

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm

### “Living a Life of Thanksgiving”

Welcome & Announcements	David Chapman	
Invocation	Pastor Vernon Herholdt	
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	David Chapman
Praise Time	Dan Spilovoy	
	#565 – For the Beauty of the Earth, all vs	
	#560 – Let All Things Now Living, all vs	
Children’s Story	Chelsea Christensen	
Scripture & Prayer	1 Thessalonians 5:18	Elaine Felchle
Special Music	Karen Breuer & Arlys Stampka	
Message	Pastor Vernon Herholdt	
	“Living a Life of Thanksgiving”	
Closing Song	Dan Spilovoy	
	#559 – Now, Thank We All Our God, all vs	
Benediction	Pastor Vernon Herholdt	

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Elder of the Month – David Chapman

Sunset Today: 5:07pm

Sunset next Friday: 5:01 pm

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### Pastor’s Corner: "Year-Round Thanksgiving"

Psalm 95:2 joyfully beckons us, "Come into His presence with thanksgiving." It's an invitation to approach God with a heart full of gratitude. In Philippians 4:6, the apostle Paul further guides us, encouraging a lifestyle where thanksgiving is not just an occasional attitude but a year-round mindset.

Both the Psalmist and Paul highlight the profound connection between gratitude and our relationship with God. Thanksgiving is not merely a pleasant demeanor we adopt in prayer, but it is a continuous disposition that should be evident in our entire lives. When we approach God, our hearts should be seasoned with thankfulness, recognizing His goodness, faithfulness, and sovereignty.

In a world often tainted by anxiety and uncertainty, Paul's words resonate deeply. He instructs us not to be anxious about anything, but instead to present our requests to God with thanksgiving. This implies that thanksgiving is not a mere add-on to our prayers but an integral part of the process. It transforms our petitions into an expression of trust and recognition of God's providence.

A year-round mindset of thanksgiving transforms our perspective. In times of abundance, we are reminded that every good gift comes from above. In times of trial, thanksgiving helps us see beyond our circumstances, acknowledging that God is still in control. It aligns our hearts with the truth that God is worthy of praise regardless of our circumstances.

So, let our lives be a constant symphony of thanksgiving—a melody that resounds not only in moments of triumph but also in the cadence of our everyday existence. As we heed the call of Psalm 95:2 and embrace the counsel of Philippians 4:6, may thanksgiving be the rhythm that shapes our communion with God, drawing us closer to His presence each day.

Enjoy a blissful Thanksgiving! Pastor Vernon Herholdt

## Evangelism

Save the Date - Coming January 14, 2024, 2:00-4:00 pm, will be a Health Program on food, exercise, sleep, stress, and spiritual topics. What a good way to start the new year.

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### Small Groups

(If you are interested in starting a small group, please contact Pastor Vernon.)

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study:** Please join us every Tuesday morning from 10:00 -11:00 am, as we continue to study the bible. We are currently in the Book of Acts.

**Sabbath Morning Prayer Group:** Join us in prayer every Sabbath morning at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

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### Sabbath School Divisions/Classes

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

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### Calendar

- Nov. 18 – Adventurer Club, 2:00-3:30 pm
- Nov. 29 – Pathfinder Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Nov. 28 – Town Hall Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Dec. 6, 13 – Pathfinder Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Dec. 16 – Bismarck Regional Mtg. at DAA
- Dec. 29 – Agape Meal, 5:30 pm

## Announcements

**Vespers & Church Business Meeting:** The vespers and church business meeting has been canceled and rescheduled to a later date.

### Financial Report as of October 2023:

Budgeted: \$103,778	Received: \$105,537	Over: \$1,759
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**Fellowship Meal:** Please be our guests today for feasting, reminiscing, and counting our blessings. Thanksgiving is a day to give thanks for all we are blessed with. We are so thankful for church family and friends.

**Prayer Request:** Please keep Neita Glover in your daily prayers as her health is declining and for all our church family struggling with health issues.

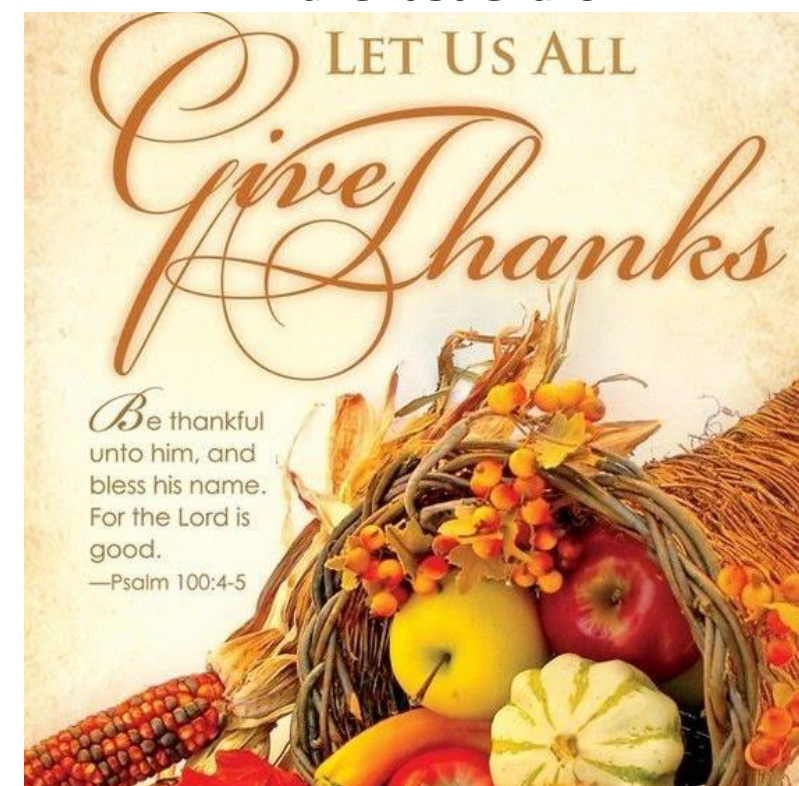
**Bismarck Town Hall Meeting:** The Bismarck Region Constituency Town Hall meeting will be held at the Bismarck Church starting at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 28**. These meetings are geared primarily towards delegates, but all members are encouraged to attend and support your conference.

The purpose of the Town Hall meetings is to provide orientation regarding procedures, processes, and session rules of order; discuss any issues pertaining to the session; gain input and advice from the representatives of local churches; raise issues that may be added to the session agenda; and elect representatives to serve on the nominating committee for the constituency session. Churches in the Bismarck Region are Bismarck, DAA, Goodrich, Mandan, and McClusky.

The Bismarck Church delegate names are Ron Warner, Kimber Boyko, Margaret Chapman, David Chapman, Elaine Felchle, Rosie Christenson, Kelly Mauch, Lee Meier, Shirley Hoggarth, Janice Wolf, Tami Flemmer, John Christensen, Elbie Piotrowski.

## Sermon Notes:

## November 18, 2023 Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church



**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!**

### Service Times

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

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