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## Dakota Conference Nominating Committee

This Sunday, members of the Nominating Committee will convene to select nominations for our Dakota Conference administrators and department directors. Members from across the Dakotas will be gathering at our Conference office for this important task.

We ask for your prayers for all those involved in this process. Please pray for safe travels for our committee members as they journey to the meeting and for wisdom and discernment as they make decisions that will impact the future direction of our Conference.

Thank you for holding our community leaders in prayer during this pivotal time.



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## Fargo Regional



The day will start with Sabbath School at 10:00a and will conclude at 2:15p, following an afternoon seminar on church life by Elder Mark Piotrowski. Please bring a potluck dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## Jaime Jorge Concert



You are invited to attend a worship event at the Jamestown Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, April 13 at 6:30p featuring Jaime Jorge (1201 4th St NE, Jamestown, ND).

Proceeds will support Hillcrest Adventist Elementary School.

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## Restore the Joy Series



Join members at the Mandan Adventist Church, April 14-20, for the *Restore the Joy* series with Dr. Craig Carr. Dive into topics like anxiety, work-life balance, identity, and leadership. Starts Sunday at 7:00p, nightly until Friday, with a special Q&A on Saturday at 10:00a and the final seminar “How Jesus Dealt with Anxious People” at 11:00a. Bring friends and neighbors to explore how to lead a joy-filled life. Don't miss this transformative week!

Mandan Adventist Church | 4500 30th Ave NW | Mandan ND 58554



# Restore the Joy

PASTOR CRAIG CARR

## April 14-20, 2024



Every Night  
7:00 PM   
Saturday  
10:00 and 11:00 AM

### OUTLINE OF THE JOURNEY

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Dealing with Anxiety and Stress
<b>MONDAY</b>	Balancing Work and Life
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Discovering Your Identity
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Becoming an Emotionally Healthy Leader
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Understanding Family Systems
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Living and Leading
<b>SATURDAY</b>	How Jesus Dealt with Anxious People

### PASTOR CRAIG CARR

Craig Carr, a lifelong Jesus-follower and pastor, loves reading, traveling, photography, and running—averaging 40 miles a week, including four marathons a year. As the ministerial director for the Mid-America Union, Craig focuses on teaching work/life balance, emotional well-being, and restoring joy to life and relationships. He lives in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his wife, Carisa, and takes pride in their two adult children.



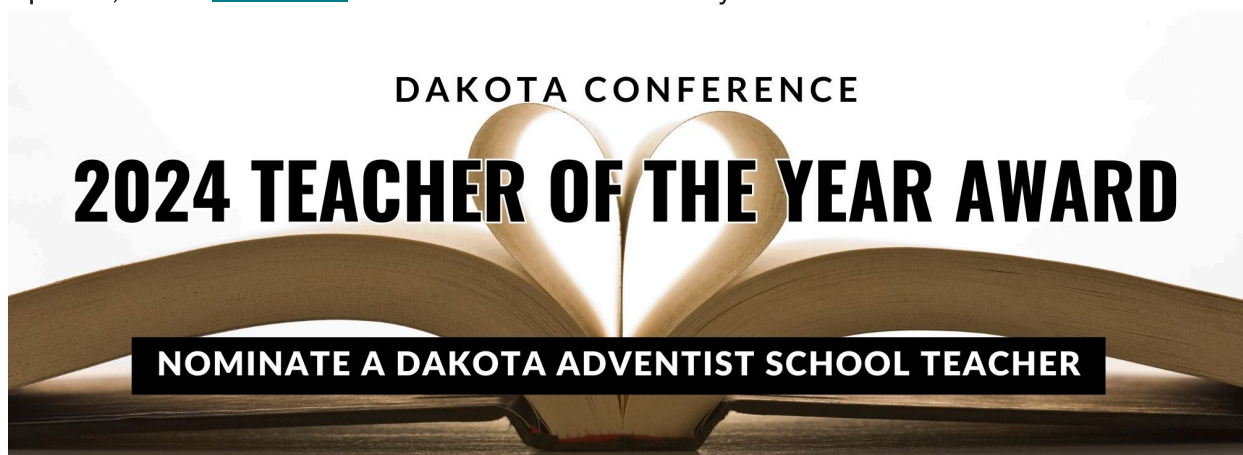
## 2024 Teacher of the Year Award

The Dakota Conference believes that, “In the highest sense the work of education and the

work of redemption are one, for in education, as in redemption, ‘no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.’ 1 Cor. 3:11” (*Education*, p. 30). We are blessed with incredible teachers in the Dakotas, but we annually wish to recognize an elementary teacher and a secondary teacher to honor them for their excellence in the teaching profession.

Award recipients will be selected by the K-12 Board of Education Personnel and Policy Committee and announced during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2024. Recipients will receive a plaque and a \$250 prize.

We encourage colleagues, former/current students, and parents/guardians to submit a nomination form on behalf of a teacher at their local Adventist school. Nominations close on April 15, 2024. [Click here](#) to nominate a teacher today.



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## Youth & Young Adults





**Other:** Children of Military Service Men & Women

[Click here](#) to visit the Prayer Ministries webpage.

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## Dakota Conference Calendar

The offering schedule is in purple.

The office preaching/visitation schedule is in blue.

Conference Regionals and Town Hall schedule is in green.

### April -

- 13: Dakota Challenge
- 13: Fargo Regional with Elder Mark Weir Preaching
- 14: Dakota Conference Nominating Committee at Conference Office (9a)
- 18: MAUC Executive Committee in Lincoln, NE
- 20: Local Church Budget
- 20: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Ellendale, ND
- 21: K-12 Board at Conference Office (10a)
- 23: Executive Committee via Zoom (7p)
- 27: Hope Channel International
- 27: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Hurley, SD
- 27: McClusky Ladies' Luncheon at McClusky Church (12:30p)

### May -

- 4: Local Church Budget
- 4: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Ellendale, ND
- 5: Union College Graduation
- 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 11: ADRA Disaster Relief
- 11: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Jamestown, ND
- 11: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Watertown, SD
- 18: Local Church Budget
- 18: Elder Mark Piotrowski preaching in Hot Springs, ND
- 18: Youth & Young Adult Director Elder Ted Struntz preaching in Bismarck, ND
- 18: Elder Bob Forbes preaching in Cleveland, ND
- 24-26: DAA Graduation Weekend

For more scheduled events, please see the calendar on the Dakota Conference website: [www.dakotaadventist.org/events](http://www.dakotaadventist.org/events)



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