



Lincoln Seventh-day Adventist Church

Churches play an important part in any community. When new to a community the first place a family often looks for companionship and a social life is to the churches. They are assured of having something in common, something to share. The early homesteaders of Lincoln Valley were no different. Once their homes were built and their farms established, they organized their churches.

Lincoln Valley was served for a time by four denominations - the Seventh-day Adventists, Lutheran, Baptist and Reformed.

The first meetings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as in most churches, were held in homes, beginning in 1900. The church was officially organized November 22, 1900. The church building was completed in 1907 and Valentine Lehr (or Leer) was the first pastor. It was located two miles south and two miles west of Lincoln, ND.

The church had a parochial school for one year in Lincoln. In 1908 they built a school three quarters of a mile from Lincoln. It operated for three years, disbanded in 1912, then was reopened in 1913 and went for two more years before it closed.

A farmers' telephone line was built about 1909 and took in all the territory south of Anamoose as far as Lincoln. The farmers owned their wire, poles and the phone boxes. They serviced their own lines. "When the telephone came there were 16 on the party line. We'd all listen in, and sometimes offer advice, too," said Dan and Florence Gehring. "In 1949 the snow banks were so high when we went to town we drove over the telephone wires," said Norman Gehring. "Wednesday nights and Saturday nights were the big times in Lincoln. You would come to town and tell everybody your troubles," said Joe Leintz. "My idea why Wednesday nights started to be big was because in the summer you couldn't keep your cream and eggs the whole week. So you came to town to sell," said Norman Gehring.

Herman H. Hohenstein, the first cashier at the bank, made the following observation when he entered Lincoln for the first time, "Lincoln should be called Lincoln Valley. This is such a beautiful valley." Thus the bank was called the Lincoln Valley State Bank. Residents of the area liked the name and the post office designation was officially changed from Lincoln to Lincoln Valley on October 18, 1912, when Hohenstein was appointed postmaster.

When Lincoln was established it was part of McClean County. In 1908 McLean County was split and the east side was renamed Sheridan. Thereafter followed a vote to decide the county seat with Lincoln in contest with McClusky, Denhoff and Goodrich. McClusky won the vote.



The land for a cemetery, and for a church was sold for \$25.00 to the Dakota Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists on November 21, 1901 by Fred and Marie (Reiswig) Bentz. The land's use was restricted to the use of a church and a cemetery by Fred and Marie. The land was part of the original Bentz homestead. Whether the land was already being used as a cemetery, is unknown.

On November 6, 1907 the cemetery and church land transferred from the Dakota Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists to the North Dakota Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists. This corresponds with the completion of a church building on this property in the same year.

Regular church services ceased at this church sometime in the 1940s or 1950s. It was in the early

1950s that the Seventh-day Adventist Church building was sold for scrap lumber to Mike Dockter, Jr. who used the lumber to build his home.

Information from: [Lincoln Valley History 1899-1985](#), assembled by John B. Kelly using, in part, the Twilight Circle Homemakers Club's Scrapbook, 1964; [Nothing to Fear](#) by Bob Dupuy, 1983; Find-a-Grave website; Photo by Jacquie Biloff



Photo by Cliff Freese

Winter Wonderland Enjoyed by Students

Winter is the time of year when every plan is precarious, the weather and temperature dictate what can and cannot be done outside. When the snow comes, the wind blows and the temperature plummets, DAA students enjoy the benefit of having almost all of their activities in the same building. On the flip side, when there is snow and ice, yet the weather is nice, they have options for outdoor fun.

With a few lights, a fire, and some Christmas music, the perfect ambiance is created for a wonderful evening of skating and sledding. The best part of an evening like that is the opportunity to relax and enjoy great company as well as the beautiful surroundings that make up the Dakota Adventist Academy campus.

With Mr. Way providing skates and Mr. Peterson taking care of lights, the fire, and a few sleds, the students enjoyed more than physical activity. They savored the moment – experiencing the joy and friendship of friends and faculty.

“Your kids are our kids and they are important to us,” says Tracy Peterson, academy recruiter. “Happy Winter!”



Article by Tracy Peterson; Photos by Mindy Juhl and Tracy Peterson



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Invitation Hill Students Help Others

Each Christmas for the past four years, Invitation Hill Adventist School in Dickinson, ND, has participated in a project to help others. For two years they participated in the *Operation Christmas Child* shoebox program, then the last two years they began adopting projects from the ADRA gift catalog.

This year, they chose to adopt projects from the ADRA gift catalog again, but the teachers wanted the students to have more ownership of their giving than just bringing an offering that their parents were willing to share.

A little over a month ago the students began working on making items to sell at a mission sale. The students painted and sewed Christmas ornaments, crocheted, braided and colored bookmarks, and basically made whatever they could think of to make. A number of church members also became involved, so by the night of the sale, December 21, there were a number of items to sell, which included extra library books that were offered for sale as well.

The projects that the students chose to support were 1) sponsoring a chick or a goat to help a family make an income for themselves, 2) providing meals for kids, 3) building homes for lepers from recycled water bottles, and 5) digging wells. By the end of the evening's sale, \$1,272.50 (plus a late donation) was collected for these projects. The money provided for eight goats, access to water for 21 people, 9.2 square feet toward a newly constructed home for lepers, food for two children for one year, and 68 chicks.

When one of the students saw the pile of money being counted, her mouth dropped open. "We got all that?!" she gasped! "Yes, that's what God does with our little bit placed in His hands," replied head teacher Janna Wright.





Article by Janna Wright; Photos by Ron Wright

Liberty was granted before there was a government, directed by the Lord Himself, who endowed us with those rights.

Never before has any nation proclaimed:

- that all men are created equal;
- that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights;
- that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

However, how many in America now believe we are a "Nation under God?"

Liberty is at stake; religious liberty hangs in the balance. Give January 25, 2020, as if your very liberties are being subverted. They are. If we do not stand for religious liberty, who will?



Two South Dakota Churches Sing Carols

The Hot Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church and the New Beginnings Company joined together to sing Christmas carols to the residents of the Pine Hills Retirement community, the State Veterans Home and the Seven Sisters Nursing Home in Hot Springs, SD.

Members delivered cookies and Christmas cheer Sabbath afternoon to all of these locations and then returned to the church for snacks, hot chocolate and games. What a joy to fellowship together and share with our community.



Article and photos by Pastor Samuel Thomas

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Hot Springs Church Shares Christmas Meal

On December 25th the Hot Springs Adventist Church in Hot Springs, South Dakota provided a fellowship meal open to the public. The sign in front of the church read:

No family? Come join ours!

A total of 27 people did just that. Many were church members, but a few were not and were received warmly. The group enjoyed an excellent meal and great fellowship.

The members are praying for more opportunities to reach out to their community.



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Resolutions for **Body, Mind and Spirit**



Set activity (not exercise) goals



Take a weekly media break



Take time to clear your mind



Enrich your diet



Get more sleep



Spend time outside



 AdventHealth

Dakota Conference Calendar

Jan 11	Dakota Challenge Offering
Jan 13 - 16	Pastors' Meetings at the Conference Office
Jan 18	Pathfinder Bible Bowl and Pinewood Derby at Dakota Adventist Academy
Jan 18	Local Church Budget Offering
Jan 19	Pathfinder Honors' Fair at DAA
Jan 25	Religious Liberty Offering
Jan 30	Nebraska Alumni Chapter Meeting

There are no ABC Specials for January


ABC hours are Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 - 5:30 pm
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