

Announcements:

Congregational Singing: There will be congregational singing after the closing prayer for those who desire to resume this part of worship today. We ask those singing to follow CDC guidelines of masking and physical distancing and remain in their seats until the singing begins. Those who are vulnerable or feel uncomfortable with this practice will be given a couple of minutes to quietly exit the church during the postlude and visit in the foyer with overflow in the fellowship hall or outside for physical distancing and safety.

5:47: It's both the name and the time. On Friday, January 8, 2021, the Bismarck SDA Church will be hosting a meal, followed by an hour-long worship service for youth and young adults. Food and childcare will be provided. **What a great way to start the New Year. All are welcome!**

Adventist Orphan-Care Ministry: Christmas Giving Opportunity: Consider giving an extra gift this Christmas to the orphaned children Adventists support through International Children's Care. From now until December 31, dedicated donors are matching every dollar given. Go to InternationalChildrensCare.org/matchinghope/. Thank you for your gift that instills hope this Christmas!

2021 Devotional Books: Remnant Publications is offering a 2021 Companion Devotional Set of books for \$34.98. This is the first time these books are published as a devotional set. The names of the books are "The Bridegroom Is Coming", and "It Is Finished". Let me know if you would like a set of these books and I'll order them for you. I'll have a signup sheet in the foyer or contact Janice Wolf at 701-220-3629.

December 19, 2020 Bismarck Seventh Day Adventist Church



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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas Reading – Chris Block

Christmas Music

Traci and Rebekah Thingvold

Pastor Rob, Harper, and Alice Carlson

Jackie Bitz

Dan Spilovoy

Jessica Winistorfer

Tami Flemmer & Chelsea Christensen

Arlys Stampka & Karen Breuer

Christmas Reading - Chris Block

Closing Prayer - Pastor Rob Carlson

Elder of the Month – Tami Flemmer

Sunset Today: 4:56 pm

Sunset next Friday: 4:59 pm

Next Sabbath Offering is Dakota Challenge

Next Sabbath speaker is Pastor Rob

* Offering collected at entrance to Sanctuary

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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!

Service Times

Sabbath School – 10am

Worship – 11am

Pastor Rob's Message

I don't remember anything else about Christmas of 1987, but I remember my present: a single card, containing a cryptic clue that once deciphered led me to another card. The game was afoot! At the end of that trail of riddles I was standing in front of a closet door. Inside there was a thin blanket draped over a mysterious shape. I pulled it back, inch by inch, revealing my new red and black five-speed bicycle.

What is the most memorable present you have ever received? Why does it stand out to you? For a six-year-old, a bicycle is so much more than merely a bicycle. It is a symbol of having arrived at a new phase of life. It is freedom. It is adventure. It is new life.

In that context, the gift of God's son begins to mean more to me. It was not just a heart-warming story. It isn't mere nostalgia that draws me to it. It is the reminder that God is giving me the opportunity to grow and change. It is freedom. It is adventure. It is new life