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We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples.



Highlights of 2024

By Pastor Nate Crandall

My Family in Christ, The Lord has blessed our church this year in a great many ways! Here are some highlights from this past year of ministry.

Sabbath Days

We had so many very special times of worship this year. One of my favorite was Heritage Sabbath where we celebrated our covenant renewal and communion with many of our emerging SDB leaders from around the country. You may have noticed many new faces. It is great to have a growing church body! I pray that our fellowship and unity grows as the Lord adds to our number.

Children and Youth Ministry

Our Awana club, kids Sabbath School, and children's church are powerful

ways that we are raising up our children in the knowledge of Christ. I love the fact that the gospel is always preached to our kids and that they are so lovingly and intentionally disciples in the Lord!

Our youth ministry has had such a great addition with Tony Reynel-Hernandez who has been serving as our youth intern. Our

youth have such soft and tender hearts to the Lord and are growing in the grace of God.

Camp Wakonda

This year, as always, camp made a great impact on our children. We have such a dedicated team that prepares for and maintains camp year round along with those who share their lives with the campers during camp weeks.

Baptisms, Members, Membership class

This year we had one baptism-Rosemary Rennhack. Seven new members were added: Rosemary, Pastor John and Tabatha Pethtel, Hayden and Mackynzie Rotzoll, Debbie Johnson, and Dawn Scoville. We held a membership class in the fall which was well attended. Most but not all have decided to take the step toward church membership.

Outreach

We changed our outreach emphasis from June to the last Sabbath in February in order to coordinate with the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society's Missions Week. Our partnership with the Missionary Society is important to us, and we want to facilitate this in a number of

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The greatest of these



IS LOVE. | Corinthians 13:13

2025 Church Goals *by Our Ministry Leaders*

Camp Wakonda

Finalize organizational aspects for Camp Wakonda Board (program).
Build a bench of camp volunteers to enable rotation or more program.

Caring Ministry

Solidify roles and involvement of the deacons in serving.
Update deacon fund policy and process.
Close out medical closet in favor of other community resources.

Children's Ministry

Stabilize nursery staffing and oversight.
Teachers and leaders will begin to incorporate the 4 Rights into all areas of our children's ministry teaching to assist children in developing a biblical worldview.

Church Family

Have at least quarterly meal events for fellowship.
Establish a Hospitality Team to plan and carryout fellowship events.

Communications

Remap and Refresh website.

Leadership Development

Continue to develop leaders through camp director and youth ministry internships

Provide leadership training event for ministry leaders and potential leaders

Outreach

Global Partnership: Pray and continue to seek God's direction on a global partnership with another SDB church in cooperation with the Missionary Society.

The Great Commission: In cooperation with the Pulse Healthy Church process, pray, evaluate and set goals on how to better impress on our church body and ministries, God's missional heart for all peoples to know Him and how to take an active role in the Great Commission.

GIFTS Ministry: Update and educate our church and pursue engagement of new participants in volunteering in the GIFTS ministry.

Pray and assess the future of the Operation Christmas Child ministry in our church.

Organize a group to fast and pray on a regular basis for our overseas field workers.

Prayer Ministry

With Outreach Team, facilitate a regular time to encourage the church to fast and pray for the unreached and those bringing them the gospel.

Communicate the importance of verbally declaring God's Name (character), sovereignty, holiness, works, and glory in the spiritual battle between good and evil.



Spiritual Growth

Explore the use of discipleship groups as a means of growing disciples
Poll the congregation on areas of biblical knowledge they would be interested in as offerings for Sabbath School.

Worship

Develop plan for sound board repair or replacement.
Replace wireless system.
Have twice yearly team building activity and training session
Seek additional special music, SALT and band members.

Youth Ministry

Prepare youth ministry intern for next steps.
Develop leadership group of youth.



Welcome to our new members
Melanie Alft, Chris Arndt, John Emmart,
Isaac Floyd, Samantha Floyd,
Sophia Kersten, Claudia Lee, Luke Lee,
Cindy Luna, Addison Pethtel,
Xavier Pethtel,
Anthony Reynel-Hernandez,
and Fernando Saldivar

**Mark your calendars
for Camp Wakonda
2025**

Camp Discover
(grades K-3)
June 23-27

Intermediate Camp
(grades 4-6)
July 6-11

Collision Camp
(grades 7-12)
July 13-20

The 2025 Church Directory is available in the Welcome Center.
If you would like one mailed to you, please email the church office at
churchoffice@miltonsdb.org.

2024 Highlights, Continued

ways. In general, this year was a quiet year for outreach as we've spent time listening to the Lord and discerning what new plans he has for us. Many of our regular outreach ministries have continued without interruption but perhaps with slight changes like Operation Christmas Child where for the first time in many years we didn't do an in person.

Prayer and Bible Study

Every week we have multiple prayer and Bible study groups. The Lord is doing great things in these gatherings. My hope is that we add disciple gatherings for prayer, study, and fellowship in the coming year.

School and Coaching

On a more personal note, I am so grateful for the support of the church in my doctoral studies which I finished in December! The Lord has done great work in me through this study and I know the fruit of this study will continue to grow and bless the church. In addition, I have had more opportunities to coach leaders in and outside of the church this year. It is something that the Lord has been preparing in me for a long time, and I pray that he uses me through coaching for tremendous kingdom impact.

I hope that you are encouraged in the Lord by the good work he has done through the church this year! You are the church! If you are not actively involved in ministry in the church or know of anyone in the church who is not, come talk to me and we will work on changing that!

Let's believe that God will do great things in and through his church in 2025!!

He loves you, and I love you too!

Pastor Nate

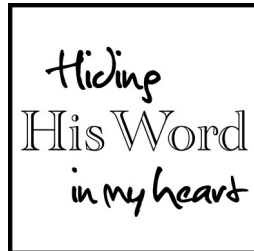
February Bulletin Board



- 1 Karissa Bornemann
- 5 Michelle Crandall
- 5 Dawn Scoville
- 7 Rylee Rotzoll
- 8 Xavier Pethtel
- 15 Annmarie & Ron Bennett
- 24 Doug & Jayne Lubke
- 25 Mackynzie Rotzoll
- 26 Beau Gilmore

Scripture Memory Program

Each year, the SDB General Conference elects a new president. That president as part of their duties chooses a theme the coming year, including a list of Scriptures which fit with their theme! This year's Conference President, Tom Davis from Marlboro, NJ, has selected "Shouldn't It Be Obvious" as his theme for our sessions in 2025.



If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. 1 John 4:20-21 ESV



Men's Chorus

February 15
Rehearsal at 8:00 a.m.
Singing at 10:30 a.m.

Ladies Sit 'n Sip

Tuesday, February 11
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's.
Ladies are invited to come for a time of relaxing and fellowship!

February	
5	Club – Souper Bowl of Caring and Valentine's for Seniors
12	Club
19	Club
26	Club – Movie Night



February Children's Church

February 1

Unit 25: Session 2

Leaders Wanted to Trick Jesus
Matthew 22

February 15

Unit 25: Session 3

Jesus Warned About Not Loving
Matthew 23

February	
3	Roller Skating w/ Koinonia Youth Ministries
5	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision
12	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision
19	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision
26	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision



Focus on Funds

as of December 31, 2024

General Fund Balance	\$32,350.36
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$27,530.44
Dec. Undesignated Inc.	\$18,668.09
Dec. Total Income	\$26,848.92
Dec. Expenses	\$26,728.35
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 5,742.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,524.38

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<div style="border: 2px solid pink; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>Sabbath Sunset Times</p> <p>Jan. 31 5:09 p.m. Feb. 1 5:10 p.m. Feb. 7 5:18 p.m. Feb. 8 5:19 p.m. Feb. 14 5:27 p.m. Feb. 15 5:29 p.m. Feb. 21 5:36 p.m. Feb. 22 5:38 p.m. Feb. 28 5:45 p.m. March 1 5:46 p.m.</p> </div>						<p>1</p> <p>9:00 Sabbath School 10:30 Worship and Children's Church</p>
<p>2</p>  <p>1:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 TOPS 9:00 Classical Conversations</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's 9:30 Women's Bible Study 4:30 Youth Bible Study 6:25 Awana 6:30 Collision</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 Prayer for Outreach—zoom</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Sabbath School 10:30 Worship - Communion</p>
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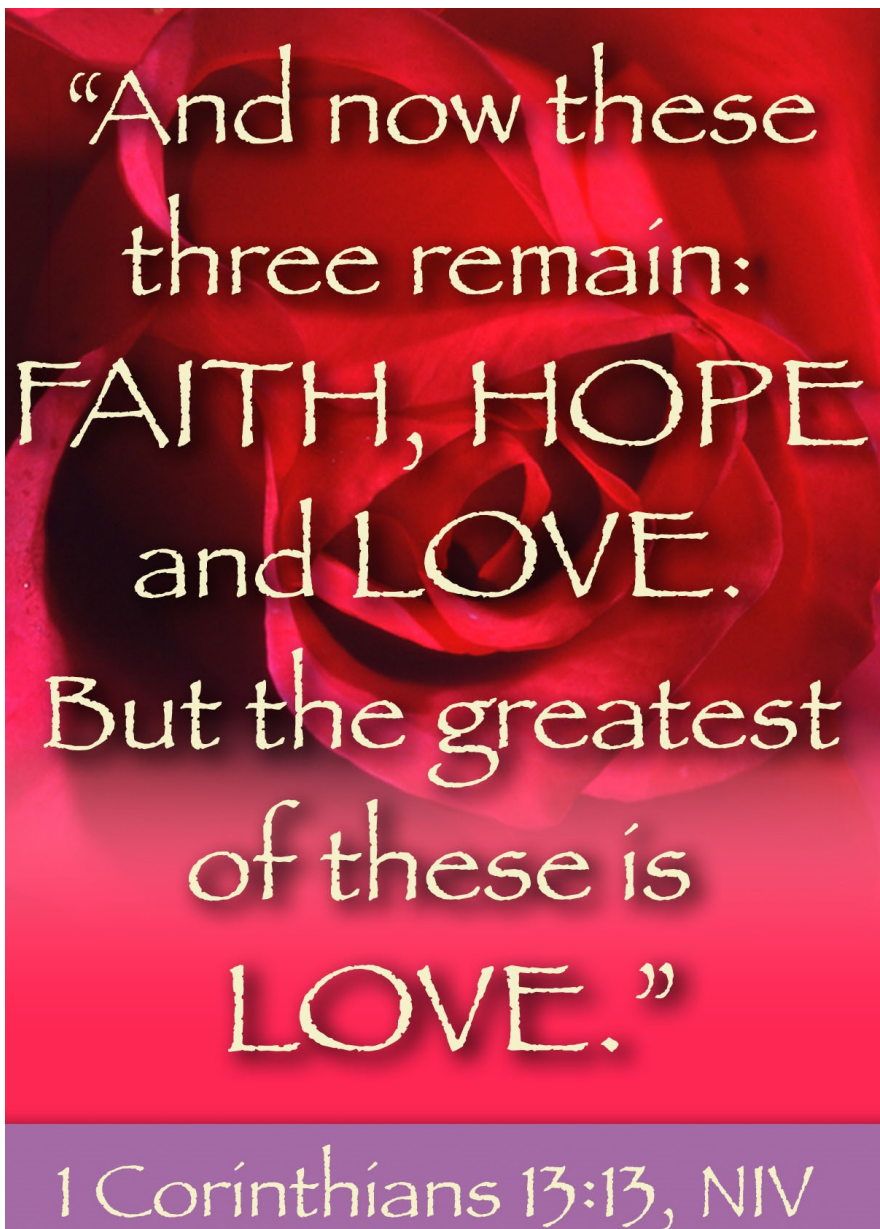
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Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.
Go to <http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline> for the link.
We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.