

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

“The Greatest Gift and a small Laager”

Welcome & Announcements		Kimber Boyko
Invocation		Pastor David Fitzcharles
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	Kimber Boyko
Praise Time		Traci Thingvold
	#127 - Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, all vs #135 - O Little Town of Bethlehem, all vs	
Children’s Story		Connie Seibold
Scripture & Prayer	Psalms 34:1-7	Kimber Krueger
Special Music:	Guitar Medley	Dan & Scott
Message		Pastor David Fitzcharles
	“The Greatest Gift and a small Laager”	
Closing Song		Traci Thingvold
	#122 – Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, all vs	
Benediction		Pastor David Fitzcharles

Elder of the Month – Kimber Boyko

Sunset Today: 4:54 pm

Sunset next Friday: 4:56 pm

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Pastor’s Corner

Every December, we unpack boxes filled with memories. Some hold decorations, others hold traditions, and a few carry stories we've kept since childhood. But the most meaningful reminders of Christmas never come from a box; they come from how God enters the everyday moments of our lives.

I've been thinking about how we often face seasons of uncertainty. Some weeks go by easily, while others leave us feeling overwhelmed or stretched thin. We might be caring for a sick loved one, struggling to make ends meet, or just wishing life would slow down so we can catch our breath. Christmas acknowledges those realities; it speaks directly into them.

When the angel told frightened shepherds not to be afraid, he wasn't offering empty words. He was announcing the arrival of a God who comes close. A God who stays with ordinary people who feel anything but strong. A God whose presence becomes the gift we need most when life feels heavy.

That is the heart of Christmas. Immanuel. God with us. Not just a story from long ago, but here and now. In quiet kitchens before dawn. In hospital waiting rooms. In late-night prayers no one else hears. In the moments when we wonder if we are doing enough or being enough. He is there.

As we go through this week, I want to encourage you to look for small signs of His closeness. A kind word. A prayer answered in an unexpected way. A moment of peace that feels like it came from outside yourself. These are reminders that God still walks with His people.

My prayer is that you will feel His presence in a new way. May the God who came to us in a manger draw near to your heart again.

Have a blessed week.

Pastor David

Sabbath School Divisions/Classes:

Adult Classes – Sanctuary and Come & See in Large Classroom.
Cradle Roll (ages 0-4); Kindergarten (ages 5-7); Primary (ages 8-10); Juniors/early teens (ages 11-14); Youth (ages 15-19)

Evangelism:

Happy Hamper Laundry Love LLC: 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. Also, if you would like to donate quarters to help with the loads of laundry there is a detergent bottle just outside the sanctuary doors on the table for quarter donations. This event is every 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Contact Tami Flemmer on 701-226-8258 for more information.

Small Groups:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: All are welcome to join the Wednesday morning bible study at 10:00 am. Pastor David leads out as we continue to study the Bible together. This Wednesday we will continue in Galatians chapter 3.

Women In the Bible and Me Study: This is practical advice for women to achieve their full potential. In studying the lives of these women, you will learn that God has called women to play a significant role in the home, in the church, and in the community. You will understand that each woman today is invited to fulfill God's call to be a blessing in her personal center of influence.

Attend this Zoom bible study right from your home. Monday evenings, 8:15 pm – 9:00 pm. To get the zoom information please send your email address to Tami Flemmer, 701-226-8258, and she will forward it to you.

Once a month we meet in person for tea or coffee and fellowship on a Sunday morning. The next place and date will be announced each month.

Men’s Ministry Bible Study: New Series - The Days of Noah Started November 11th and continues every Tuesday for 12 weeks from 6:30 - 8:00 pm (Meal included) at the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church, in the Large Adult Classroom. Contact Ryan Eberhardt for questions, 952-621-6281.

Announcements:

Make 2026 Your Best Year Ever: It's easy: spend a few minutes with God every morning. Your Adventist Book Center has easy-to-use, inspirational devotionals for every reader. The 2026 Devotionals are on discount until January 31, 2026. Visit www.AdventistBookCenter.com/Devotionals for more information or call the ABC at 402-488-3395. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board with the names of the devotional books.

Missing Hymnal: A Celebration Hymnal from the organ/piano area is missing. If you have borrowed it, please return it.

Custodian Help: Our church custodian, Don, will be absent for the next 3 weeks. We're looking for help for this time. Please let Janice know if you're interested.

Financial Report as of November 30, 2025: Thank you for your weekly tithes and offers.

Budgeted: \$123,744	Received: \$117,519	Short: \$6,225
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Tithe and Offerings: There are three easy ways to give your tithe and offering.



1. Online giving, scan the QR code and explore the Adventist online giving site. It's a quick, easy and fun way to give.
2. Drop your offer in the offering box on the back wall of the sanctuary.
3. Place your offering on the offering plate when it is passed.

Brentwood Christmas Program: Mark your calendar to come and enjoy an uplifting and fun Christmas program presented and starring the Brentwood students, Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 pm at the Bismarck Church.

Fellowship Meal: Join us for a fellowship meal today. We ask members to bring a vegetarian dish to share. To promote a healthy lifestyle, we would like to see more salads, vegetables, grains, legumes, beans, nuts, and fruit for our meals.

Announcements Cont.:

Adventurer Club Blessing Bags: Adventurer Club plans to make blessing bags to give to the community. Kindly join us to help supply the items needed for the community. Please sign up for one or more items as desired on the clip board. Items must be travel size only. Please put items in the tote located in the foyer no later than Jan. 10th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jessica Eberhardt at 701.799.3338.

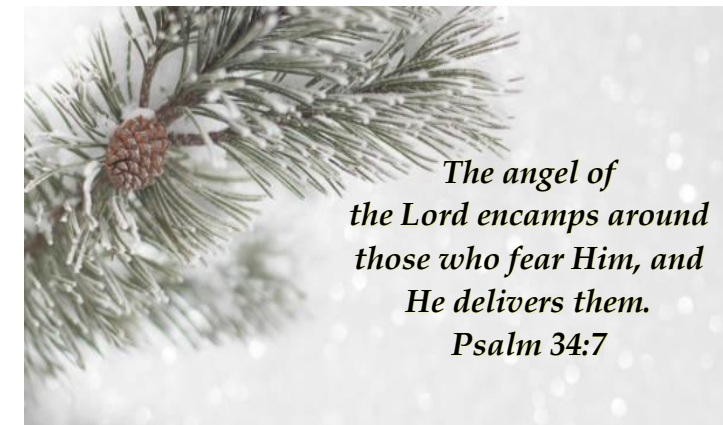
Little Food Pantry: The Pathfinders have worked hard on their woodworking honor by creating three little food pantries to serve our community. One is now up in front of the church on N. 26th street. You can help us keep the little pantry stocked by donating non-perishable food items and hygiene items. Some examples of items we could use are canned goods, foods in plastic jars like peanut butter and jelly, boxed items such as pasta and cereal and hygiene items such as toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, and shampoo/conditioner to fill the pantry. There is a tote located in the foyer to place your donated items.

Pastor David's Office Hours: Pastor is available Monday to Thursday between 9:00 and 13:00. He would really love for you to stop by during that time, whether it is to talk, pray together, have a hot beverage, or just catch up. His door is open, and you are always welcome. Pastor will be on leave the week of December 22nd.

Calendar:

- ♦ Dec. 15, 22, 29 – Women's Bible Study via zoom, 8:15 pm – 9:00 pm
- ♦ Dec. 16, 23, 30 – Men's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm
- ♦ Dec. 17 – Wed. Morning Bible Study, 10:00 am
- ♦ Dec. 13, 17 – Pathfinder Meetings
- ♦ Dec. 18 – Laundry Love, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- ♦ Dec. 16 – Brentwood Christmas Program, 7:00 pm

December 13, 2025 Bismarck Seventh-Day Adventist Church



*The angel of
the Lord encamps around
those who fear Him, and
He delivers them.
Psalm 34:7*

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 Service – 11:00 AM

