# **Announcements:**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Membership Transfer: Ted, Lynette, Katherine & Elizabeth Struntz from Rockwood SDA Church to Bismarck SDA Church.

## 1st Reading for Church Positions:

- David Chapman as an Elder.
- Massa Harris Poure as a helper for the Adventurer Club.

### **Church Budget ending February 2023:**

Budgeted \$19,307	Received \$17,150	Short \$2,157

The Banquet: On Thursday, March 30, we will be preparing and serving a meal for people of all denominations and all walks of life at the Dream Center, 1805 Park Avenue. Preparing the food will start at 1:00 pm (will need 3 people) and serving the food will start at 5:00 pm (will need at least 12 people). Please sign the clipboard if you're willing to help or contact Janice Wolf at 701-220-3629.

Week of Prayer & Communion Service: Starting Monday, March 20 through March 24, at 7:00 pm each night there will be a one-hour prayer meeting at the church. We will conclude the week of prayer with Communion Service on Sabbath, March 25. We encourage all members to come unite in prayer.

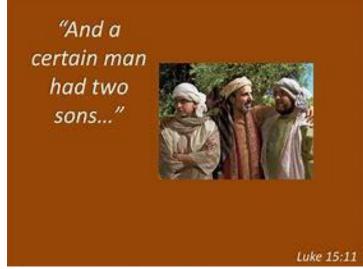
**Needy Fund:** The Church Needy Fund has been depleted in helping church families in need and therefore are asking for special donations to replenish this fund.

<u>Church Directory</u>: Due to the bad weather the last photo sessions for the church directory will be Sunday, March 18. There are still open times to get your photo taken. Call Reese at 865-216-7914 to schedule your photo session.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Please join us Tuesday, March 18, 10:00 am, as we continue the bible study in the Book of John Chapter 3:1-21.

**Fellowship Meal:** Please join us for our fellowship meal today. We ask you bring a vegetarian dish to share.

# March 18, 2023 Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church



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# **Service Times**

Sabbath School – 10:00 AM Worship – 11:00 AM



# THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm

# "The Prodigal: Two of the Same"

Welcome & Announcements Ron Reese

Invocation Pastor Vernon

Tithes & Offering Local Church Budget Ron Reese

Praise Time Rosie Christenson

#475 – There Is a Balm in Gilead, vs 1, 2 #476 – Burdens are Lifted at Calvary, vs 1, 3

Children's Story Sylvia Reese

Scripture & Prayer Luke 15:11-32 David Saxon

Special Music Tamara William

Message The Prodigal: Two of the Same Pastor Vernon

Closing Song Rosie Christenson

#466 – Wonderful Peace, vs 1, 2, 4

Benediction Pastor Vernon

Elder of the Month – Ron Reese

Sunset Today: 7:51 pm

Sunset next Friday: 8:00 pm

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#### Welcome:

We want to welcome you to the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member we hope that you experience God's presence as well as warm Christian fellowship today here at church. Have a Happy Sabbath!

### Sabbath School Divisions/Classes:

- Adult Classes Sanctuary, Come & See in Large Classroom, Filipino Class in the Fellowship Hall.
- Cradle Roll (ages 0-4)
- Kindergarten (ages 5-7)
- Primary (ages 8-10)
- Junior/Earliteen (ages 11-14)

Pastor's Corner: During March of 2007, a congressman by the name of David Cardoza of California introduced House Bill 1376, a bill which would extend Medicaid coverage for children who "age out" of the foster care system. If a child hasn't been adopted by a family permanently by the age of eighteen the system drops the child. It is estimated that 25,000 are emancipated each year, 65% of whom not only have no insurance but literally have no place to live. The foster care system's intent is to provide nurturing parental care through adults who are usually not blood-related to the child. However, fostering isn't new to this day and age. In Acts 13:1 we find Manaen who is said to have been the foster brother of Herod, the tetrarch-royalty. Manaen is believed to have become a consoler, a Christian teacher, educated in Rome; therefore, the system must have worked for him. It sounds like he turned out ok. Foster is mentioned one more time in the Bible in Isaiah 49. Kings shall be foster fathers... those who wait on the Lord shall not be put to shame. Are you feeling like an emancipated child who has no place to live and don't have the assurance of having someone to call Father. Remember, you have a Heavenly Father who cares about you, also remember He is waiting to adopt you through His blood into His family permanently. You shall not be put to shame.

Blessings, Pastor Vernon

# **Announcements Continued:**

Adventurer Club: Today the Club meets from 4:30-7:30 pm instead of normal time. April 1 & 15 from 1:30-3:00pm.

# **Brentwood Upcoming Events:**

- March 25<sup>th</sup> Game Night at Brentwood. A short vesper starts at 8:00 pm. Bring games and snacks to share.
- March 30<sup>th</sup> Blaze Pizza Fundraiser 5 pm-9 pm. Fundraiser for Brentwood's parking lot and playground.
- April 2nd Education Fair at Brentwood Welcome to North Dakota
- April 8th Education Sabbath
- April 10th School Board Meeting 6:30 pm

Men's Retreat Rescheduled: Due to the blizzard, Men's Retreat was originally rescheduled for April 21-23 but unfortunately, that weekend has become unavailable for the Roughrider Hotel. Please mark your calendars for May 5-7, 2023, make plans to attend, and invite a friend to come along.

**DAA Senior Class Fundraiser:** The Senior Class of 2023 would like to invite you to participate in their Panda Express Fundraiser on **Wednesday, March 22, 10:30 am to 8:00 pm.** The fundraiser takes place at Bismarck Panda Express, 1205 Brookside Ln, near Costco. You may order online for pickup or come enjoy a sit-down meal. If ordering online, enter 352460 in the fundraiser code box or show it on your smart phone or bring the flyer. Thank you for your support as the Seniors gear up for their class trip and graduation.

**DAA Work Bee:** Calling all handymen, handywomen, and those with skills in wiring, plumbing, carpentry, sheetrock, sweeping, and cleaning—we need you! We also need other people willing to help hold, carry, or contribute wherever needed. If you can help, please join us for our 2nd annual Work Bee at Dakota Adventist Academy on Sunday, April 16, from 8:00a to 3:00p, while we work to revitalize our school and re-engage with our community. Lunch will be provided. Please visit our website and fill out the form so we can place you in a suitable area of work. dakotaconferenceeducation.org/daa-work-bee