

BADLANDS MINISTRIES

NEWSLETTER



Our future is bright, and we cannot do this work without you. This is a shared journey.

We appreciate your continued prayers and support as we discern and embrace what God has in store for us next.

As we stand on the horizon of our next century of ministry, we give thanks for another record-setting summer. We thank God for our growing camper base, debt-free foundation, thriving year-round demand, and generous supporters who love this ministry. We believe God continues to have big plans for this ministry, and it is our job to discern these plans and bring them to life. Following months of listening sessions across our region, our board gathered in September for a strategic retreat to officially prioritize our newly updated master site plan.

Our board looked at many options and considerations. While Medora is booming and bustling with tourist and visitors needing lodging, we used our mission to guide our priorities. Just because we can build something does not mean we should. Our board carefully established a clear, mission-plan to ensure our site can better welcome future generations to be renewed in Christ. Our immediate priority based on our mission and ministry is to expand youth capacity and address peak operational bottlenecks. This includes building three additional camper cabins, a second bathhouse facility, and expanding our dining hall. It also includes adding new program elements such as a water play area and winter play area, and updating our Gethsemane Retreat Center. At this stage, we anticipate needing to raise between \$2.5 and \$3 million dollars to complete these projects.

There are other projects that are being considered as well. Our board is finalizing the details of a feasibility study which will allow us to get specific feedback from our donors and supporters. It will test our capacity for bigger dreams and help us gauge potential financial support before final plans are made and goals and timelines are set.



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▲ Some 2026 board of director members pose for a picture at our board retreat along with camp director Brent Seaks.



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▲ Group photo at the lodge dedication ceremony.

LODGE DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION

Pastor Roger Dieterle planned a lodge dedication ceremony on October 4th that was tended by many of the donors and volunteers who made moving the historic lodge to our site possible. It was nice to relive the story of how the lodge was moved from our old site to our new site and remember together all the obstacles that were overcome. We are grateful to all those who made the move possible and for all those who have been served through this building.

BADLANDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MINISTRY TEAMS

Badlands Ministries has a wonderful twelve-person board of directors made up of volunteers who love our ministry and are willing to use their gifts and talents to further our mission. In order to carry our mission forward, we also rely on teams of volunteers willing to serve to help us in six key areas: Financial Oversight, Fiscal Development, Facilities, Program, Personnel & Board Development, and Communication & Outreach. Each of these ministry teams meets a few times a year as needed to assist staff in reaching the goals of our strategic plan.

This year, we are also putting together a committee to plan our 100-year anniversary celebration in 2028.
Would you be willing to use your gifts and serve?

If so, please contact the camp office at 701-623-4332.

2026 SUMMER WAS ONE FOR THE BOOKS!



We had a record number of campers on site, our largest week of campers ever, and our largest staff we have ever hired. Our theme this summer was “Wear Love,” and we were blessed to see this lived out each day. Staff and campers put others before themselves to better their community. They gave more than their max to benefit those around them and make it a successful summer.

Colossians 3:12-14 was our theme for the whole summer, it encompassed our everyday bible studies, worships, craft time, game time, and devotions. We whispered, yelled, and said in silly accents every day...

“clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience... and above all LOVE: Colossians 3:12-14!

We saw compassion in campers that really cared about each other, staff that would go above and beyond to build others up and fill their tanks when needed, even when theirs may be close to empty.

We saw humility in kids stepping outside of their comfort zones to play silly games, pray out loud in front of their peers, go on the high ropes course, sing in front of each other, be ok talking about Jesus and what our faith means to them, and also having the confidence to ask hard questions.

We saw gentleness in the way our medics would respond to kids who were hurt, sick, or just needed some down time. We saw it in our counselors/leadership when we would have homesick campers who just needed a little extra comfort because they were missing home in the moment.

We saw patience in our kitchen staff when we were late to lunch because wrangling 120 littles can be difficult or when we asked them to make supper at midnight during Nightlife. We saw it in our year round staff as they worked to make things happen for the summer and put up with some silly asks.

We witnessed people “Wearing Love” each day through their actions and words, allowing us to experience Jesus in this beautiful place. We are Blessed!

Here are a few quotes from our staff and campers that can sum up what almost 100 years of ministry is still doing in this place.



...My time at Badlands Ministries has truly changed my life. It has shown me a great joy that can only come from the Lord.

...There's nothing that compares to being centered in the peaceful North Dakota Badlands and helping campers grow in their faith every week.



...I have never felt so close to God. Whether it was seeing him through the campers or my coworkers it was just such a positive and Christ centered atmosphere.



SITE UPDATES



PLANNED PROJECTS & POSSIBLE FUTURE PROJECTS

- Continue to add concrete foundations and new decks last two camper cabins
- Water Play Area with hydrants and electricity for water games and activities
- Winter Play Area with toboggan run
- Second bathhouse to accommodate camper growth
- Three new camper cabins
- Expansion of Bethlehem Dining Hall
- New mattresses for Gethsemane Retreat Center rooms and staff cabins
- Possible second adult/family retreat facility

If you are interested in helping fund any of these projects or items, please call Executive Director Brent Seaks at 701-290-6973.

USED BUS NEW TO US

▲ Our campers cruised in style this summer.

Whether it is a trip to the local swimming pool or taking our campers hiking at Wind Canyon, we need reliable transportation for large groups. This used school bus will work well for us. We would like to give it a custom wrap to promote Badlands Ministries, but that costs more than we paid for the bus. Bus painting party anyone?



NEW WATER OBSTACLE COURSE

▲ Two campers race to the finish in our new inflatable water obstacle course.

While we hope to soon have a water play area set up west of our main road, we purchased our first water play element: an inflatable water obstacle course. Somehow, it got the name Cowabunga which you may recognize from the Howdy Doody Show, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and the Simpsons. Summer staff started calling it this, and now that is the name. No matter what you call it, this water element was a huge hit with the campers this summer.



▲ Two more cabins got new foundations and decks, the slab was just poured to do another still this fall.

TWO MORE CAMPER CABIN FOUNDATIONS AND DECKS

The end is near. While that hopefully is not true for all of life on earth, it is true for our ongoing efforts to place our camper cabins on insulated foundations and add new decks. We just finished two more this summer, and have started working on the final two. These allow these cabins to be used year-round, even during cold North Dakota winters.

NEW SIGNS

Safety and clarity are important. We put up some new signs at the start of summer camp to provide both. With tourist and visitors rapidly increasing in Medora, we wanted to deter unscheduled visitors during our summer camp programs and put some new signs up at our entrance along with a turn around area. We love to show our site off and hope folks call to set that up with us.



▲ New signage around camp



▲ Our pumphouse got new siding. You can now sleep at night worry free.

NEW PUMPHOUSE SIDING

What do toothbrushes, running shoes, car tires, batteries, and siding all have in common? They all wear out over time. Last year we replaced the siding on our bathhouse, and this year we replaced the siding on our pumphouse. When I say “we”, I mean Jesse our Site Manager. He did a wonderful job as always.



WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION

It is just like an ATM, but instead of money, it dispenses water in your empty bottle. You do not even need a password. Camper hydration is important and this new water bottle filling station does the trick.

◀ We put in a new water bottle filler on our canteen porch.

WATER LINE REPAIR AND HYDRANT REPLACEMENT

A hydrant broke at deep in the ground, and it will be fixed as soon as the new hydrant arrives. Fortunately, it did not affect camp operations. Unfortunately, new hydrants are not cheap.

It looks like we found another set of dead sea scrolls, but it is an extensive hydrant repair





46TH ANNUAL FALL EVENT

The much-needed rain moved us inside, but we still managed to have a wonderful day. It is a fund-raising event that feels like a family reunion, and it is always a joy to get together to celebrate the camp. Despite the weather, we had a generous crowd and were blessed to raise close to \$36,000 this day.

▲ The rain kept us in doors, but we still have a great crowd for our live auction held at camp.

As usual, we had many beautiful, special, and unique quilts and custom items as well as new items from area businesses. We are very grateful to all those who contributed items. Folks were also very generous with gift donations after the auction. The rain did not stop the men of First Lutheran of Beach from grilling some delicious chicken for lunch. Our Site Manager Jesse made knoeplha soup this year, and both the frozen and fresh lefse were popular as always. We are grateful for all those who support our ministry in so many ways.

Thanks to our Fall Event Chairperson Belinda Urlacher, Jolene Obrigewitch for playing the piano, auctioneer Andy Mrnak and his crew from Pifer Auction Services and auctioneer Scott Bachmeier, Ali Pierce for managing our online auction, Gene Schmeling and our chicken cookers from First Lutheran in Beach, Beth Nistler for making buns and bars, and our volunteer food servers from Medora Lutheran, our Lefse Ladies, Karen Maus and Delores Smith for helping Donna, Marcus Lewton for the use of his flatbed trailer, the Njos boys for again serving as auction helpers, and our summer staff for helping where needed. Thanks to all the folks who worshiped with us, shared a meal with us, or attended our auction. Thanks again for making this event so special and successful!



◀ Brothers Ian and Owen Njos volunteered their time again helping with our live auction.

The dedicated men from First Lutheran Beach making their famous grilled chicken for lunch. ▶



Lefse makers Anna Moe, board member Kristy Olstad, and Avery Moe pause for a quick photo. The Ladies from Lebanon Lutheran also provided frozen pre-made lefse for our Fall Event as well so folks could buy lefse to take home. ▲



Thanks to all our participants and sponsors. We had a terrific tournament and raised close to \$28,000 for our ministry!



▲ Badlands Ministries 2026 Tournament Winning Team: Tanner, Mark, Cody, and Mason Fox

BADLANDS MINISTRIES 27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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The Badlands Ministries Heritage Society was established ten years ago in 2015 to recognize and honor generous supporters who include Badlands Ministries in the estate plans or who make a cumulative gift of \$25,000 or more to the Badlands Ministries Trust or Qualified Endowment Fund. It was also established to encourage and invite others to participate in providing a legacy of support through their estate plan to sustain Badlands Ministries into the future. Legacy gifts help ensure our ministry continues for generations to come.

To learn more about the Heritage Society and its benefits, please call Executive Director Brent Seaks at 701-290-6973.

Heritage Society includes people who have listed Badlands Ministries in their estate or have indicated to us that they have named Badlands Ministries in their estate.

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"+" After name indicates member is no longer living.

If you have designated Badlands Ministries in your estate plans and are not on this list, please notify the camp office.



It has been a busy and wonderful season of hospitality at Badlands Ministries! We welcomed seven family reunions, three weddings, and seven Christian retreats. Each gathering brought opportunities for families to reconnect, couples to celebrate a new beginning, and guests to grow in their faith.

We also welcomed the Theodore Roosevelt Library group, who stayed with us for the library's grand opening over the Fourth of July, and provided lodging for the Boy Scouts. It has been a joy to meet so many people and help make their time here special.



The photos included offer a glimpse of these gatherings, featuring the University of Mary's freshman retreat and the wedding of Dorothy and LeVon Swafford.

As we look back on the season, we are grateful for everyone who chose Badlands Ministries as a place to gather. Sharing this beautiful setting and offering a welcoming place for fellowship, celebration, and renewal is a blessing.

If you are interested in renting our facilities for a ministry retreat, family reunion, or wedding, please contact our Director of Group Sales and Hospitality Kim Obrigewitch at 701-290-8482.

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**THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 11, 2027**



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for this one-day on-line giving event that raised over \$57,000 for Badlands Ministries last year! This is a very important fund-raising event for us, and we ask that you please consider making a gift on Giving Hearts Day to support this ministry we love.

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DONOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Our summer staff sings a song at our annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon held on July 24th.

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FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Some of our year-round staff were able to spend an afternoon helping with a service project in Killdeer this past September putting together food packs for Feed My Starving Children.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



**Check our website and social media for ways to register and for other pop-up opportunities.*



NOVEMBER 20 – 22, 2026
FALL CRAFTING RETREAT

NOVEMBER 21ST
CRAFT CLASS

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SPRING CRAFTING RETREAT

APRIL 24, 2027
CRAFT CLASS

RECENT EVENTS

Along with record-breaking numbers this summer, we have had a very busy fall! As the summer dust settled, we spent the last couple of months with field trips, high and low ropes with schools and corporate groups, carving some pumpkins at our Harvest Festival, and travelling the country with a full adult bus trip!

Our winter and spring activities give multiple opportunities to come and spend a day or two with us. Check out our upcoming events for your next camp experience on our website, social media, or call the office for more information.

Our adult bus tour travelled to San Antonio, TX this fall. They enjoyed a stop at the Magnolia Market in Waco, TX, a night on a riverboat tour, LBJ ranch, the Alamo and so much more! Join us on our adventure next year. Check back for location details.



We are lucky to get to spend a day with Camp ReCreation each summer. It is always a highlight for our summer staff.



Leadership Dickinson is a group made up of seniors from different high schools in Dickinson that spend their year doing activities in the community to learn and grow as leaders.



It was a beautiful day for our Harvest Festival. A special thanks to the girl scout group that helps make it possible. Don't miss out on next years event!



Every fall, the DHS Peer to Peer group brings their new mentors and mentees out to camp to do team building and get to know each other more. They are always a fun group to have at camp and we enjoy seeing all of the things they do throughout the year.



We really enjoyed having a few corporate groups at camp doing some team building on our low and high ropes course this fall. Bravera Bank and Conoco Phillips brought employees from all over the state to spend some time at camp.



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