

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm

“Love Came Down from Heaven”

Welcome & Announcements Kimber Boyko

Tithes & Offering Local Church Budget Kimber Boyko

Invocation Pastor Vernon Herholdt

Christmas Music Program

“Love Came Down from Heaven” (see insert)

Benediction Pastor Vernon Herholdt

Pastor’s Corner:

In the past two weeks I’ve heard the Christmas song ‘Silver Bells’ more than once, and I guess it’s a favorite of many. The words of this song is on repeat in my mind; “Kids are bunching, snow is crunching, and above all the bustle of the shoppers on the city sidewalks you’ll hear – Silver Bells ring – a – ling – a – ling.” I looked it up -- the song was written by Ray Evans in 1950 and recorded by Bing Crosby in October of that year. But times have changed a bit over the years; Christmas shoppers now have left city sidewalks for malls where snow is not crunching. The ringing you’ll hear most is not from silver bells, but from cell phones of kids and adults as well, not bunching, but texting—Ring – a – ling. I thought of the song last week when the students at the academy played the hand Bells. The bells used were not silver, but “gold”. No matter the color of bells they produce an unforgettable sound. In the Bible, bells are mentioned only three times. Two times in Exodus 28:33-35 gold, not silver, bells along with pomegranates are attached to the hem of garments of the High Priest. In Zechariah 14:20, bells are found not on hems, but on horses. The bells are inscribed with the words, “Holy is the Lord.” The fourteenth chapter describes a time of feasting that is to come one day (v.16), and it seems that even common things such as cookware in the kitchen and bells around horses’ necks will shout forth the holiness of the Lord. Holy is the Lord! This time of year is a time of feasting and celebration. During this Christmas Season as we hear all the sounds around us in this busy world, may we listen closely for the holiness of our Savior to ring forth in everyday things. May we not forget the holiness of the Lord as we prepare for these celebrations and may others see the holiness of the Lord himself ringing forth from each one of us.

Many Blessings, Pastor Vernon

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)

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.

Small Groups

Book Club: Starting on January 11, 6:00 pm, at the church, we will be meeting weekly to go through one book a month. In January we will be starting out with “Unoffendable: How one change can make all of life better” by Brant Hanson. Contact Pastor Jacob for further questions.

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.

Happy Hamper Laundry Love Program: This mission program is asking for prayers, volunteers, and donations to help those with no/low income to wash their clothes. For those donating funds, please mark it in your tithe envelope as laundry program. For more information contact Tami Flemmer at 701-226-8258 or Reese Saxon at 865-216-7914.

Calendar

- Dec. 29 – Agape Meal/Communion Service, 6:30 pm
- Jan. 6 & 20 – Adventurer Meetings, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Jan. 6 – Pathfinder Sabbath and PBE Study
- Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Bible Study, 10:00 am
- Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 – Guitar Fundamentals Mtg. 7:00pm
- Jan. 10, 17, 28, 31 – Pathfinder Meetings
- Jan. 9 – Church Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Jan. 10-20 – Ten Days of Prayer
- Jan. 11, 18, 25 – Book Club Meeting, 6:00 pm
- Jan. 14 – Health Program, 2:00-4:00 pm

Elder of the Month – Kimber Boyko

Sunset Today: 4:57 pm

Sunset next Friday: 5:02 pm

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Announcements

Needed Items for Adventurer Club: The Adventurer Club needs empty shoe boxes for an activity by Jan. 6. If you have any shoe boxes, please bring to the church foyer.

Thank You from the Soldiers: The two soldiers received the care package(s) shortly before Thanksgiving Day. Both soldiers would like to thank the congregation and Adventurer Club for the care package.

Guitar Small Group: The Guitar Fundamentals small group will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm. We will start on January 4 and continue if there is an interest. We might even go into a more advanced class in the future if needed. Contact Dan Spilovoy at 701-226-2119 or Scott Winistorfer at 701-220-5826 to sign up.

Fellowship Meal: There will be no fellowship meal today. We will have it next Sabbath, December 30. We invite visitors to be a part of this family meal. We ask members to bring a vegetarian dish to share.

End-of-Year Tithe and Offerings: Please remember to have your donations for the year handed in or postmarked by December 31. They can also be given online until midnight December 31. The church thanks everyone for their support in 2023.

DAA Sumer Camp Help Needed: As we are bundling up during these cold months, are you looking forward to spending time in the sun, amongst God's beautiful forest scenery of Flag Mountain in Hill City, SD, or the sparkling waters of Lake Metigoshe near Bottineau, ND? If yes and you are a medical professional (physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or nurse), we NEED YOU! Join the medical services team for Dakota Adventist Camps this year and enjoy the benefits of a week of free lodging, meals, and a free week of camp for your child. We need a prescribing provider and a nurse for each of the six weeks during June and July. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ted Struntz at camp@dakotasda.org.

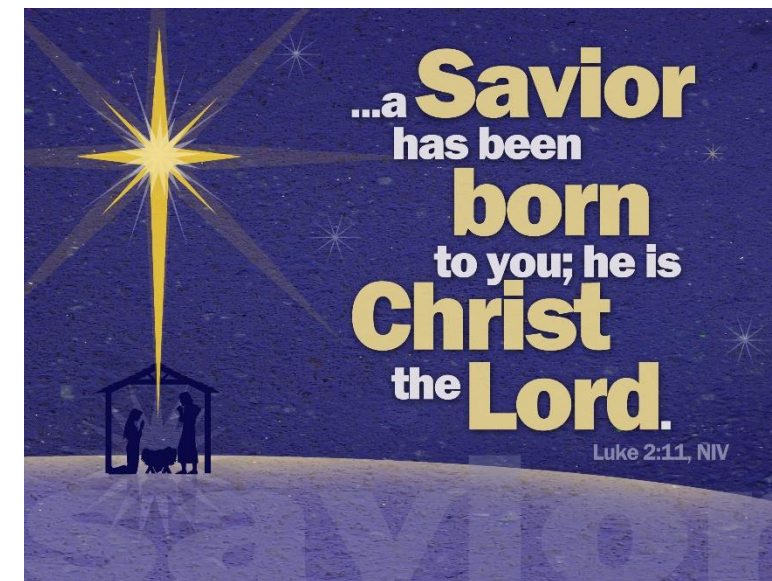
Announcements Cont.

Agape Meal: Join us on Friday, December 29, 6:30 pm, for an agape meal & communion service. The clip board will be passed this Sabbath asking for members to bring food for the meal.

10 Days of Prayer: Please plan to join in "10 Days of Prayer," January 10-20, 2024. The Zoom link and Facebook live events are scheduled for 7:30p CT / 6:30p MT. (Meeting ID: 841 1749 9925 Passcode: 382190) This year's theme is "Priorities of Faith." Resources are available at tendaysofprayer.org

Sermon Notes:

December 23, 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

Bismarck SDA Church
1109 North 26th St., Bismarck, ND
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2023 Christmas Program
“Love Came Down from Heaven”

Elder Kimber Boyko Welcome, Announcements, &
Local Church Budget - Tithes & Offering

Pastor Vernon Herholdt Invocation & Devotional

Church Congregation Opening Song
#122 – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, all vs

Traci & Rebekah Thingvold Do You have Room?

Scott Winistorfer What Christmas Means to Me

Flemmer Grandkids The First Noel

Jackie Bitz Light of the World

Skaro Family Silent Night

Jolene & Bowen Engelhart What Child is This?

Arlys Stampka & Karen Breuer Bring a Torch

Traci Thingvold Rose of Bethlehem

Bob Hieb & It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Scott Winistorfer

Jeff Cabig Heavenly Father Watches Over Me

Erica Chapman Two French Carols

Church Congregation Closing Song
#118 - The First Noel, vs 1,3,5

Pastor Vernon Herholdt Benediction