

## THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

### “The Compromise of Lot”

Welcome & Announcements		Kimber Boyko
Invocation		Pastor Vernon Herholdt
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	Kimber Boyko
Praise Time	I Will Praise Him, vs 1, 2, 4 #249 – Praise Him! Praise Him! all vs	Dan Spilovoy
Scripture & Prayer	Genesis 13:1-13	Jodi Dockter
Children’s Story (The story will be given while pastor and baptism candidate prepare for baptism).		Traci Thingvold
Special Music	Bonnie Sundby, Linda Oswald, Joe Van Inwagen	
Baptism	Michelle Buckmiller	Pastor Vernon Herholdt
After Baptism Music		Dan Spilovoy
	#335 – What a Wonderful Savior, vs 1, 2, 4 #312 – Near the Cross, all vs	
Message		Pastor Vernon Herholdt
	“The Compromise of Lot”	
Closing Song		Dan Spilovoy
	#474 – Take the Name of Jesus with You, vs, 1, 3, 4	
Benediction		Pastor Vernon Herholdt

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Elder of the Month – Kimber Boyko

Sunset Today: 8:56 pm

Sunset next Friday: 9:05 pm

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## Pastor’s Corner:

Last week we looked at how dangerous it is to look back, studying Lot’s wife and how she was lost on the way to salvation when she turned into a pillar of salt. We read in Matthew 6:24, where Jesus teaches, "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." This powerful reminder echoes throughout Scripture, finding resonance even in the story of Lot pitching his tent towards Sodom.

Lot's decision to pitch his tent towards Sodom reveals a subtle shift in his priorities. Initially, it may have seemed like a mere geographical choice, but it symbolizes a deeper inclination towards worldly desires. Sodom represented wealth, comfort, and pleasure, drawing Lot's attention away from his devotion to God.

As the narrative unfolds, we witness the consequences of Lot's divided allegiance. His proximity to Sodom exposes him to its corrupting influence, leading to peril for himself and his family. In contrast, Abraham, who chose to dwell in alignment with God's will, experiences blessing and protection.

Similarly, Jesus warns us against divided loyalties. When we allow worldly pursuits to compete for our devotion to God, we risk spiritual compromise and loss. Let us heed Jesus' words and wholeheartedly serve God, prioritizing His kingdom above all else. In doing so, we find true fulfillment and security in Him alone.

Blessings, Pastor Vernon

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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)

## Evangelism:

**Teen Challenge Event:** Join us on Sabbath, May 11, 11:00 Worship Service, as members of the Adult & Teen Challenge Faith-based Residential Recovery Program will be presenting the worship service. Included will be singing, sharing testimonies, and how the program works.

**Garden Tour:** For those of you that have a love of gardening join us on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, to tour Dwight Duke’s gardens. Dwight will explain and give tips/ideas for gardening. For those that would like to carpool come to the Bismarck Church at 2:00 pm or you can drive on your own. Dwight’s location is 4 miles west of Washburn on Alternate Route 200, Hensler, ND. The tour will start at 3:00 pm. For questions contact Jolene Engelhart at 701-214-7410.

## Small Groups:

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

**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. This event is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 5:30pm-7:30pm. Contact Tami Flemmer at 701-226-8258 or Reese Saxon at 865-216-7914 for more information.

**Singing Band at St. Vincent’s:** This event will be the 1st Sabbath of every month at 2:00 p.m. The residents are looking forward to seeing us again, so please participate if you can. Accompanists are particularly needed. If you have questions, please contact Beverly Edwards (701-955-3264).

## **Announcements:**

**Church Board Meeting:** Our next board meeting is Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 pm. Please send agenda items to Pastor Vernon or Janice.

**Baptism Celebration:** The church family wishes to express much joy as we celebrate the baptism of Michelle Buckmiller today. May the blessings on this wonderful day fill your life with joy and peace forever. We welcome you with open hearts.

**Fellowship Meal:** Please join us for our 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. We thank you for your help on this matter.

Next Sabbath we will serve haystacks (vegetarian taco salad). Please sign up for food to bring for the meal.

**Save The Date:** Our church will be having a camping weekend/outdoor church at General Sibley Park & Campground June 28-30. If you are interested in camping you will need to reserve your own camping site on the Bismarck Parks and Rec website: [www.bisparks.org/facilities/general-sibley-park-campground/Reservations](http://www.bisparks.org/facilities/general-sibley-park-campground/Reservations) for camping open on March 27th at 8:00 AM. Weekend programming is being planned and will be communicated at a later time.

**Dakota Adventist Academy Spring Concert:** On Saturday, May 18, 2024, DAA's Music Department will present a Spring Vespers called "Now the Green Blade Riseth". Featured will be readings, poetry, and music by the Choir, Handbells, and Instrumentalists, with a special guest appearance by Brentwood Adventist Christian School. The program will be in DAA's Auditorium and will start at 8:00 PM. Admission is free; however, you may bring a nonperishable food item to be given to a local food bank. All are welcome.

## **Announcements Cont.:**

**Dakota Campmeeting:** Dakota Campmeeting will be held May 29 - June 1, 2024, at Dakota Adventist Academy. This year's speakers are Hugh Davis, Brenda Dickerson, Elder Bob Forbes II, Dr. Hubert J. Morel Jr., Elder Elden Ramirez, and Dr. Ivan L. Williams Sr. with music by Matt and Josie Minikus. For more information, watch for the *Dakota Messenger* and visit the Conference website at [Dakotaadventist.org/ministries](http://Dakotaadventist.org/ministries).

There will be no service at the Bismarck Church on June 1. Come, let us worship together at DAA.

**Hope4Living – 40 Days of Prayer:** “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” Psalm 90:12, ESV

The 40 Days of Prayer will be from Friday, April 19 – May 28, at 7:00 pm CT, via zoom, Meeting ID: 841 1749 9925, Passcode: 382190, or call in: 669.444.9171. Let's connect in prayer.

## **Calendar:**

- ♦ May 7, 14 – Tuesday Bible Study, 10:00 am
- ♦ May 15, 18 – Adventurer Club
- ♦ May 8, 12, 15, 18 – Pathfinder Meetings
- ♦ May 5 – Tour of Dwight Duke's Gardens – 3:00 pm
- ♦ May 11- Teen Challenge Event, 11:00 Worship Service
- ♦ May 14 – Bismarck Church Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- ♦ May 16 – Laundry Love, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- ♦ May 18 – DAA Spring Concert, 8:00 pm
- ♦ May 23 – Brentwood Graduation 6:30 pm at Bismarck Church
- ♦ May 29 – June 1 – Dakota Campmeeting

## **May 4, 2024 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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