



The Eclectic Report

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Greetings!

Amy Carmichael in her devotional, *Whispers of His Power*, writes:

Are you burdened in your service today because of the continual necessity of looking after details? In work of every sort there are a thousand tiny things which do not seem to matter, and yet matter very much. Indeed there is nothing, except things concerning our own comfort or desires, about which we can say "It doesn't matter."

How can our spirit be kept fresh and sweet and buoyant and tireless? A quick look up, "O Lord, Thou knowest," will restore us. In the day--in the moment--when I cried Thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

Good advice, essential advice. Hard advice. But our dear Lord Jesus is with us and He will make us both courageous and strong when we lean hard upon Him. Remember: His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

So as the school year progresses and you perhaps weary of the 'continual necessity of looking after details', draw upon His strength, go to Him and refresh yourself in His rest, lift up the hands that hand down and rejoice for our God reigns!

Praying for you,
Gail

www.ndhsa.org

Look for updated HS PKTs, ND Guide to Home School High School & NDCC Annotated posted at our site.

For all kinds of information:
www.hslda.org

Interested in a **Generation Joshua club**? Contact:
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NDHSA Convention

February 23-25, 2017

Bismarck

Homeschool Day at the Capitol

February 23, 2017

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The View from My Window

Theresa Deckert, NDHSA office administrator

A couple of weekends ago the NDHSA board had their annual retreat. This was instituted a number of years ago by a former executive director. It has been a wonderful opportunity for the board to plan and strategize. The NDHSA Hall of Fame was one idea that was birthed during this retreat.

This year we had lots of discussion about the convention - ideas about how to continue to provide a quality convention with tightening finances, how to attract new vendors and speaker ideas. We also discussed how to utilize the facility to our best advantage. It is really amazing the amount of planning and volunteer effort that is required to put together a convention.

Another topic at our retreat concerned families homeschooling with special needs children. The board has been working the last few months to connect with families that have these extra challenges to homeschooling. We have contacted a number of people who have helped us compile a resource list to help with various learning issues. This list is now on the website and can be viewed under the "special needs" tab. All the websites have a link to take you right to their site for more information. This is an "ongoing project" so if you are aware of other resources that have been helpful in your family please contact me at office@ndhsa.org with the information. More and more parents are realizing that homeschooling is a wonderful option for children with learning difficulties. We want to help connect them with resources to meet their needs.

"My Grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness," 2 Corinthians 12:9

CDC Aims for Expansion of Policing Powers

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With its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the *Federal Register* on Aug. 15, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has moved to dramatically expand the power of the U.S. government over the lives of the American people. This may be the clearest example of an agency gone amok. In a recent commentary on the NPRM, Barbara Loe Fisher, co-founder and president of the National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC), observed: "Today, the American people are challenged, as they have never been..."

Read more here:

<http://www.thevaccinereaction.org/2016/09/cdc-aims-for-unprecedented-expansion-of-policing-powers/>



Cabin Fever Family Camp

January 27-29, 2017

The Sip Family is taking ONLY registrations for the *entire* weekend - Friday through Sunday. PLEASE sign up by writing back through email or calling 218-784-4804 if you have questions. We will NOT be signing you up by your saying *yes, attending*, on face book. Due to the fact that we are already getting requests for sign-up, and most of you know the routine at camp, we will postpone sending out the invite and just provide pricing right now.

Weekend Rates

Family Max: \$200.00 Couple: \$120.00

Single: \$60.00

Ages 13-17: \$40.00

Ages 7-12: \$32.00

Ages 6 & under are free

This is winter camp and space is limited. Rooms fill quickly so RSVP ASAP!

Wendell and Beth Sip Family Ministry

wbsip@loretel.net

North Star Dakotan, Issue 6, Available Online

BISMARCK, N.D. – A new issue of “The North Star Dakotan” is available to the public at ndstudies.gov. Coordinated by the North Dakota Studies program of the State Historical Society of North Dakota, the new issue no. 6 and five previous issues and accompanying teacher guides serve as excellent history resources for classrooms and interested readers of the state’s history.

The new issue covers select topics from 1972 to the present including energy development, agriculture, the flood of 1997, and additional important happenings that influenced the state.

The first issue of “The North Star Dakotan,” released in November 1993, was considered the “newest thing in state history books – a first in the nation endeavor.” The first five issues cover North Dakota history from 1780 to 1972. D. Jerome Tweton, professor emeritus of history at the University of North Dakota, was chief author of the first five issues.

All six issues of the publication have been funded by the North Dakota Humanities Council. For more information, visit ndstudies.gov or contact Neil Howe, ND Studies program coordinator, at 701.205.7802.

Forming a Homeschool Support Group

Whether you're a newbie or a veteran support group leader, you'll find helpful ideas in this comprehensive article on starting and running a homeschool support group. Go to: <http://www.homeschoolchristian.com/allabout/editorials/support/formhsgroup.php>

Activities for Group Meetings

Looking for activities your group could do or topics to cover in your meetings? Pull a few possibilities from this list: <http://www.hslsda.org/GroupServices/Leaders.aspx/Activities>

How are Homeschoolers Doing on the SAT?

<http://www.nheri.org/research/nheri-news/homeschool-sat-scores-for-2014-higher-than-national-average.html>

One Mom, Lots of Grades?

By various authors

"I do history, Bible, and some science as a group with most of my kids (high schoolers often do theirs on their own), using one or more of the following: WinterPromise, Sonlight, Mystery of History, Apologia etc. Workbooks are done ... [Read](#)

Dinosaurs Anyone?

www.genesispark.com

www.ldolphin.org/cooper/contents.html



So What Makes YOU Qualified to Teach Your Children? Click here: [Read](#)

Copy of the NDCC homeschool law available from our website. Also the downloadable statement of intent, Certificate of Immunization and a complete listing of all support groups associated with the NDHSA. Check them out at: www.ndhsa.org

Interesting: It has been more than 20 years since a left-leaning government in New Zealand chose to eliminate government subsidies for farmers.

[Read More](#)



BOARD column

From Karol Kapelle, convention coordinator

Convention plans are underway! Yes, I know the convention is almost five months away, but planning begins almost immediately following the previous convention. Theresa Deckert and I often chuckle about how on Saturday night of the convention, we are already making plans for the next year. Our families probably just roll their eyes! We're discussing how to tweak the schedule, what speakers seemed to go over well, how to get more vendors to participate, etc. As you know, it's impossible to please everyone, but know that we do our best to offer a quality convention at an affordable price.

We have some great speakers lined up for 2017. A few are returning favorites and several are new to our convention. We look forward to the wisdom they will offer our attendees. We're also excited about the "extracurricular" activities we're planning. There will be something for everyone! Watch the upcoming *Eclectic Reports* for more details on the convention including kids' session sign-ups, video contest information, and fundraising ideas.

Several state homeschool associations have had to stop holding their state conventions because of budget issues. We feel their pain. The NDHSA previously held its conventions in churches and smaller facilities that were more budget friendly. Now that the number of homeschooling families is increasing, we have outgrown several of these smaller venues and need to use larger event centers to house our attendees. What an awesome "problem" to have! Our board of directors is thrilled with the progress of homeschooling in North Dakota, and we are committed to finding affordable solutions to the budget concerns. It requires A LOT of funds to hold a state convention, so we need YOU, our North Dakota homeschooling families, to attend the annual conventions and make it possible to continue offering training and encouragement to our home educators.

Please spread the word in your churches and communities about the upcoming convention to be held at the **Bismarck Event Center on February 23-25, 2017**. Also, would you consider making a one-time or a monthly donation to the NDHSA? You may do so online at www.ndhsa.org or by mail to the NDHSA office. Thank you in advance for your giving and investing in advancing home education in North Dakota.

FUNDRAISING THOUGHTS

The NDHSA would like to encourage support groups to hold fundraisers at their local Pizza Ranch restaurants from now until convention. They can do one a week or one a month ... whatever the restaurant allows. That's a possibility of at least 4 times. If even six groups did four events each and made only \$200 each time, that would be almost \$5000!

Groups are raising money for the children's special events and teen's (GenJ) program held during the annual event (in case the business asks for the specific need for which the money will be used). These worthwhile activities make for additional costs, but are useful, well-attended, and are becoming a highlight of the convention.

Monies can be sent to the NDHSA office specified as *NDHSA FUNDRAISER*. Other fundraising opportunities may be available in your community. Be creative.

For more information on how this works, check with the Devils Lake support group at: kapklan@gondtc.com.



NDHSA Convention Feb. 23-25, 2017

PRA Y without ceasing!

~Pray for our board: **Ken & Llorra Knight, Jeff & Theresa Deckert, Pas. Jeff & Karol Kapelle, Sue Huntington, Neil Toman, Pas. Brian & Bev Skaar and Troy & Kristin Durham.** Pray for wisdom regarding all issues of board governance.

~Pray for moms (and dads) as they implement plans for the 2016/17 school year. Ask God to grant them wisdom.

~Continue to Pray for those with health challenges. Pray that God will give the measure of health that will most glorify Him!

~Praise God for the privilege to vote. Study the issues. Then vote. Yes, you!

~Pray for Neal and Erica Anderson, Fargo/Moorhead area homeschoolers. Arlyn (7 years old) went into spontaneous liver failure, had transplant with host of complications. Pray for strength, endurance, grace and the Lord's mercy. Erica gave birth to their baby girl after they were already at Children's Hospital with Arlyn. You can imagine the challenge; pray accordingly.

~Pray for Christians in countries all over the world where they are persecuted and murdered. Never weary of praying for our Christian brothers and sisters.

~Praise God for the ways Home School Legal Defense Association has advanced homeschooling in America. Praise God that HSLDA is a Capitol Hill watchdog particularly on issues about U.N. treaties and parental rights. Continue to pray for our HSLDA attorney *Daniel Beasley*. Praise God for the wealth of knowledge and continuing assistance offered by HSLDA to member families and the NDHSA.

~Pray for homeschooling mothers and fathers in your support group, on your block, in your city, in North Dakota & around the world. Support groups matter!

~Pray diligently for your Pastor. Ask God to make them students of the WORD and courageous speakers of the truth. Pray they will devote themselves to prayer. Pray for the unity of your church and the entire Body of Christ.

~Ask God to give wisdom to homeschooling fathers. Praise God for them!

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 KJV

Send your prayer requests to office@ndhsa.org or billbivy@msn.com

Box Tops for Education needed for the NDHSA. Send your clipped labels to:

Laurie Morstad
9175 80th St. NE,
Hampden, ND 58338. Check for expiration date. **UPDATE: More than \$150 received to date!**



From A Treasury of A.W. Tozer

[A] spiritual writer of unusual penetration has advised frankness in prayer even to a degree that might appear to be downright rudeness. When you come to prayer, he says, and find that you have no taste for it, tell God so without mincing words. If God and spiritual things bore you, admit it frankly.

This advice may shock some squeamish saints, but it is altogether sound nevertheless. God loves the guileless soul even when in his ignorance he is actually guilty of rashness in prayer.

The Lord can soon cure his ignorance, but for insincerity no cure is known.

The basic artificiality of civilized human beings is hard to shake off.

Earning AWARDS -- How to Get Started

- **AP Scholars Award** - Professionals.collegeboard.com/k-12/awards/ap-scholar
- **American Legion Award** - Legion.org/youth90765/school-award-medal-program-youth
- **Congressional Award** - Congressionalaward.org/program/how-it-works/program-requirements/
- **President's Student Service Challenge** - isbe.net/SPEC-ED/service_learning/pdf/president_student_service.pdf
- **President's Volunteer Service Award** - Presentalserviceawards.gov/

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We believe in Almighty God, the Author of all creation, eternally existing in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit; the Bible as the inspired, infallible, written Word of God, complete in 66 books and our sole basis of faith and practice; the fallen state of man, guilty by nature and by act and therefore condemned before God; the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, except without sin, the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins, His visible bodily resurrection demonstrating His power over death and sin, His personal return; and regeneration by God, the Holy Spirit when we accept His free gift of salvation by His grace, through our personal faith, and not by any works we can do.

Mission statement

To provide a comprehensive home education information system to support, train and protect every willing North Dakota individual, family and church in the methods of privately funded, parent-directed home education.

NDHSA Statement of purpose

1. Encouraging and assisting Christian families in the education of their children according to Biblical principles;
2. Providing to home educators and the general public information pertaining to the Biblical, academic and legal aspects of home education;
3. Entering into activities, in filling out contracts necessary, incidental or beneficial to the accomplishment of the nonprofit purposes of this corporation.

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Gail M. Biby, editor

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