

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm

“The Guiding Light”

Welcome & Announcements		Kimber Boyko
Invocation		Pastor Vernon Herholdt
Tithes & Offering	NAD ACS	Kimber Boyko
Praise Time	Tami Flemmer & Alexis Christensen #130 – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, all vs #143 – Silent Night, Holy Night, all vs	
Children’s Story		Ron Reese
Scripture & Prayer	Matthew 2:1-2	Dan Spilovoy
Special Music		Jonathan & Jhoary Cardoza
Message	“The Guiding Light”	Pastor Vernon Herholdt
Closing Song	Tami Flemmer & Alexis Christensen #142 – Angels We Have Heard on High, all vs	
Benediction		Pastor Vernon Herholdt

Elder of the Month – Kimber Boyko

Sunset Today: 4:54 pm

Sunset next Friday: 4:55 pm

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Pastor’s Corner:

We enter a controversial time of the year—was Christ born on Christmas or not. Well, we know the answer—Christmas is not the time of Christ’s birth, but we can reflect on the profound truth captured in Matthew 4:16, *"the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned."* As we contemplate the birth of Christ, we are reminded that His arrival ushered in a radiant dawn, dispelling the shadows of sin and despair.

Imagine a world wrapped in the silent stillness of a holy night. In that moment, a brilliant star illuminated the sky, guiding shepherds and wise men alike to witness the Light of the world, lying in a humble manger. This celestial beacon echoed the prophecy in Isaiah 9:2, underscoring the significance of Jesus as the promised Messiah.

The birth of Christ fulfills the promise of God's unfailing love and redemption. John 1:5 echoes this sentiment: *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* Let us embrace the Light that conquers darkness not only during this time of the year but every day, remembering that the Savior born in Bethlehem continues to illuminate our lives with hope, joy, and eternal grace. May this season be the beginning of a radiant reflection of the transformative power of Christ's light in our lives.

Blessings, Pastor Vernon

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. 9 – Adventurer Club, 1:30-3:00 pm
- Dec. 13 – Pathfinder Meeting, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Dec. 11 – Brentwood School Board Mtg., 6:30 pm
- Dec. 12 – Bismarck Church Board Mtg., 7:00 pm
- Dec. 14 – Brentwood Christmas Program, 7:00 pm
- Dec. 15, 16 – Celebration of Praise, Bismarck Regional Mtg., and Christmas musical at DAA
- Dec. 23 – Bismarck Church Christmas Program 11:00am
- Dec. 29 – Agape Meal, 6:30 pm

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)

Announcements

Church Board Meeting: Our next board meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 pm. Please send agenda items to the clerk or pastor by Monday morning, December 11.

Deacon's Meeting: A deacon's meeting is scheduled Sabbath, December 9, in the large classroom, right after the church service. We ask all deacon's to be available at that time.

Fellowship Meal: Join us for our fellowship meal. We invite visitors to be a part of this family meal. We ask members to bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Condolences: The church family wishes to express our heartfelt condolences to Pastor Jacob Pittenger and his family as his grandmother has passed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Brentwood Christmas Program: Mark your calendar to come and enjoy an uplifting and fun Christmas program presented and starring the Brentwood students, Thursday, December 14, 7:00 pm at the Bismarck Church.

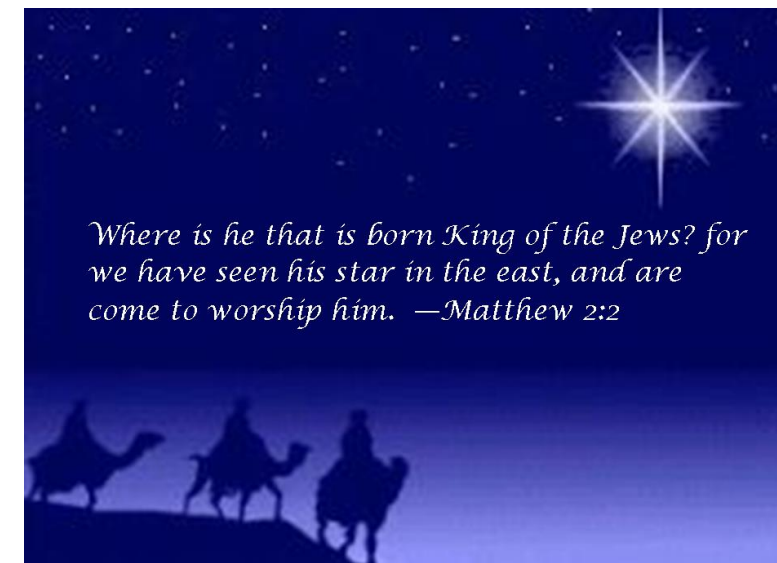
Church Closure: There will be no church service on Sabbath, December 16, 2023. You're invited to Dakota Adventist Academy's annual Celebration of Praise and Bismarck Regional on December 15 and 16. The theme is "How Far is it to Bethlehem?" with guest speaker Elder Hubert Morel Jr., Mid-America Union Vice President of Administration. Friday's program begins at 7:00p; Sabbath School at 10:00a; followed by the church service. DAA will provide Sabbath lunch, but please bring a dessert to share. At 1:30p, Elder Morel will present again, followed by DAA's 3:00p Christmas concert. All programming will take place at Dakota Adventist Academy.

Agape Meal: Save the date Friday, December 29, 6:30 pm, for an agape meal & communion service at the Bismarck Church.

Party Invitation: Please see the insert from Alvin and Chrysolite Bilog. There has been a change of location. This is not an organized church event.

Sermon Notes:

December 9, 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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