student at Dakota Adventist Academy, and he reaches out to a trusted teacher. That teacher advises him to pray and to go to God for leading.

Fast forward to this last Thursday with four students sitting in a circle. These students are looking to their trusted teacher who points them to prayer and to listen to God's leading.

How many times has this situation replicated itself, where a student looks to a teacher for spiritual guidance? This is the goal, to grow students who come back as teachers, pastors and leaders to continue this cycle of discipleship.

Dakota Adventist Academy, Plainview Academy and Sheyenne River Academy have made a difference in our youth for over 100 years. We

can't stop now. Let us prayerfully continue to point our youth to listen to God's leading. There is no better direction for them to go than directly to the feet of Jesus.

Article by Tracy Jo Peterson

Lehr Church Celebrates Baptisms

"The Lehr Church is recharged!" says Gerry Forbes, wife of mostly-retired pastor Bob Forbes II, now enjoying the warmth in Georgia at this report. Evangelistic meetings were presented at the Tabernacle located on the Prairie Bible Camp campus in Lehr, North Dakota. Evangelist Donavon Kack and his family provided meetings and music at this same location the prior two summers. Also, the Schumacher family has held a camp week for children at this location for many years, so it was well attended.



Three were baptized at the end of the four-week series – Mrs. Donna Ruff and Mr. Jerome Saylor were baptized by Pastor Forbes and Nehemiah Kack was baptized by his father.



At the conclusion of the meetings, a Bible study review continues, held every Wednesday evening. A Sabbath morning Sabbath School class is also held to deepen the understanding of Bible topics presented during the series. Several who were not baptized continue to attend these classes. "We are praising God for His bountiful goodness," says Gerry. Those who live closer to Kulm are studying with Kulm Adventist Church members.

One attendee commented that "Adventists carry their Bibles and *use them*." Another man with two young boys, one with cerebral palsy, was close to tears, "I'll never go to another church again. No other church has accepted my son." He continued, "I wanted to cry because people here came up to my son and talked to him and touched him."

Also of interest in the Lehr Church is a *group thread** of over twenty individuals enjoying a daily inspirational devotional. "It's just been so uplifting. Such a neat way to start the day," says one group member.

*A *group thread* is also known as a *thread group*, an Internet-based mesh networking technology where members can discuss a particular topic.

Article Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Debra Merkel

CELEBRATION OF PRAISE
NORTH DAKOTA CENTRAL REGIONAL

No More Night



*Lars Justinen
GoodSalt*



**Dakota Conference
and
Dakota Adventist Academy**

**December 20 - 21, 2019
Dakota Adventist Academy
15905 Sheyenne Circle
Bismarck, ND**

Celebration of Praise Weekend Schedule

Friday Vespers - Dr. Richard Stenbakken as John the Revelator at 7:00 pm

Sabbath School - 9:30 am

Worship Service - Dr. Richard Stenbakken as Jarius at 10:45 am

Fellowship Meal - 12:30 pm

Christmas Concert - 2:00 pm

A potluck fellowship meal will be served in the academy cafeteria. Please bring extra food for hungry teens who will be performing in the afternoon.

Students are free to leave for Christmas break after the concert.

The Town of Kulm Celebrates Thanksgiving

The Ministerial Association of Kulm, North Dakota held its annual Thanksgiving program at the Kulm Seventh-day Adventist Church November 24, 2019. About fifty people enjoyed a message from retired Adventist Pastor Daniel Vis. Every pastor in Kulm was in attendance. One asked if he could borrow the sermon to use in his church.

This event, held at different churches each year, consists of a short Thanksgiving program followed by a pie social supplied by the town's various churches. "Everyone brings more pies than needed," says Deb Merkel. "There was a young couple with four or five kids, we sent a couple of pies home with them."



Music was provided by Charlotte Merkel, Lacey Merkel and a violin duet by Bristol and Eva Merkel, ages six and four, respectively.

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Debra M

John the Revelator Coming to DAA

John the Revelator is coming to Dakota Adventist Academy Friday evening December 20, 2019 via Dr. Richard Stenbakken.





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Jarius to Visit Dakota Adventist Academy

Biblical Jarius is coming to Dakota Adventist Academy Sabbath December 21, 2019 via Dr. Richard Stenbakken at the Central Regional.

Miracles of the Master



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Edgeley Church Celebrates Birthday

The Edgeley Adventist Church family celebrated the 90th birthday of Donna Mae Carlson, November 16, 2019. "She is such a delight in the church family!" an attendee responded.



Donna was born in LaMoure County on her grandfather's farm in 1929. "I lived on the farm, then graduated from Jud High School and met my husband after I graduated. He graduated from Edgeley High School." They lived in town for one year, then moved to the farm. They lived there for 20 years and moved back into Edgeley when their son moved back home to farm.

Her husband, Byrl Carlson, passed in 1988. "I've been alone for a long time now," she said. "But I am doing very well and get around well."



Happy belated Donna.

Article by Jacquie Biloff; Photos by Gerry Forbes

Dakota Conference Calendar

- Dec 15 Executive Committee at the Conference Office at 10 am
 - Dec 20 Celebration of Praise at DAA at 7 pm - Featuring Dick Stenbakken
 - Dec 21 ND Central Regional at DAA at 9:30 am - Featuring Dick Stenbakken
 - Dec 21 DAA Christmas Concert at 2 pm
 - Dec 24 - 25 Office closed for Christmas
 - Dec 31 Office closed for New Year

 - Jan 1 Office closed for New Year
 - Jan 13 - 16 Pastors' Meetings at the Conference Office
 - Jan 18 Pathfinder Bible Bowl and Pinewood Derby at Dakota Adventist Academy
 - Jan 19 Pathfinder Honors' Fair at DAA
 - Jan 30 Nebraska Alumni Chapter Meeting
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DECEMBER



			Case Retail	Single Retail	Case Special	Single Special
Bismarck						
CANNED:						
LL Diced Chik	12	13 oz	61.49	5.64	57.59	5.40
LL Fri Chik	12	12.5 oz	61.49	5.64	57.59	5.40
LL Fried Chik'n	12	13 oz	61.49	5.64	57.59	5.40
LL Tender Bits	12	19 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.34
LL Tender Rounds	12	19 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.34
LL Vege Burger	12	19 oz	71.73	6.49	67.83	6.34
LL Vegetable Skallops	12	20 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.34
LL Vegetable Steaks	12	20 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.34
LL Vegetarian Burger	12	20 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.34
LL Veja Links	12	19 oz	71.73	6.58	67.83	6.34
LL Chili f/s	12	50 oz	122.94	11.13	122.94	10.84
Frozen:						
Dinner Roast	6	2 lb	90.86	16.67	80.36	15.72
Chicketts	12	1 lb	90.86	8.99	81.36	8.41
Prosage rolls	12	1 lb	90.86	8.99	81.36	8.41
(May mix rolls for case price)						
Chicken Roll	4	4 lb	118.50	32.61	106.50	30.25
Corned Beef Roll	4	4 lb	107.50	32.61	106.50	30.25
Ham Roll	4	4 lb	107.05	32.61	106.50	30.25
Salami Roll	4	4 lb	107.05	32.61	106.50	30.25
Smoked Turkey Roll	4	4 lb	107.05	32.61	106.50	30.25

sale dates: December 1-20, 2019

while supplies last, quantities may be limited

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

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