



## The following churches are providing Live Streaming on Sabbaths.

### Bismarck:

[https://www.bismarckesda.org/streaming?fbclid=IwAR2ZSxjwpSmjvG-bkZIQy\\_yzHnJbJU54Tm7AiOUInhp9cFPEQO7qGElrSoc](https://www.bismarckesda.org/streaming?fbclid=IwAR2ZSxjwpSmjvG-bkZIQy_yzHnJbJU54Tm7AiOUInhp9cFPEQO7qGElrSoc)

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### Harvey, Manfred, Bowdon Country:

<http://www.youtube.com/>

(You may also watch via Pastor Sarel Smith's FB page

or any of the above listed churches' FB pages.)

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### Jamestown, Cleveland, New Home:

<https://www.facebook.com/NewHomeSDA/>

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### Sioux Falls:

[sfadventistchurch.org](http://sfadventistchurch.org)

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Other Dakota churches will be connecting through Facebook.  
Catch the Open Word Devotionals by Pastor Mike Temple on  
the Dakota Conference Facebook page or sign up to receive it on your personal device.  
HAPPY SABBATH

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Leadership at the Dakota Conference continues to monitor the rapidly changing impact of the coronavirus. The health and safety of church members, students, employees and communities throughout the conference is top priority.

### Churches

The latest federal guidelines for a group of people is ten. During temporary church closures, smaller groups within a congregation, in consultation with their pastor, may choose to meet for prayer meetings or Sabbath services.

During these unprecedented times, tithe and offerings may be given through *Adventist Online Giving*, whether to the local church or the Dakota Conference Church. Funds received at the Dakota Conference Church will be credited back to the local church. The online link is <https://adventistgiving.org/#/>.

### Schools

Principals and teachers, in discussion with the school board, will decide on local actions and communicate that information to the school families

and conference superintendent.

## Notices

- Dickinson and Jamestown regionals have been cancelled.
- Rapid City and Sioux Falls Youth Get-togethers are postponed until fall.
- Plans for Campmeeting 2020 continue. If public health concerns are prolonged, a decision will be made in early May

Almost nobody gets through life with just one giant to face. Today the giant we face is named COVID-19. But if there is one thing David's victory over Goliath teaches us, it is that giants don't have the last word.

We also have the help of God. Sometimes that doesn't seem very tangible, but the experience of those who have trusted God and have been attacked by multiple giants is that God is somehow present. The real victory is found by trusting in Him to provide deliverance from every giant we face.

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## Interlakes Seventh-day Adventist Church History, Part III



The following clip from the [Madison Daily Leader](#) highlights the life of Floyd Bresee, to whom the last Dispatch's special letter from Dr. Ray Kellogg was written.

In the [Madison Daily Leader](#), Monday, July 2, 1979, the article title reads, *Madison chaplain recognized by Janklow's proclamation*. Floyd Bresee, born in 1899 and reared on his father's farm seven miles north and one mile east of Madison, was honored Sunday by an official state proclamation naming July 1 of each year in South Dakota as "Floyd Bresee Day." The proclamation was signed by Gov. Bill Janklow.

"I have no idea why I was chosen for this honor. This decree is probably the highlight of my life," said Bresee, who has been a chaplain for 62 years. "To Bill Janklow I say: 'I am surprised, but pleased beyond words for this excellent recognition but most humbly received. God bless you as governor of the state of South Dakota.'"

Bresee retired 17 years ago as a lieutenant colonel after serving 13 years as a military chaplain. He said he and his wife, Audrey Anne, expect to spend the rest of their time on earth here in Lake County. After attending a one-room school north of Madison through eighth grade, his father, Eugene William Bresse, sent him to a church parochial school in Redfield, called Plain View Academy, where Floyd majored in history and Bible.

Upon graduating from the academy in 1918 the president of the church conference invited him to enter the ministry. Bresee then attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. where he earned a B.A. in history and Bible. He went on to receive an M.A. at the Univ. of Nebraska and completed over 90 hours of credit toward his Ph.D. before called to serve in the military.

In WWII Bresee served three years as a military chaplain in the South Pacific, and he was stationed for three years in Japan during the Korean war.

A past chaplain of the S.D. National Guard and presently a chaplain for the American Legion, Bresee is a member of Kiwanis and of the Madison Chamber of Commerce.

"The Lord has been so good to me," Bresee smiled. "This proclamation from the governor is as exciting for me as when I was part of the dedication ceremony at the opening of the Karl E. Mundt Library and when I took my oath of office as an Army officer."

Bresee, who is proud of the fact that he has never tasted liquor or smoked a cigarette, cigar or pipe in his life, offers this advice to young people around Lake County: "Love your God, love your country and love your family.

"I'm afraid we have a lack of devotion in our young people toward their families," he concluded.

The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, This nation has endured for more than two hundred years as the Beacon of Freedom: and,

WHEREAS, Floyd Bresse's seven years of dedicated service as Lake County Republican Chairman has contributed to the quality of life in this

state and the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Floyd Bresee's hard work has contributed to the quality of this state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Bresee has reached his Eightieth Birthday, a milestone in his life which few of us can hope to attain; and,

WHEREAS, As Governor it is fitting and proper to hope that Floyd's special day will be one filled with joy and friendship, and that it will bring him many happy memories:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, July 1, 1979, as FLOYD BRESEE DAY in South Dakota, and join Floyd's many friend and relatives in wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Eight Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-nine. Signed by William J. Janklow, Governor; Alice Kundert, Secretary of State; and by Jay D. Vogt, Deputy.

*Article from conference archives; Photo of the now closed Interlakes Adventist Church by Richard Wolf, member of the Ash Grove and Interlakes churches.*



Photo by Cliff Freese

## Agape Feast Celebrated at DAA

Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, dawned as a beautiful morning across the Dakota prairie. This day was special. It was not just about classes and tests; it was about Jesus. Between each class students met in the circle to explore steps to Christ through short skits. They were attentive and open to what was presented throughout the day.

Pastor Jason Woll and teacher Pam Fenton orchestrated a beautiful evening of communion and friendship. The teachers served the students during foot washing and communion. Groups of students gathered to pray together before moving to tables where they served each other fresh fruit and breads. Beautiful duets by student Jessica Winistorfer and girls' dean Mindy Juhl were interspersed with student testimonials of their experience meeting Jesus.

The students bundled up to head outside to light and release Chinese lanterns. Before returning to their dorms for the evening Ryan Peterson lit the night sky with fireworks. It was a bright and exciting way to end an evening of celebration and praise.









Article and photos by Tracy Peterson

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Adventist Risk Management, Inc. is encouraging churches around the world to delay participating in Safety Sabbath until further notice. Held each year on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sabbath of March, Safety Sabbath is a day for Seventh-day Adventist churches to come together to practice safety drills with the purpose of creating a safer environment for our church community.

Given the current climate much of the world is facing in light of the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) is encouraging

churches to delay Safety Sabbath until further notice. We will communicate with you as soon as possible when we believe it is wise to continue with this event.

While we are postponing Safety Sabbath for March 28, we recognize that safety in our churches is needed more than ever right now. We encourage you to dialogue with your church leadership about the steps your local congregation can take to keep its member safe.

Adventist Risk Management has developed resources for churches and schools to use in preparation for dealing with COVID-19 in your community. These resources may be found on our website at [adventistrisk.org/covid19](https://adventistrisk.org/covid19).

Share this video to prevent the spread of disease:

Video link in English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXV74zb0Vcg>

Video Link in Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ELaj89qw-Ck>

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## Special Guests Come to the Conference Office

Monday, March 9, 2020, Dakota Adventist Academy students and staff came to the conference to learn what is done at the office and the overall structure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They learned how many churches are in the Dakota Conference - 45; how many conferences there are in the Mid-America Union - 5; and how the unions make divisions, which encompass the world. They learned about membership, baptismal records, insurance, budgets, payroll, trust services, education requirements, retirement, communication, camps, youth activities, Adventist cemeteries, background checks and much more with several Q&A periods interspersed.

The students then broke into groups of ten for a tour of the conference office. Afterward, Pastors Ricky and Brooke Melendez made a game of how much the students had retained from their visit with rewards for correct answers.

Both the office staff and teaching staff enjoyed the hour and hope to enjoy the experience again next year.



**Dakota Conference Northwest Regional  
scheduled for Dickinson, ND, March 28, 2020,  
had been cancelled.**

**Dakota Conference Northeast Regional  
scheduled for Jamestown, ND, April 18, 2020  
has been cancelled.**

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## Closed Church Ministries

"Many churches need some severe updating," says Pastor Nicholas Eaton of Pierre, SD. "It only takes a few church members to help, not a big group." Perhaps during this coronavirus of closed churches there are additional ways to minister.

"I was not scheduled to preach this weekend," says Pastor Eaton. "I was, therefore, able to utilize the time that I would normally put into sermon preparation to update the building. We put in new lighting, changed the old sink and plumbing in the gym, cleaned out cluttered rooms and worked outside on the church grounds. There is always something to get done."

Pastor Eaton concluded, "Anyways, just a thought for when we feel we can't minister to people in the conventional way."



Article by Jacquie Biloff; photos by Pastor Nicolas Eaton

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Visit [dakotaadventist.org](http://dakotaadventist.org) to view presenters and read their biographies.



This information is under the Community tab, then Campmeeting, then choose Presenters.



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## Dakota Conference Calendar

Mar 21	Rapid City Youth Get-together - POSTPONED
Mar 21	Local Church Budget Offering
Mar 28	Dakota NW Regional in Dickinson, ND - CANCELED
Mar 28	Dakota Challenge Offering
Apr 2 - 4	Music and Arts Festival at DAA - CANCELED
Apr 4	Local Church Budget Offering
Apr 11	NAD Christian Record Offering
Apr 18	Dakota NE Regional in Jamestown, ND - CANCELED
Apr 18	Local Church Budget Offering
Apr 19 - 21	New in Ministry - POSTPONED
Apr 25	Sioux Falls Youth Get-together - POSTPONED
Apr 25	Dakota Challenge Offering

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## March Specials

Save up to 20% on music at [adventistbookcenter.com](http://adventistbookcenter.com)

Local ABC hours are Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 - 5:30 pm  
However, if the office is open someone will be available

to help with your ABC purchases.

You may call ahead and have the food/books waiting outside for your pickup if you prefer.

Dakota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
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Bismarck, ND 58503  
Mon - Thrs 7:30 - 5:30  
701.751.6177



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Bismarck					
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Big Franks	12/20 oz	\$71.73	\$6.58	<b>\$66.93</b>	<b>\$6.22</b>
Big Franks l/f	12/20 oz	71.73	\$6.58	<b>\$66.93</b>	<b>\$6.22</b>
Linketts	12/13 oz	71.73	\$6.58	<b>\$66.93</b>	<b>\$6.22</b>
Little Links	12/19 oz	71.73	\$6.58	<b>\$66.93</b>	<b>\$6.22</b>
Vegetarian Burger	12/19 oz	71.73	\$6.58	<b>\$66.93</b>	<b>\$6.22</b>
Veja Links	12/20 oz	71.73	\$6.58	<b>\$66.93</b>	<b>\$6.22</b>
<b>Heritage Canned</b>					
Burger/Scallops/Mini Links/Deli Dog	6/19 oz				<b>4.25</b>
Chicken Bites	12/13 oz				<b>4.25</b>
<b>FOOD SERVICE</b>					
Big Franks	6/96 oz	122.94	22.56	<b>115.74</b>	<b>21.46</b>
<b>FROZEN</b>					
W Chicketts	12/16 oz	90.86	8.33	<b>80.86</b>	<b>6.99</b>
W Leanies	8/8oz	35.23	4.85	<b>26.00</b>	<b>3.49</b>
MSF Breakfast Links	8/8oz	37.74	5.19	<b>29.99</b>	<b>3.89</b>
MSF Breakfast Links f/s				<b>65.00</b>	

sale dates: March 1-31, 2020  
 quantities may be limited

## March19 Dispatch Photo



*Photo by Jodi Dossenko*

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